

NEWSLETTER

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FOR ALL WHO WILL BE COMING TO THIS YEARS REUNION, PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT OUR 31ST ANNUAL REUNION WILL TAKE PLACE ON SEPTEMBER 22 AND 23. DISREGARD THE TENTATIVE DATES OF SEPTEMBER 15 AND 16, AS REPORTED IN OUR NEWSLETTER OF DECEMBER 1999.



OUR OLD FAITHFUL COMRADE AND PAST PRESIDENT HENRY GEORGE, ON A BITTERLY COLD NOVEMBER 11TH, 1999, CAME, WHEELCHAIR AND ALL, TO PAY HIS FINAL RESPECTS TO THE COMRADES WHO HE WOULD SOON BE JOINING IN ETERNITY. ALSO IN THE PHOTO IS PAST PRESIDENT FARI BOURGEOIS, HENRY'S SON-IN-LAW MAYOR DAVID MUISE AND JOHN HALEY.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

January 1, 2000	Balance Forward	9,341.24
Receipts		
	Including dues, donations and sales of ties, badges, crests and books	830.00 10,171.24
Disbursements		
	Stamps	200.00
	Print-Craft	384.79
	2NSH(CB) Capital Fund 6000.00	6,000.00
	RSM Canada (Blazer Crests)	376.35
	Secretarial Service	250.00
	Donation: CBRM	
	Monument Trust Fund	200.00
	Bank Service Charge	30.00
Total		7441.14
Bank Verified Balance	May 31, 2000	2730.10
GIC before maturity		3000.00
Will mature on July 21, 2000, 3.65% int. =		109.50
Before maturity Total Cash		5,730.10
Saleable Inventory		
	7 Blackwatch ties @ 25.00	
	7 Tie Clips @ 5.00	
	14 Cap Badges @ 20.00	
	13 Blazer Crests @ 25.00	
Breed of Manly Men	16 in stock, 20 on Consignment	

THE MONUMENT TRUST FUND

This fund was started in 1995, and was to be increased to \$5000.00 by the year 2000. We reached the \$5000.00 mark in 1998, and by January 2000, due to added interest, the \$6000.00 mark was reached.

This fund is to be left as a legacy, for those who succeed us, to pay for any repairs to the monument itself, and flag poles. It is not for any upkeep of the grounds, flags or halyards. The present trustees are from the Association and the Senate. The fund is now frozen in a GIC that will mature in 2005 at \$8000.00 approximately.

UPDATE NEWS

Here is really good news. Since the first of the year the 2NSH(CB) through the Regimental Senate have taken over the care of the CBH Monument and the grounds. They have set aside \$500.00 for the floral displays, flags and other essentials for this year. This is an ongoing task that will, most likely, be passed on to the proposed CBH Memory Club.

Here is what you can expect for our 31st Annual Reunion to be held on September 22 and 23.

1. The Reunion will be held in the Fort Ogyvie Building at Victoria Park in Sydney.
2. We will be using two of the messes: The WO's & Sergeants mess
 The Officer's Mess.
3. On Friday September 22, Registration will begin at 1300 hrs. in the WO's and Sergeant Mess. Tea, coffee, sandwiches and donuts will be served in the afternoon and early evening. The bar will be open for your convenience.
4. On Saturday, September 23, our dinner and Banquet Super will be served in the Officer's Mess while we continue to fellowship in the WO's & Sergeants Mess.
5. We have hired a DJ to supply the music for Saturday evening.
6. There will be parking attendants, doormen and elevator guides in place as well as posters to assist you through the building.
7. The Reunion will welcome any of the widows who come in, but they must register and pay the \$25.00 Registration fee.
8. The annual memorial will be held Saturday the 23rd at 1000 hrs. at the CBH Monument. In the event of inclement weather it will be held in the drill hall of the Coriano building.

The 2NSH(CB) will be having a Change of Command exercise on Sunday, September 24th after lunch. As part of the ceremony they are planning to have a changing of the guard in which they wish to have the members of the Association act as the old guard, while the soldiers of 2NSH(CB) take over as the new guard. It would be good if a number of you who are visiting could remain over Sunday to take part in the ceremony.

