

NEWSLETTER

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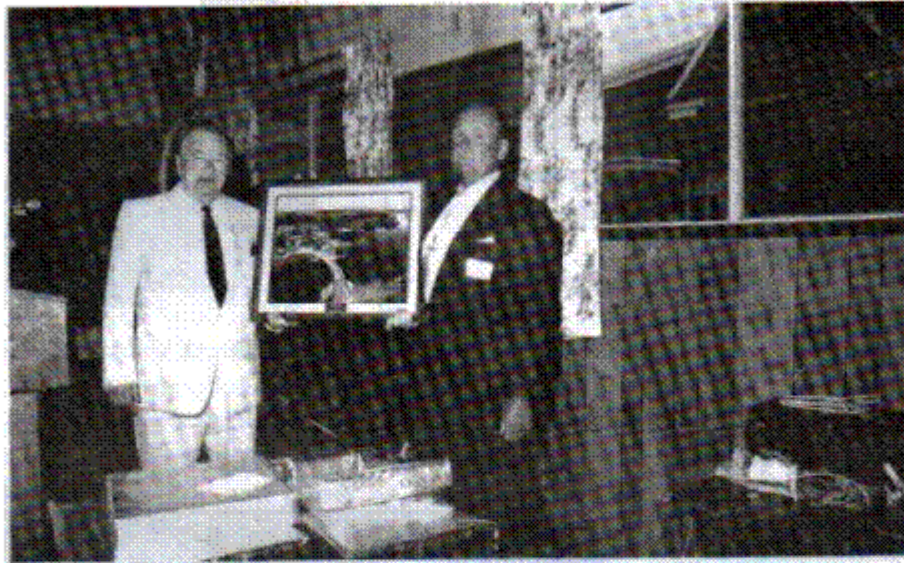


Photo: Judge Joseph G. (Red Joe) McIntyre receives a portrait of Marion Bridge when he was Guest Speaker at our 19th Reunion held at Branch 40 in Glace Bay. The Presentation was made by Joseph F. (Joe Buck) McIntyre.

We Remember CSM Joseph (Red Joe) McIntyre

-----Of all who served in battle with the Unit there was none greater than Joe. Although he was by-passed when the awards were given out yet, in my opinion, he was top-notch and the best soldier in the Cape Breton Highlanders.

He was a good man who always put his men first. He didn't demand their respect but he earned it by his very example. He was a good friend and I am proud that I had the privilege to call him friend. Joe Oford

-----He was a very brave soldier and a wonderful man. He would overlook our small infractions for which those before him would have had us on charge. I am convinced that these traits which were characteristic of Joe brought out the best in all of us who served under him.

He was very good to attend the reunions, and supported the Association in every way. Jake Ryan

-----When I first met Joe in 1939 we were buck privates on outpost duty in the Glace Bay area. At that time we were in D coy. Joe had left the coal mines and I was fresh from school and although there were a few years between us, he confided in me as his equal. Sometimes on a payday a number of us would chip in a little money and call a taxi to bring out some booze. On those occasions Joe always wanted beer so we nicknamed him Joe Beer. Although his foremost nickname was Red Joe, we who shared in the wonderful fellowship of those early days still call him Joe Beer when we converse together.

I served a number of months in Italy and finally in Holland as a rifleman in 14 platoon of C coy. During that time I served under three CSM's: Danny Fraser, Alvin Pyke and finally Joe. My best memories of those days was of the excellent way in which Joe kept us all on track in spite of the fog of battle. So from the early days on outpost duty to the months in the theatre of operations Joe went from being my hero to the greatest CSM of them all. Bill Metcalfe



UPDATE NEWS

THE 28TH ANNUAL REUNION will be held Sept. 19 and 20, and Reunion Headquarters will be at Royal Canadian Legion Whitney Pier Branch 128, Sydney.

Friday: Registration beginning at 1300 hrs. continuing throughout the afternoon and evening. Free tea, coffee, donuts and sandwiches will be available all afternoon.

Registration fee has been held at \$25.00 per person for 1997.

PLEASE NOTE: The Friday evening buffet will be held at 1700 hrs. and will be followed by an evening of fellowship. The Legion singers will provide an hour of entertainment with old songs.

Saturday the 20th: Service at CBH Monument will be held at 1000 hrs. followed by a short parade and placing of wreath at Branch 128's monument. The luncheon will commence at noon and will be followed by the annual meeting at 1300 hrs. The Banquet Supper will be held at 1900 hrs. and followed by an evening of dancing.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SPECIAL, 1400 HRS - 1600 HRS: CWO (Ret'd) John Clark CD has extended an invitation to all of the members to visit the Highlanders Historical Room in the Coriano Building at Victoria Park. For those who may have a problem, the building is wheelchair accessible, and is equipped with an excellent elevator that connects all three levels.

