



The Cape Breton Highlanders Association

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SPRING NEWSLETTER

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Greetings Members,

There is much to be said for the generous donations which many of you have sent in since last Fall, but stated briefly, those of us who must handle the necessary expenditures are most grateful, and we thank you on behalf of 'all.'

You will find enclosed a new membership card which is of a more durable design than the former. Should you at any future time require a replacement for this card, a new one would be available. You could assist us in this matter by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope with your request.

All of you who have paid dues, or have made donations will receive an official receipt. This receipt will be included with the newsletter which follows your payment. The Association is not registered with Revenue Canada, therefore the receipt is for your information only. If you are expecting a receipt and it is not included in that newsletter, we trust that you will inform us of such as soon as possible.

When you are sending cheques or money orders, it is not necessary for you to make one for dues and another for donations or whatever, simply send one cheque or money order with a note for our action, and we will take it from there.

We send out some four hundred and thirty newsletters twice a year, and at five hundred fifty dollars (approximately) a shot, that is for mail and all, this represents an expenditure of between one thousand and eleven hundred dollar each year. If you are one who has not been contributing to any of the work, and you have a bit to spare, we would appreciate some help with this worthy cause.

REUNION

Henry George, our 1st Vice President, is this year's reunion Chairman. He has been working very hard getting everything ready for the 21st. annual which will be held at Branch 78, Dominion, on Friday and Saturday, July 20, 21.

Because of the many problems in the fisheries, he had difficulty getting a line on Atlantic salmon, but that is now taken care of and we will have our salmon supper on Friday. The Memorial service will be held at the Monument in Sydney on Saturday morning. We will not be having a parade or any other public service in Dominion. Friday evening will be spent in fellowship between the members rather than dancing. Judge Leo McIntyre will be the speaker at the Saturday banquet supper following which there will be a dance.

FLAG

We are all very proud of the monument. It looks so impressive with the addition of the two flag poles and their flags flowing in the breeze. To the monument's right is the Canadian flag, while on its left is our new flag bearing the Regimental colors and our unit number. The new flag is stylized after our regimental colors, a diagonal divides the flag into two triangles; the upper triangle is scarlet while the lower one is gold. The sixty-two is black and is located in the upper hitching corner of the scarlet. Because the new flag is special, we had to order six of them to have it made. Again, we would thank those who have donated so much towards the monument maintenance fund making this addition possible.

PUBLICITY

It is encouraging to see some items in the newspapers from time to time. Joe (Rueb) MacIntyre was the author of a letter in the Cape Breton Post last November under the heading "Courageous Private from Whitney Pier paid Ultimate Price." This was an excellent short presentation of the heroic action of Pte. Alphonse Hickey at Hill 120.

Again, in November, the Cape Breton Post published an article under the heading, "This lone sergeant wouldn't surrender!" In this article, which included a very good picture of Mike (W.B.) MacDonald (in his Legion finery) the story is told of how he demonstrated the courage at Deifzijl that got him wounded and for which he was awarded the DCM.

A staff writer with the Cape Breton Post published an interview she had with Joe Buck. This article was published in conjunction with the 45th Anniversary of the Liberation of Holland and is under the heading. "'Ladies from Hell' return to Holland's battlegrounds." The article includes a very smart picture of Joe in blazer and glengarry.

The following is a list of comrades with whom we have lost contact. If anyone can supply information on their whereabouts or state of being, it would be very much appreciated.

Len Durrnell, Halifax, N.S.
Ernie Burns, Sydney, N.S.
Lloyd Clark, P.E.I.
James R. Clancy, Terrace Bay, Ont.
James H. M. Eagar, Lower Sackville, N.S.
Larry E. Fox, Toronto, Ont.
Patrick D. Gillis, Toronto, Ont.
Allan L. Harper, Varkor, Ont.
Harry S. Hansen, Halifax, N.S.
H. H. (Herman) Harvey, ?
Stephen Johnson, Halifax, N.S.
Dan Lannigan, ?
Vere A. Leclair, Charlottetown, P.E.I.
J. F. Leroy, N. Sydney, N.S.
Hugh MacDonald, Trenton, N.S.
Francis MacDougall, Sydney, N.S.
Fordon MacDonald, Ottawa