Present Slate of Officers

President	C.R. (Sharkey) MacDONald
V. President	Paul MacEachern
Secretary/Treasurer	W.F. (Bill) McCalfe
Area Representatives	
Glace Bay	Robert H. (Bob) Kipping
New Waterford	Jake Ryan
N. Sydney	Joseph (Joe) Corkery
Central Nova	Ted Slaney
N.B.	Leon Sautere
PEI	Fred Mallett

DEATH



Atkinson, Freeman		Barrington Passage, N.S.
Baker, Wellington G.	80	Nanaimo, B.C.
Burton, Gordon P.	84	N.Sydney, N.S.
Chilsom, James H.	80	Halifax, N.S.
Dawson, Leon F.	88	Amherst, N.S.
Durkacz, Edmund P. (Ed.)	79	Whitney Pier, N.S.
George, Henry E. (Henry)	77	Dominion, N.S.
Gagnon, Hector J.	82	Fredericton, N.B.
Kane, John Walter	78	Glace Bay, N.S.
Kuchurean, thomas(Tommy)	79	Halifax, N.S.
MacAulay, George B. (Raft)	80	Huntsville, Ont.
MacDonald, Jonh Pat	77	Sydney Mines, N.S.
McIntyre, Judge M. Leo	86	Glace Bay, N.S.
Miller, Andrew J. (Andy)	75	Sydney, N.S.
Oakley, Gerald R. (Jerry)	75	halifax, N.S.
Vickers, Jacob (Jake)	83	Boularderie island, N.S.
Wilson, Earl marshall	83	Whitney Pier, N.S.

Words Of Comfort for the Bereaved

If we believe on Him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification. Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in tribulation also: Knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience experience : and experience hope and hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. Rom 4:24-25, 5:1-5

When my lifework is ended and I cross the swelling tide,
 When the bright and glorious morning I shall see;
 I shall know my Redeemer when I reach the other side,
 And His smile will be the first to welcome me

Through the gates to the city in a robe of spotless white.
 He will lead me where no tears will ever fall;
 In the glad song of ages I shall mingle with delight;
 But I long to meet my Saviour first of all.

I shall know Him, and redeemed by His side I shall stand,
 I shall know Him, by the print of the nails in His hand.