Something new: On Sunday Dec. 20, we locales gathered at the Holiday Inn on Kings Road in Sydney for Sunday Brunch. We had a very good time with an excellent meal. The wives and others really enjoyed the family atmosphere. Because of the success of this first outing we decided to have another go at it. The next one was held on the Sunday after Mother's Day and it was a success as well.

The Holiday Inn allots us a section aside from the main dining area and set out with tables for four. You can either be served at the table or help yourself to the buffet. There is lots to eat and much to choose from. The Association does not foot the bill so each of us must pay for our own.

We plan to have three of these get-togethers each year: one each in the Fall, the Winter, and the Spring. We also plan to label them after our battles: we could use, for example, Lamone River in the Fall, or Melba River in the Spring etc.

Present Slate of Officers

President	C.R. (Sharkey) MacDonald
V. President	Paul MacEachern
Secretary/Treasurer	W.F. (Bill) Metcalfe

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Glace Bay	Robert H. (Bob) Kipping
New Waterford	Jake Ryan
Sydney	Tom Yhard
N. Sydney	Joseph (Joe) Corkery
P.E.I.	Mack MacKenzie
N.B.	Leon Sautiere
Central Nova	Ted Slaney

DEATHS

McLeod, Harvey		Charlottetown, P.E.I.
Ramsay, Amos J.		Alberton, P.E.I.
Brown, John L.	74	Glace Bay, N.S.
Burke, Walter T.	75	Mira, N.S.
Corkery, Richard	76	Sydney Mines, N.S.
Fraser, Duncan G.L.	74	Grand Pre, N.S.
Guldie, Russell	77	Sydney, N.S.
Gullens, Ivan R.	73	Pugwash, N.S.
Hatcher, Freeman	74	N. Sydney, N.S.
Jarvis, Arnold		Wentworth, N.S.
Ludlow, Ralph	71	Sydney Mines, N.S.
MacKinnon, Hector	78	Sydney River, N.S.
MacSween, Thomas	78	Dutch Brook, N.S.
Matheson, Murdock	84	Sydney Mines, N.S.
McCullough, Floyd	79	Walton, N.S.
McLuttre, Judge Joseph G. (Red Joe)	77	Regina, Sask.
McMullin, Dan	75	Hide Park, Mass.
Sullivan, James Karl		Halifax, N.S.
Ross, Edwin T.	76	Florence, N.S.
Wright, Gordon	78	Stewiacke, N.S.

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me: for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. Matt. 11:28-29

May these words from our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ bring comfort to the heart of the bereaved.

How firm a foundation, ye blesses of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say, than to you He hath said -
You who to the Saviour for refuge have fled?

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
He will not - He cannot desert to His foes;
That soul - though all hell should endeavour to shake,
He'll never - no, never - no, never forsake!

FROM THE PARK



We salute two Cape Bretoners Who Have Made a Difference

The photo was taken of L Col R.G. (Rick) Parsons CD, CO 2nd NSH(CB) & CWO (now ret'd) John Clarke CD, as they attended our memorial service on Nov. 11, 1994. The Association is most thankful to both of them for the wonderful way they have supported us, and especially in making our reunions a success.

We commend Col. Parsons for his devotion to the office of CO, and we believe that he was instrumental in gaining much for his beloved battalion. In all kinds of weather you can see him leading his soldiers on exercises, going forth as heavily laden as they and asking nothing special for himself.

He has an excellent rapport with military headquarters in that he accomplishes to the nth degree every assignment given him. His record of achievement is equal to if not

better than the best in all of Canada. We feel that he has been effective in maintaining the militia at its present establishment, in spite of the political will, through his marked efficiency. We are pleased to learn that his tour of duty as CO, 2nd NSH(CB) has been extended to the Fall of 1998.

We can also thank Col Parsons for any part he may have played in procuring the new Highlanders Armoury. One of his great desires was to name it the Coriano Building in honour of the units victory at Coriano Ridge in Italy. In this he paid homage to the ones who died in Coriano, and to those of us who still remain to tell the story of those days. For the young Highlander of today and for years to come it is, and will be, an exciting testimony that will give them both pride and purpose in their vocation.

When that splendid Honour Guard from 2NSH(CB) marched onto the Monument in September 1995, the name CWO John Clarke was furthest from our minds. As we stood there in awe we were very pleased for this new addition to the memorial service. Then there is the pipe band which is being well outfitted and this in spite of the fact there is no allowance for a pipe band in the establishment.

When you are at the next reunion, bear in mind that the outfitting of the Honour Guard and the Pipe Band had been in John's capable hands and in his retirement he devotes time and expertise to the task - which is evident. Funding for all of this comes from donations.