Charlie MacKenzie, Halifax, N.S.
J. MacLellan, Dromocto, N.B.
Stanley MacNeil, Barrie, Ont.
Francis J. Marmo, Bras D'or, N.S.
John Gerald Mills, Kensington,
P.E.I.
W. H. Morrison, Sydney, N.S.
Duncan S. Morrison, Florida
Wm. Nicholson, ?
Andy Pinkerton, New Waterford, N.S.
Angus Patterson, Lower Sackville,
Ralph Patterson, Halifax, N.S.
Clarence Skiffington, Glace Bay.
Gordon Strickland, N. Sydney.
Douglas Tobin, St. John, N.B.
Doug Turnbull, Glace Bay, N.S.
Don Williams, Armdale, N.S.
Neil Young, Toronto, Ont.



IN REMEMBRANCE
F.E. (FRANK) MUSGRAVE

Those of us who have spent our years since the war in Cape Breton have, for the most part, on many occasions met with Frank, either in the Sydney shopping area or on the street, and we were always impressed with his enthusiasm about the war, the comrades, the association, and the reunions. Invariably he would greet you with - 'were you at the reunion?' or 'are you going to the reunion?' If there were two or more of us together he would usually begin a dialogue of numbers, such as: "you're a five four, but Angus here is a five five, he joined up after Johnie and he just missed out on the five fours Since Frank's passing in 1988 we certainly miss those happy occasions. However, our joy is restored afresh when we remember him.



Frank and his wife, Dorothy, shortly before he passed away. ("_____ he had a 54 number, F54774, and Joe's was a 55- F55002; but Sharkey had one of them queer numbers 189 something or other. Of course, I had a 54 - F54933")

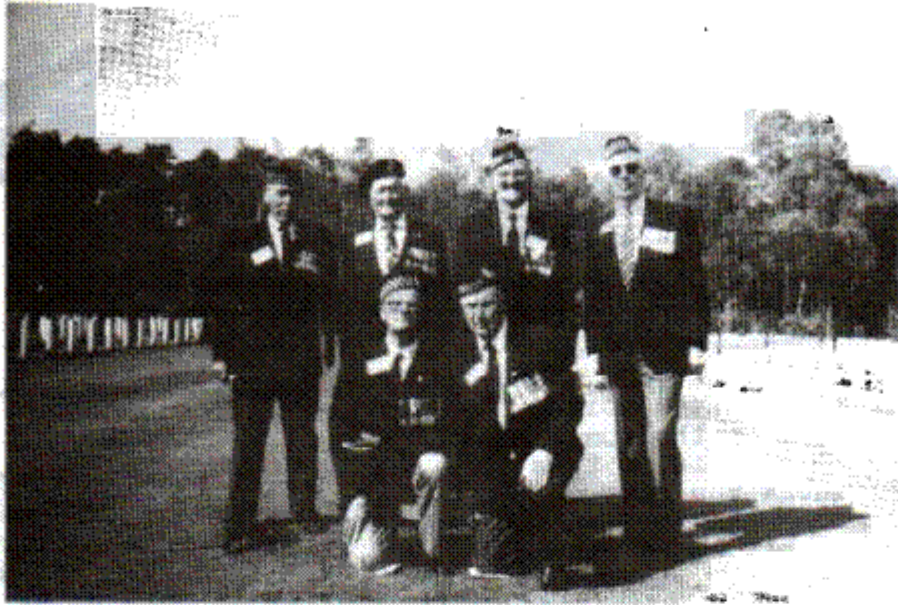
DEATHS SINCE FALL NEWSLETTER

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| Albert Burns, 66, Glace Bay, N.S. | Joseph P. McGeen, 69, Halifax, N.S. |
| Bernard Dawe, 78, Sydney Mines, N.S. | Samuel H. Scott, 69, N. Sydney, N.S. |
| Joseph Leverte, 79, Glace Bay, N.S. | Llewylan Walsh, 72, Syd. Mines, N.S. |
| Chas (Clam) MacDonald, 68, Glace Bay, N.S. | Leo Young, 70, Dominion, N.S. |
| Wm. (Billy Clam) MacDonald, 86, Glace Bay, N.S. | Ivan W. Jones, 70, New Glasgow, N.S. |

