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The Cape Breton Highlanders Association

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"RECIMANTAL TOAST"

"We have the proud honor of having served with a Battalion that in my opinion, was BORN and SEASONED on the same day.

When this Sattalion went into Action on the 17th of January, 1944, it marked the first time in history that a Battalion from Cape Breton Island, faced an enemy on 'Foreign Soil': "The Birth of a Battalion!"

When that day was over, I think we hitched up our belts, pulted back our shoulders, stood a little taller and set out with grim determination to finish a job. - "The Seasoning of a Baitalion!"

From that day onward, this Battalien, having been given a task, never falled to take it's objective; and, having taken it's objective, never ever gave up an inch of ground. A feat, Ladies and Contlowen, that few Battaliess in the history of any Nation can claim.

When our 'Motto' was chosen in 1915 by Col. Murray, (at that time Premier of Nova Scotia), he chose it well - "SIOL NA FEAR FEARALS" - "THE BREED OF MANLY MEN."

I ask you now to rise and charge your glasses and drink with me, a Toast to the Battalion that you men made famous

Editor!s note:

The above toast was composed by Joe Oldford, (DCM) and is given by Joe at each Reunion during the annual Saturday evening Banquet. It is repeated here so that you who have not had the opportunity of joining with us at our get-togethers, may share the pride that is ours.

"A good time was had by all". ---- In his Press release following the 13th Reunion, Chairman Joe Campbell outlined to the Cape Breton Post the events that made up our two-day visit with the folks in 'The Pier'. Our hosts, Branch 128 Royal Canadian Legion opened their spacious building and their terrific facilities for our enjoyment. Joe and his co-chairman bawrence Hartigan were ably assisted by Branch President Howie Burt and the members of his Executive. Two Hundred and Twenty-five Nembers and Wives enjoyed the fellowship and the meals catered by the Ladies Auxilary got the oohs and aahs of everyone. The Salmon Plate on Iriday evening, hosted by National Sea Products was out of this world and the City of Sydney was host to the Saturday evening Banquet.

At the Annual Meeting the following Executive were reelected for another term:-

PrecidentEarl Bourgeoie; V.Prec.Jake Ryan
SecretaryRon E. McDonald Treas.Angus McLeod,(MM)
Area Reps.Sydney - Major John R. Johnson
N.Sydney- Joe Viva
Glace Bay - Bob Kipping
New Waterford - Charlie 'Sharkey' MacDonald
P.E.I.-New Brunswick - Mike Campbell

Note:- Earl's phone # is 849-6824 (Glace Bay) Ron's is 849-9595 " "

The meeting heard a report from the Committee formed in 1981 to look into the possibility of having the Unit's History compiled and published (Judge Leo and Judge Joe MacIntyre and Bill Butler). Some progress has been made and the committee will continue to function.

Two invitations were reserved to host the 1983 Reunion, Glace Boy and Sydney Mines. After a spirited discussion regarding the site, Glace Bay withdrew it's application and it was moved by Bernie Bowne, Seconded by John Rose that the 1983 Reunion be held at Legion Branch 8 in SYDNEY MINES and the motion carried.

Treasurer Angus D. MacLeod (MM) gave the financial report which indicated that we are in a sound financial position, being able to meet all our current obligations with a bank balance on hand for any unforseen emergency. This is a tribute to those of you who are so generous with your 'Kitty' donations along with your regular dues payments.

CAPE BRETON HIGHLANDERS ASSOC.

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14TH ANNUAL REUNION

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FRIDAY JULY 22ND & SATURDAY JULY 23RD

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION - BRANCH 8

SYDNEY MINES, N.S.

