



The Cape Breton Highlanders Association

P. O. BOX 246, GLACE BAY, N. S.

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SPRING NEWSLETTER

1989

Well, I think its time to hitch up our belts, get rid of our Christmas fat and get ready for another "Bang Up" reunion in Sydney Mines on July 21st and 22nd, 1989. Chairman, Bernie Bowne, and the members of the Executive are working very hard to complete the program. Last years unveiling of our wonderful Monument was, I think, the highlight of all our reunions. Now we know that we can have all our Memorial Services at our own Memorial Monument. We owe so much to the Royal Canadian Legion for letting us use their Cenotaph over the past number of years, and I know that we can count on their help in the future.

Since our last reunion, we have made arrangements with the people at the "Deaton Institute" located on the Campus of the University College of Cape Breton on the Sydney-Glace Bay Highway, to store and display all written material. Photos. and books about the Cape Breton Highlanders. They are pressed for space at the present time, so they can only take written material. However, they are going to expand and have assured us that they will be able to take all of our Artifacts, Flags, Uniforms, Model Monument and Badges within a year. The "Institute" is Capable of making copies of the written material for anyone, if requested.

At our last meeting in February, Bill Metcalf was appointed Assistant Secretary and I am looking forward to working with him. And you know what? I think he would make a great full-time Secretary.

Since we unveiled our wonderful Monument last year, we have received some wonderful comments about it from all walks of life. Every time that I have passed the site, there was always someone reading the names. Each and every member of the association can feel good about himself because after 40 some years we have etched the names of 214 brave Cape Breton Highlanders in stone. These brave men gave up their lives so that we who live now, and for those who follow us, could live in "Peace and Freedom". May their sacrifice not be in vain.

We have received some pre-registration forms for this years reunion, and we are anticipating a good crowd again this year. If any of you have lost or misplaced your pre-registration forms, come anyway and register at the reception desk.

Well, thats about all the news I have for now, but I know that a lot of good things will be talked about at the reunion. So, until then--- I'll see you at the reunion.

Bye for now,

"Sharkey" MacDonald
Secretary

Deaths recorded since the Fall Newsletter.

NAME	AGE	ADDRESS
Joseph F. Briffitt	67	Donkin, N.S.
Ward W. Standing	68	North Sydney, N.S.
Clarence J. Musgrave	81	Westmount, N.S.
Charles W. MacLeod	69	Toronto, Ont.
Raymond A. Johnston	73	Hantsport, N.S.
John E. Moore	74	New Waterford, N.S.
Charles MacLean	72	Englishtown, Vic. County
Charles J. Hart	74	Glace Bay, N.S.
Raymond Cox	67	Sydney Mines, N.S.
Stanley T. Whittle	65	Hamilton, Ont.
Alexander McMullin	64	Dominion, N.S.
Michael G. Young	64	North Sydney, N.S.
Malcolm Campbell	67	Dominion, N.S.
Marcel Dechervery		Quebec



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Annual Reunion

PRE REGISTRATION FORM

DATE July 21-22, 1989

PLACE: Branch 8, Royal Canadian Legion, Sydney Mines, N. S.

REGISTRATION FEE: Couple: \$ 40.00 ; Single \$ 25.00

Kindly return Registration Form to the Secretary by June 30, 1989.

I, We, will be attending the Annual Reunion being held at Sydney Mines, N. S. on July 21-22, 1989.

I will will not need hotel accommodation for a Couple Single.
(Please check if NOT desired)

I will be arriving at, 19.....

COMMENTS

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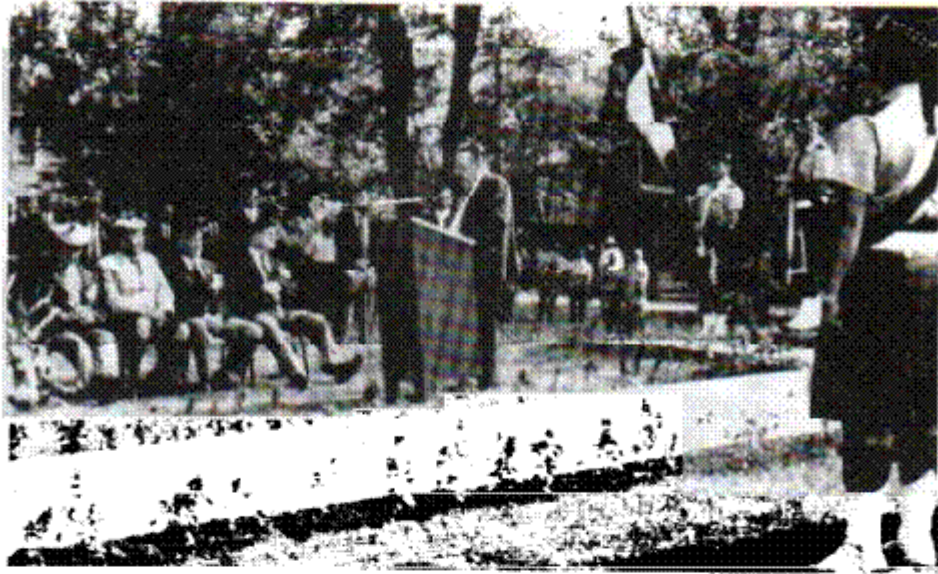
TO OUR FALLEN COMRADES,
TWO HUNDRED AND ONE IN NUMBER,
SOME VERY YOUNG,
THEIR AVERAGE AGE A MERE TWENTY-THREE YEARS,
THEIR TERM IN UNIFORM, AT TIMES BUT
A FEW SHORT MONTHS...
YET, IN THEIR SHORT LIVES,
BY THEIR IMMORTAL SERVICE AND SUPREME SACRIFICE,
THEY HAVE SET FOR US WHO REMAIN
A NOBLE EXAMPLE OF THE TRUE CANADIAN-
A DEFENDER OF FREEDOM AND DECENCY,
A CHAMPION OF DEMOCRACY,
A LOVER OF TRUTH, RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND JUSTICE.
TO THEIR IMMORTAL MEMORY
IN HUMBLE AND REVEREND GRATITUDE
WE, THE CAPE BRETON HIGHLANDERS ASSOCIATION,
REMEMBER AND HONOR THEM,
WHOSE NAMES LIVE FOR EVER
IN THE ANNALS OF HISTORY.