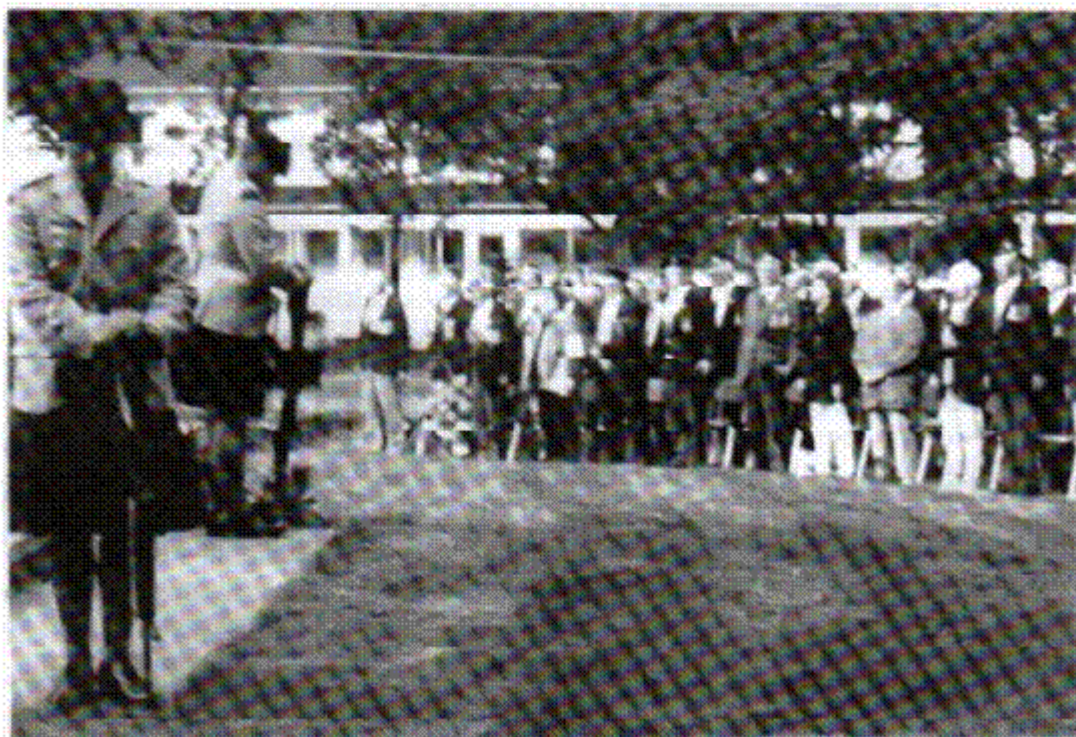
THOMAS (TOMMY) KUCHUREAN

In Memoriam



Judge Leo McIntyre

*Born: Nov. 7, 1914
Died: April 20, 2000*



OUR DWINDLING HOST 1999

FROM THE PARK

As you are aware, from previous correspondence, we have been working with elements of the 2NSH(CB), and the Regimental Senate to form a CBH Affiliation of retired militia personal. The purpose of the Affiliation, as affecting the Association, would be for the continuance of the title Cape Breton Highlanders, and the care of the monument, when the Association passes into history.

However, after much time and deliberations it was decided at a Senate meeting to set aside an Affiliation in favor of a CBH Memory Club. Here is a brief outline for a CBH Memory Club expressing the views of the meeting.

INTRODUCTION

In recent years, there has grown a sentiment that the members of the CBH Association would like assistance with the continuing affairs of the Association. An agreement has been reached, under the terms of which the 2NSH(CB) Senate and Capital Fund has assumed responsibility for the CBH Monument. The agreement is specific and meets entirely the wishes of the CBH Association.

There is now a feeling in the CBH Association that the time has come to take additional steps to ensure that the accomplishments of the CBH are remembered in posterity.

CBH MEMORY CLUB

It is proposed to establish a CBH Memory Club for the purposes of:

- * Preserving the memory of the accomplishments of the Cape Breton Highlanders according to the wishes of the CBH Association
- * Providing a meeting and educational venue for all who have worn the uniform of Cape Breton Highland units and for their immediate family members

The CBH Memory Club will have a link to the CBH Association, the exact nature of which will be determined mutually. An example is providing increasing support for CBH Association meetings and reunions. It would be good also if members of the CBH Memory Club could participate in specified portions of the annual CBH reunion.

TIMINGS

Informal discussions should begin immediately, with a small number of participants. The circle would be widened gradually with the goal of having the Senate agree to recommendations which the CBH Association could consider at its 2000 reunion.

WE ARE THE D-DAY DODGERS In Sunny Italy

Have you noticed how, in many of the TV spot ads and prologues to documentaries, the battles of the Italian Campaign are not mentioned? This state of being absent minded seems to effect all reporters and narrators from every walk of life: including veterans as well as others.

However, it may not be that this act of unkindness is the result of absence of mind. No! It could be a desire of the human heart to belittle the terrible struggle in Italy as though it was an affront to that great and glorious D-Day of June 6, 1944.

The 1st Canadian Infantry Division landed on the Beaches of Sicily on July 10, 1943; some eleven months before D-Day. They landed in Italy proper on September 3, 1943; the allies were now on Continental Europe; some nine months before D-Day. But it was not until June 6, 1944, that the news people reported: the allies finally succeeded in gaining a beach head into Continental Europe.

Nobody can deny the fact that of all of the action of the war, D-Day will always stand out as the greatest fete of arms of them all. But to fail to mention the Canadians who fought in that twenty month long campaign before moving to Holland in 1945, is an unpardonable oversight - to say the least.

Here is a repeat of a letter to the editor from May 16, 1995.

Italian campaign overlooked Underbelly of Europe tougher than forecast

In all, 92,757 Canadians served in the Italian campaign and 26,254 were killed or wounded. This represents a casualty rate of approximately 29 per cent over a period of 20 months of conflict in the "soft underbelly of Europe," as coined by Winston Churchill.

On July 10, 1943, elements of the 1st Canadian Infantry Division and the 1st Army Tank Brigade joined forces with the British 8th Army and the U.S. 7th Army in the invasion of Sicily. The scale of the assault, from the air and from the sea, including land and airborne troops, fighter and bomber support, as well as naval bombardment, made it one of the largest, if not the largest, of World War II prior to the D-Day invasion of France.

With the defeat of the enemy in Sicily, the Allies prepared for the assault on the Italian mainland across the Strait of Messina. The Canadians crossed on Sept. 3, and by the 5th the bridgehead was well established all along the 8th Army's front, with the Canadians making the deepest inland penetrations.

So Sept. 3, 1943, was the original invasion day of continental Europe - and not June 6, 1944.