ALL RANKS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND

Our monthly meetings began the last Sunday of September, and we met again October 31st. At the first meeting, the 1983 Reunion Committee was officially appointed although we found to our pleasure that Chairman Bernie Bowne had already put the wheels in motion and laid the ground-work for yet another successful reunion. Bob Gillan has consented to be Co-chairman. The October meeting indicated that considerable progress has been made. We'll meet again in November but skip the month of December. By the way, some discussion took place at the first meeting regarding the amount of annual dues fees required. Speaking for Treas. Angus who was absent. I informed the meeting that 'Dues' were set \$2.00 per member back in 1969 when we reorganized the Association and that has not been recinded. I explained that over the years since, due to the generosity of many members, considerablly more is received as 'donations for the Kitty'(5,10,15.20 25 50.00) Unfortunately some do not contibute but we do not insist on dues payments to retain membership - that's not our purpose. I masten to add however fellows that your dues cantributions are GLADLY and GRATEFULLY reclived. Keep 'em comin!!!!!!!

A review of the Membership Roll, I find that the following members attended their first Reunion or returned after many years absent: Ronald Barry, North Sydney, Mike Boudreau, New Waterford, Walter T. Burke, Marion Bridge, Andrew Clark, Vancouver B.C., Don Garnier Oromocto, N.D., Donald J. McDonald, Baddeck, N.S. J.J. MacDonald, Sydney, Rev. John H. MacGregor Big Pond & Area, Joe 'Buck' McIntyre Pt. Edward, Frank Miller Syd. Mines, Joe Murray, Ottawa Ont. Murray MacDonald Newbury Park Calif. Jack Pyke London, Ont. James Richie Sydney, Tom Summerell Port Hawkesbury, Insp. Wm. 'Bill Urquhart, Gordon Vright Stewiache, N.S., Gordon L. Wright Brantford, Ont and Stephen Johnson Halifax, N.S.

Hope you all enjoyed meeting old friends and we'll see you again in 3ydney Mines. (Note to Steve Johnson. enjoyed your soft shoe and tap dancing and how about sending along some of those photos for the Newsletter!)

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One of the more difficult tasks of my office in the Assoc., is keeping the Membership Roll up to date and it grieves me to make the necessary deletions when death takes one of us. I have to report, in this issue, the following who have passed on since our last Newsletter:-

Allie Wood (MM) Charles Nicholson Harold Watters
Jack Serroul Tony Marinelli Tommy Campbell
Alf Bonnar Malcolm 'Mockie' MacLeod

Allie and I were neighbors growing up and both were introduced to a uniform in Frank Christie's Bugle Band, then into the Militia(CRH) and Highlanders from day one. I know that each of the above held a special place in the heart of at least one you as we say a sileat prayer for the repose of their souls.

May they rest in peace.

Good news is the order of the day from the following; Lt.Col. Angus Norman and Helen MacDonald celebrated their 50th wedding anniversay this past summer and both are well. Speaking of the 'Quarter Stores' ROMS Hanry Cantwell was in touch with me by phone. Renry is wellbut his wife laid up for a time. His famous laugh is still hale & hearty. Dan Palliasse is a regular at our Reunions and as a former quite famous marathoner, he has had a Marathon named in his honor. RSM Ralph Diplock's health continues to improve and chances are good that we'll see him in Sydney Mines next summer. Pete Leclair from P.E.I. tells me his ulcer was acting up this summer, no doubt brought on from the many toasts at the wedding in the family??? Had a nice note from Mel Silver along with his 1983 dues. Jim Clancy now resides in Kelowna, D.C. and wonders if threare any CBH'ers about. I must thank Ron Hawkins for the interesting letter and the enclosed whotos of some of his paintings. Showed them at the last meeting Ron and the members were very impressed. Redvers Campbell was in town in October (from B.C.) attending his Father's 100th bithday. I'm sad to report that the elderly gentleman died a couple of weeks ago. Rernie Shawis wife, (War Bride) passed away a week ago. Please accept our condolences Redvers and Bernie. 'Stooks' macDonald wrote me in May to advise that he was in hospital, (cancer in one lung) nowever kay MacDougall contacted him on his return from a visit with me and reports that Stooks has improved quite a bit. We are pleased and our hope is for continued improvement. Ray, by the way flew in from Ottawa to take a very active part in the dedication of a MacDougall Clan Calrn at Broad Cove. He bragged in a letter about his Nephew winning a TORY seat in the Federal By-election in Northern Ont, Joe Briffitt was at death's door awhile back but met him at the Sterling Mall and he says he figures to be around for quite a time yet, The photos in our Newsletter are courtesy of Rill Wrquhart, the

The photos in our Newsletter are courtesy of Rill Hrquhart, the very able Inspector of the Sydney Police. 'Black' Mick MacDonald is a 5/5gt with the same Dept. The Late Charlie Nicholson was the third CBH'er on the staff.