John is also working on the Highlanders History Room which is a really big job and he is doing remarkably well. He has accumulated much memorabilia from the 125 years. He now has a young man, a student, from UCCB who is helping him to get everything properly oriented. Those of us who have seen the displays to date are very pleased with it all.

☞ To CWO (ret'd) John Clarke we say "you are really making a difference."

**Hon. Joseph Gerard McIntyre, 77,
Regina, Sask.**

The Honourable Joseph Gerard McIntyre, born February 25, 1920, Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, died Friday, March 21, 1997, in Regina, Saskatchewan.

Cape Bretoner, soldier, husband, father, lawyer, grandfather, Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench of Saskatchewan and great-grandfather. Joe passed away as a result of a stroke.

He was the beloved husband of Rita, his wife of 50 years, and a loving and caring father of sons, Peter (Rose), Vaughan (Debra), Alan (Rachelle), Paul (Lori), Jamie (Ida-Jean), and daughters, Mary, Martha and Maggie (Joel) Thompson and grandfather of Michelle, Jennifer, Angela, Stephanie, Jessica, Evan, Robin, Neil, Darcy, Andrew, Ailiana, Chandra, Eric, Sean, Nathan and Noah, and grand-grandfather of Jacob. His sister, Dorothy McDonald and his brothers, Dan, Aloysius and John also survive him.

Joe was predeceased by his sisters, Annie, Mary, and Rose.

He was a proud member of the Cape Breton Highlanders. Enlisting in 1939, he served in Canada and England and saw action in Holland and Italy. Wounded in action three times, Joe left the service at the end of the Second World War, as a sergeant-major. He returned to Cape Breton and married Margaret Rita Nicholson in 1946. Joe then attended St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, N.S., and Dalhousie University, Halifax, N.S., graduating with a law degree in 1950.

After articling and practicing in Glace Bay, Joe met E.C. (Lofty) Leslie, Q.C., who extended an invitation to join

the law firm of MacPherson, Leslie and Tyerman. Joe and Rita and their first three sons moved to Regina in 1953. He practiced all areas of the law, but was best known as a criminal defense counsel. He was very active in the Law Society of Saskatchewan serving as a bencher from 1960 to 1971 and president of the society in 1967. Joe was appointed Queens Counsel in 1964. Aside from his busy practice and family life, he worked hard to establish separate high schools in Regina. He served on the Separate School Board for nine years, one for each child and one extra, and was Chairman of Separate School Board from 1960 to 1963. He was President of the Canadian Catholic School Trustee Association in 1965.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Royal Canadian Legion, serving as Zone Commander of Legion Zone IV in 1952. Joe was appointed to the District Court in 1974, and became a member of Queen's Bench Court in 1981. He retired May 1994, at the age of 74.

Joe was well known for his wit and camaraderie. His wife and children remember fondly his colourful sayings: "Joe-isms". He was, from time to time, an avid duck hunter, fisher, camper and curler and thoroughly enjoyed his prairie home.



And The Band Played On

"Vanity of vanities, all is vanity"

On a warm, sunny morning in June 1941 at Connaught Range, while we were busy cleaning the grounds around our tents, a distant piper was playing *The Green Hills* on his pipes. Piper MacQuarrie, who was close by, had picked up the tune, and was singing a song in the Gaelic. When things had settled down we asked Gordon what he had been singing; he responded with a deep throaty hum (to pick up the key), and began to sing in English:

On my way to Donald Norman's, Mary Ann stood in the door,
She fell into such a passion, she fell down and broke her nose.

I guess now-a-days there would be a restraining order to keep Gordon from walking by Donald Norman's house.

Scotch On The Rock (*Cape Breton Island*)

The Continuums

Willie had two sons named Willie and Donald, his brother Donald had two sons named Donald and Willie. Here is the continuum in action:

Was that Donald's Willie I saw you with today?
No, 'twas Donald's Donald, said Archie Big Pay;
We was down at Willies Willie's, he's wife had a child,
And we had a shot with Willie's Donald, he said with a smile.

Another Continuum

Sweet A.J. MacDonald married A.J.
Though both are MacDonalds their not related they say:
Sweet A.J.'s the daughter of poor A.J. Burnt Hugh,
While A.J.'s the son of A. J. Skir Dhu.

The adjective "poor" implies that A.J. Burnt Hugh is dead. Skir Dhu is Gaelic for Black Rock (Dhu is pronounced DO).

A Common Family Paradox

Now there's Little Angus so broad, tall and thick,
The son of Big Angus who's as small as a stick,
That's the usual relation 'twix father and son:
The one what's called big, is the real little one.