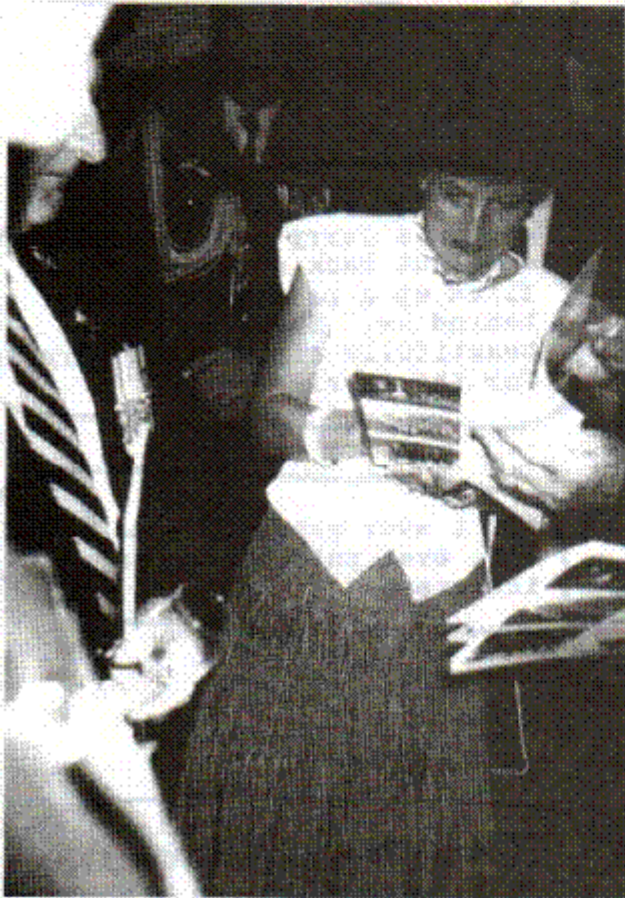
And when my task on earth is done,
When, by Thy grace, the victory's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee
If God through Jordan leadeth me.

♪ .. Over Again, We're All Going ... ♪

11th Brigade Revisits Holland 1970



Vets At Hotel

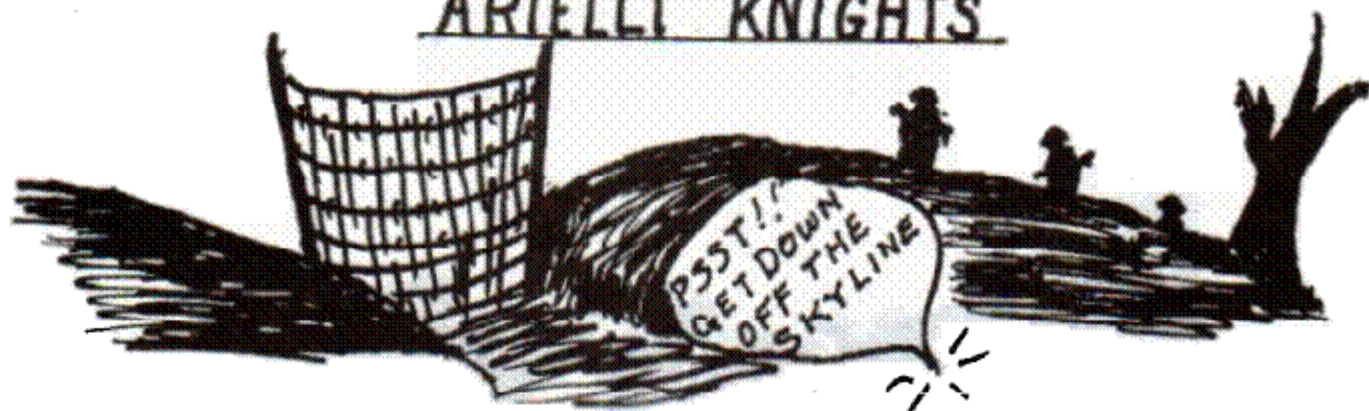


Holland's Canadian Born Princess Margaret



J.J. in Delfzijl

ARIELLI KNIGHTS



— WHOOPS! YOU'RE IN THE WRONG SLIT TRENCH —

"_ _ _ and they had pitch forks with tines as long as the women's rolling pins. So I said to this big Wop, 'How mucha you give me for blanketta and boota?' - and you know what, b'y, talk about stupid!! He said, 'non capish.' Anyway, I asked him again and the same thing happened, so I clipped him. The next thing we knew the whole town, women and all, came after us with pitch forks and stones, so we hopped into a jeep that was going by, and here wasn't it the Provostisus! Were we ever happy to get arrested!"