Cape Breton Highlanders Hold Reunion

GLACE BAY - "We who have survived a war will never forget it and we will never forget the men we fought with," Bill Butter said in an adoress at the 13th annual reunion held by the Cape Breton Highlanders Association

Butler, now the District Manager with the Department of Development, Sydney, was the voungest member of the outfit to be promoted sergeant in the line. "We cherish the memory of having belonged to a gorup of menty men. the CBH In fact the motto inscribed in Gastic on our hat hadge was "Stol Na Foor Fearail", meaning "Breed Of

Manly Men".

Butler said their unit saw some of the heaviest lighting of the last war "We were moulded in the crucible of war. We became a close group, so close to each other as only men who fought together can be. We saw many of our pals severely wounded and we also saw close friends die

If those who were not there asked each of us what they remembered vividiy about the war, we would seldom mention the riesth and dung, but rather the bonds formed between men at war . . . bonds formed by danger and hardship.

Mr. Butter read the following

passage from "The Maple Leaf", the Canadian Armed Forces Paper, published in Italy, September 26, 1944; "Cape Breton Lads Crack Ridge

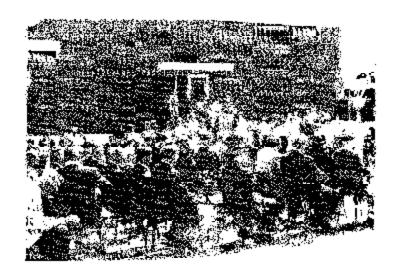
Highland Unit, prominent in Coriano fracas, overcomes rough opposition to puch hunc from Hills. South of Rimini They were dog-tired, dirty, battle worn but mighty proud. No guardsman stepped with smarter tread than these Cape Breton Highlanders as their atted pipe band piped them out of battle the night of September

They had reason to be proud They had battled for seventeen days from Moody Hill 120, their first objective to the tough Ger-man Cothic Line to the graveyard feature of St. Andrea, and their final success a major role in the storming and capturing the Coriano sector on the Canadian right flank. It was this feat that helped pave the way for the Marano River crossing and the driving of German forces from Fortunato

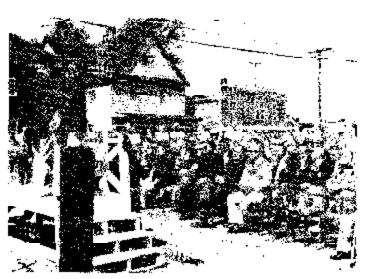
Few men of the unit will forget the storming of Coriano in the Mixty Black hour of 1-20 a.m September 13. Incidents were both grim and humourous. Through intense mortar and artillery fire, company after company worked their way up the right clope towards Coriano as an Ontario

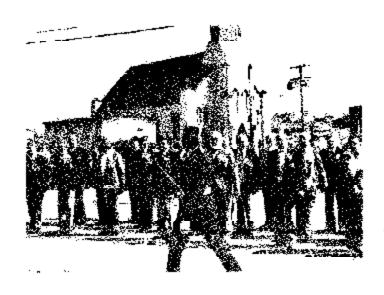
regiment went up on the left.
This article, Mr. Hutter said helped to convey in written form a report on one of our major victories in battle

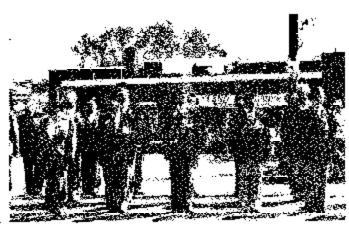














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