I enjoyed reading the VE Day section of the *Cape Breton Post* on May 8 but I must take issue with the first page presentation: Lest We Forget: A line of Canadian Graves Marks Way to Nazi Surrender, by John Ward of The Canadian Press.

According to Mr. Ward's presentation it would seem the war took a holiday after the German surrender at Stalingrad and the German-Italian defeat in North Africa in 1943, until the D-Day landings. But Mr. Ward may be comforted with the fact that he is not alone in bypassing the Italian campaign, for even Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth herself made the same omission in her message during the 50th anniversary of VE Day held in London.

Those of us who fought through the Italian campaign had felt the rigors of the shun even during the conflict. That is what gave rise to our theme song, *We Are the D-Day Dodgers in Sunny Italy*.

I remember a saying from my early childhood: "As the twig is bent so grows the tree." It is a pity this oversight must be a prevailing affront, and especially to the ones we left behind.

William F. Metcalfe, Secretary-Treasurer, CBII Association, Sydney

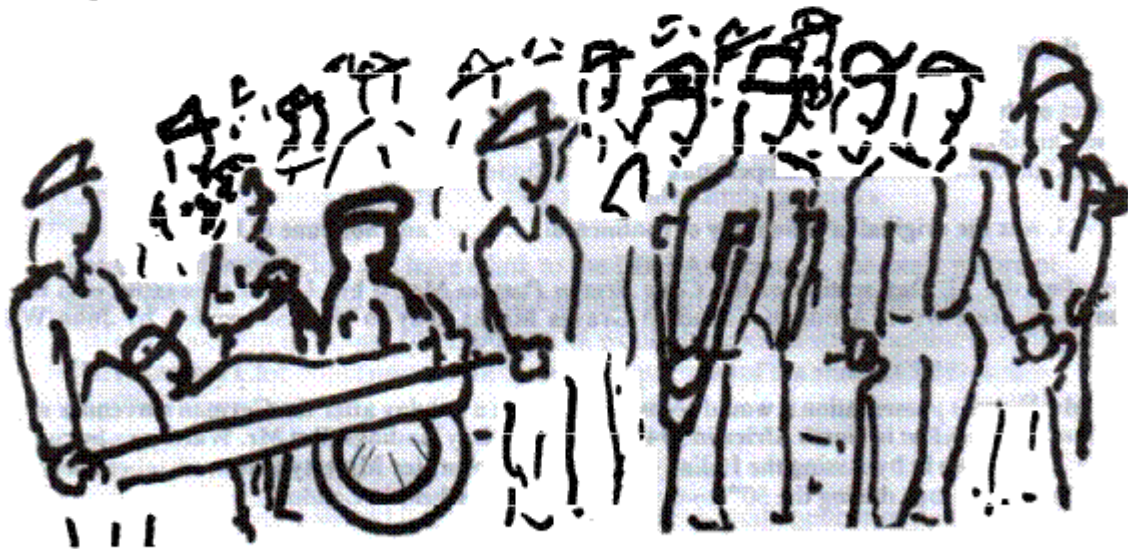
NEWS SPECIAL

DVA announced that all surviving veterans of both world wars will be entitled to one free Viagra tablet per week. DVA Standing Order 10-98, Dated January 1, 2000. A spokesperson from DVA said the Department regrets that the number 10-98 as used in this Standing Order came up on their computers, and wish to assure all veterans that it is merely coincidental with the 1098 (ten ninety eight) of the soldier's burial blanket.

For the many veterans who are old and too feeble to travel, the DVA is using taxis for deliveries in the well populated areas; but for the sparsely populated areas such as Orangedale, Skiddy Biddy and the like, they have rented rail liners. A very unique method is being used in Newfoundland: they hired Ruby George Rousell with his Jack boat, *THE 1900 AND NO FISH*, to make deliveries to Seldom-Come-By and other outposts along the coast.

Royal Canadian Legion Up In Arms

The Legion command is suggesting that the plan is nothing more than a subversive scheme by the DVA to get rid of our pensioners. Recent statistics have shown that some 10,000 seniors have died as a result of taking the drug.



The above photo of a DVA Viagra lineup was taken in Sydney where, like most places in Canada, everything was quiet and peaceful. However, it was not so in Quebec City where a riot broke out when the Sombies showed up looking for their share of the pills. It got so bad that all of the City's officials fled to Canada - OOPS - one of the other provinces.