"I hadn't been to confession for months, so this morning I went, and the Father almost died with shock! When I was leaving to come up he said, 'be sure you have water in your water bottle, John Alex.'"

"Ca'mon, Eddy, let's volunteer!"
"Look, b'y, I'm not volunteering for nothing. See that? That's my neck and it's got to last me for life, so I'm not sticking it out for nobody or nothing."

"_ _ _ we were all set to engage a Jerry patrol when some nut back at Coy.H.Q. fired up a parachute flare behind us. There we were beautifully silhouetted targets for the Jerries_ _ _"

"If I ever get back home again I'll even put ketchup on my ice cream."

I DIDN'T
Do IT!!

'THUNDER' JIMMY! STOP
WRINGING YOUR SOCKS
ON ME

The following is the list of officers for the present term;

President: Joseph F. (Joe Buck) MacIntyre
1st. Vice President: Henry George
Treasurer: Angus MacLeod
Secretary: William F. (Bunce) Metcalfe


Area Representatives:

Earl Bourgeois	Glace Bay
Jake Ryan	New Waterford
Ted Slaney	Sydney
Ed Winstanley	Northside
Mack MacKenzie	P.E.I. and N.B.

Reunion Committee: Dominion 1990

Henry George	Chairman
Joe MacIntyre	Assistant

We are enclosing with your copy of the fall Newsletter a brochure of a proposed tour of Holland in the Spring of 1990. Our source has informed us that the Burgemaster of Delfzijl would desire a strong representation from the C.B.H. Association seeing that we were the liberators of his city.


SAMPSON ST.

Street named after veteran who died in battle

GLACE BAY — A street which was one time owned by the Dominion Coal Company and which connects Sterling Road to Minto Street has been named "Sampson Street."

The street sign was erected Tuesday morning in a brief ceremony and on the sign is a drawing of a poppy. It signals the first street in Glace Bay named under a program supported by the Royal Canadian Legion in which streets will be named in honor of war veterans who died overseas.

Sampson Street is named in honor of private Patrick Bernard Sampson, a native of the Sterling.

He was killed in action Jan. 17, 1944 while serving with the famous Cape Breton Highlanders. His death occurred on the first day of action in the Italian campaign and the 22-year-old is buried in the Canadian War Cemetery in Ortona, Italy.

He was the son of the late Charles and Sarah (O'Donnell) Sampson and resided at 653 David Street.

He attended the old Sterling School and later attended St. Anne's School.

He enlisted in the CBH in 1940 when he was only 18. He had a sister and three brothers who joined him in serving in the armed forces during World War Two.

A brother Stanford died from injuries he received in 1960 in I.B. Mine.

He is survived by brothers, Charlie, Waterloo, Ont.; Gerald, Saint John, N.B.; Robert, Earl and Clarence, of Glace Bay; Mrs. Mary Micossi, Mrs. Rose Edmond, Mrs. Wilma Broderick, Mrs. Ruby Deveau, Sally, all of Glace Bay; and Mrs. Betty Sampson, Toronto.

The Sparrow zone commander with the Royal Canadian Legion, was chairman of a ceremony on the street by the new sign.

The street was blocked briefly while the ceremony took place.

Coun. Alex MacIntosh attended the ceremony on behalf of the town of Glace Bay. Town council recently approved a request from the Legion that in future new streets be named in honor of war veterans who died in action in World War One, World War Two or the Korean Conflict.



In addition several members of the Cape Breton Highlanders turned out for the dedication. Also in attendance were family members Mary Micossi, Sally Sampson, who thanked the town council, Highlanders and Legion members on behalf of the family, Wilma Broderick, Ruby Deveau and Robert Sampson.

The idea of naming streets in honor of Canada's war dead was started in Whitby, Ont., last year. A short time later the city of Guelph, Ont., adopted the plan when an alderman, Adam Gaw, became upset with the practice of local developers naming streets after their wives and children.