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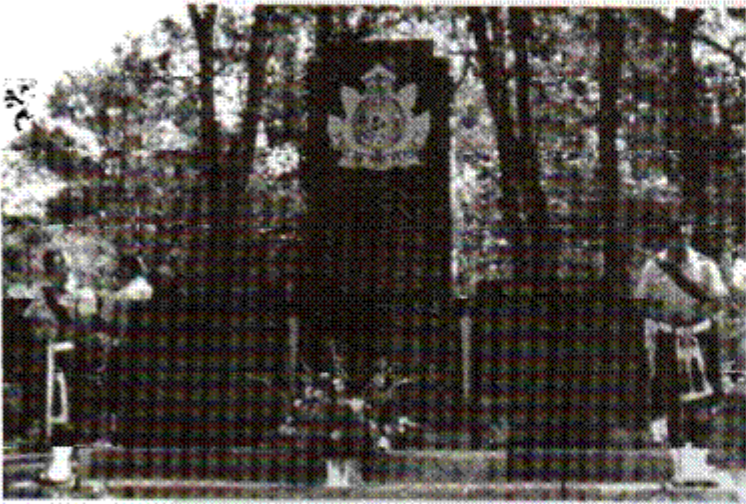
THEY WILL NEVER KNOW THE BEAUTY OF THE SEASONS,
SEE THE SEASONS CHANGE, ENJOY THE SUN,
ALL WE ENJOY WE OWE TO THE
MEN WHO LIE BURIED IN THE EARTH OF FOREIGN LANDS.

WE, THE MEMBERS OF
THE CAPE BRETON HIGHLANDERS ASSOCIATION
DEDICATE OURSELVES TO THE MEMORY OF
OUR COMRADES WHO DIED OVERSEAS
IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY
AND SO PRESERVED OUR HERITAGE.
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

TO THEIR EVERLASTING HONOR AND GLORY
IN GRATITUDE
THE PEOPLE OF CAPE BRETON



Cape Breton County Warden Joe Wadden
Speaking at Unveiling



One day in Italy while I was watching the members of The Pioneer Platoon making little wooden crosses to be placed on the graves of our comrades who were killed in a recent battle, I sat down and wrote the following poem. It is called 'Wooden Crosses'.

- Joseph Oldford, D.C.M.

WOODEN CROSSES

I watched them making crosses,
In the little hut close by.
Tiny wooden crosses,
For men who go to die.

They whistled as they shaped them,
Maybe to hide a sod:
Or to show that wooden crosses
Meant just another job.

But I wondered as I watched them,
If some day before it ends,
Those little wooden crosses
Might represent my friends.

I pray they don't, but if they do,
Then each and every one,
Will mark the eternal resting place
Of a brave, Canadian son.

Fellow Highlanders:

After another successful reunion, we reached a very important milestone in our history; that is, the unveiling of our war memorial. These names will be there for all time, long after the last Highlander is gone. There was a lot of good comments about our parade and how the fellows conducted themselves at the unveiling.

I would like to thank those who donated and all who attended. I would like to give special mention to Warden Joe Wadden and the Cape Breton Joint Ex. Board. Without them it would have been impossible to erect a monument of that size. Also, we had an expert doing the job which is now in the fourth generation. Also everything is paid for.

The next reunion is in Sydney Mines and I am sure Bernie Bowne and his committee will do a splendid job as usual. We all hope you all had a safe and pleasant trip home and you and yours are enjoying good health. Also, I wish you all a very Merry Xmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

J.J.

Food For Thought

Friendship is the comfort, the unexpressible comfort of feeling safe with a person, having neither to weigh thoughts nor measure words, but pouring all right out just as they are, chaff and grain together. Certain that a faithful, friendly hand will take and sift them, keep what is worth keeping and with a breath of comfort, blow the rest away.

J.J.

We still have some work to do such as erecting two flag poles, proper lighting and general yearly maintenance. We are going to set up a special fund to be used for the monument site only, such as, flowers, rose bushes and the cost of lighting. Needless to say all donations will be greatly appreciated.

Well, that is about all I have to say for now, so until next year's Reunion Teresa and I would like to wish each and everyone of you and your families a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

So Long for now,

"Sharkey" MacDonald
Secretary

Deaths recorded since our last Newsletter.

	Age	
James B. (Kid) Adshade	64	Glance Bay, N.S.
Jeremiah T. Ryan	68	New Waterford, N.S.
Bernard M. Dearing	60	North Sydney, N.S.
Kenneth MacDonald	70	Sydney Mines, N. S.
Charles W. Chark	70	North Sydney, N.S.
Joseph C. Fukala	73	Reserve Mines, N. S.
Fred Deane	73	Glance Bay, N. S.
Robert MacDonald	77	Inverness, N. S.
Alfred Taylor	72	Sydney Mines, N. S.