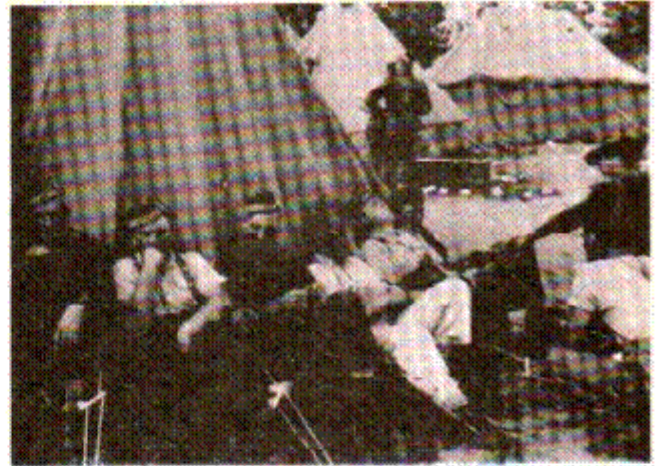
He went to city council with the plan adopted by Whitby and the idea has spread across the county thanks to the involvement of the Royal Canadian Legion. Gaw also happened to be a veteran and a member of the Legion. The street signs show the name of a veteran and incorporate the poppy to show the person honored was a veteran who died in battle.

The Guelph Legion Branch called the Col. John McRae Memorial Branch added its support to Gaw's efforts. McRae was the Guelph resident who penned the poem "In Flanders Fields."

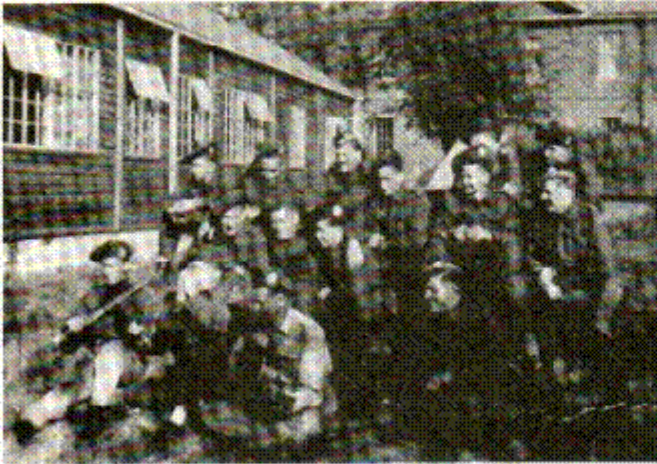
ONCE UPON A TIME, SOMEWHERE IN:



Petrie's Point - JG & Toastie



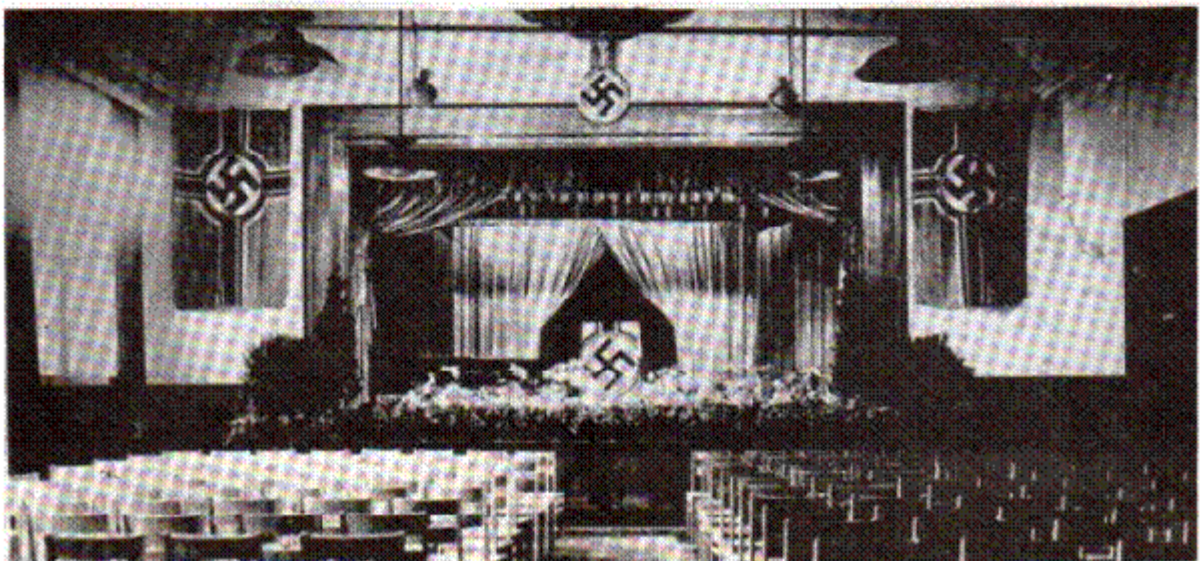
Camp Borden - Break



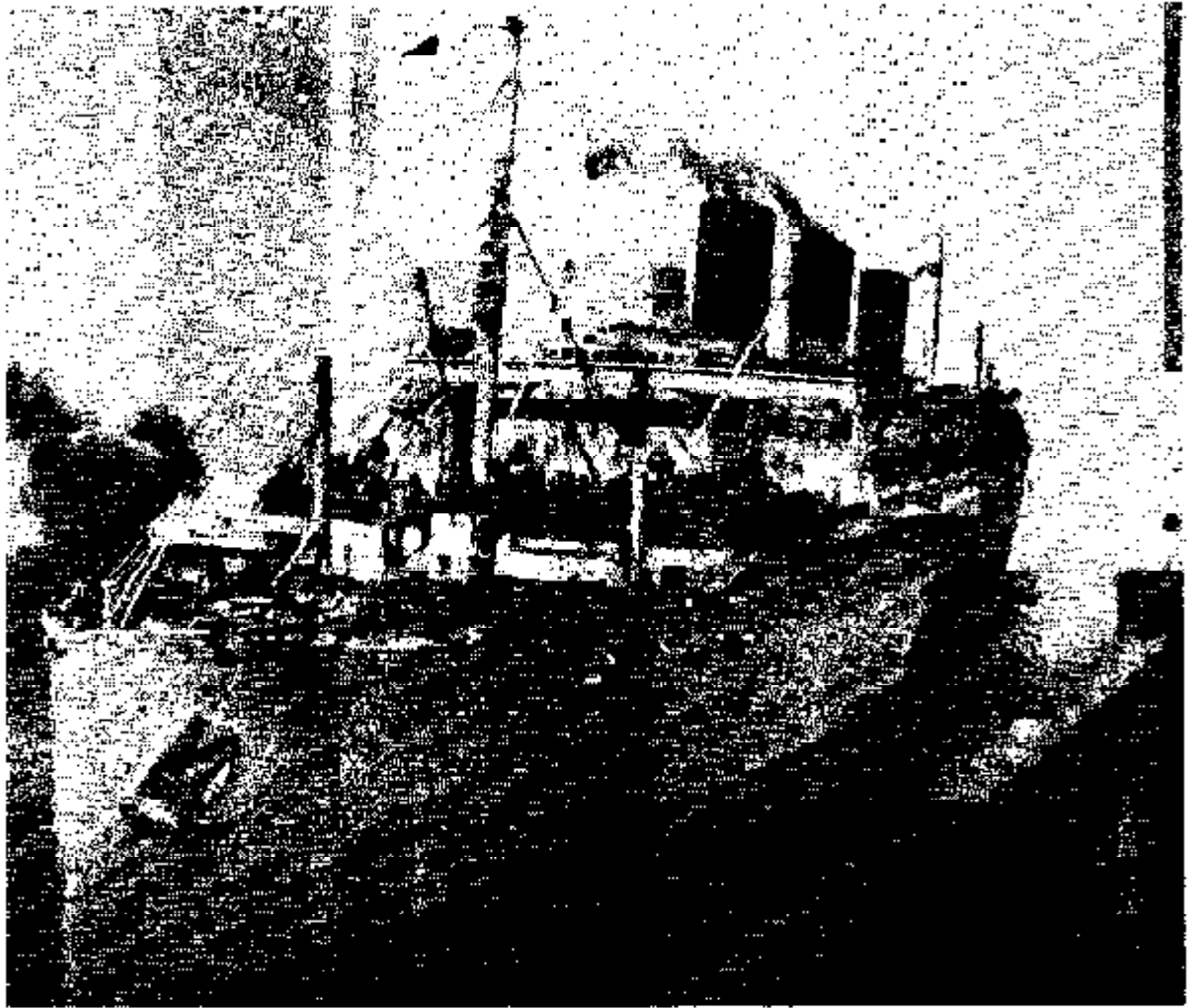
England - Musical Interlude



On The Continent - LOB



Delfzijl - Tedeschi Tuto Finito



Halifax - And They All Lived Happily Everafter?