



The Cape Breton Highlanders Association

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FALL NEWSLETTER

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The 20th annual reunion held at Sydney Mines this past July, proved to be a most enjoyable occasion for all who could manage to attend. Much thanks to Bernie Bowne and his committee for an excellent spread. They, no doubt, had done much leg work. Our speaker at the Saturday banquet was our own Joseph (Joe Buck) MacIntyre, who raised our spirits (and eyebrows) to laughter as he outlined the behavioural characteristics of Warrant Officers and N.C.O.'s, and especially as they applied to front line activities.

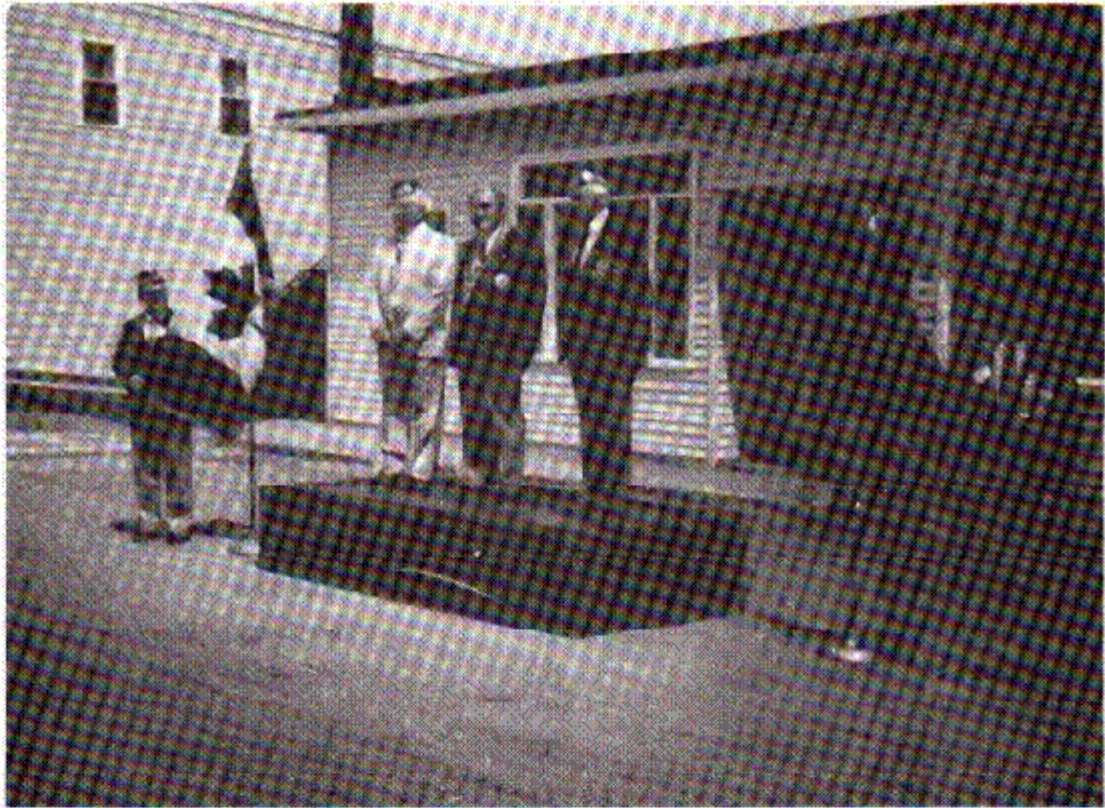


Although a number of our comrades (some who have been excellent attenders at the reunions) were unable to attend the 20th, yet there was a good turnout. Our records show that there were 30 singles and 84 couples who registered. Out of these 198 who registered, 114 were members while the remaining 84 consisted of wives and others. These figures do not include the guests.



VOTE OF THANKS

A vote of thanks has been extended to comrades Joseph J. (J.J.) MacMullen, and Chas. R. (Sharkey) MacDonald for their excellent performance in carrying out the duties of President and Secretary, respectively, over the past three years. This, no doubt, was one time when a proposed monument became a monumental undertaking. We can only imagine the fears and doubts that must have dogged their footsteps every inch of the way. Even when a golden opportunity presented itself there was much apprehension because of the location and the fear of causing a rift in the association over it, yet they persevered. So, when we look upon this memorial to our fallen comrades, sharp and beautiful, there are two names that will always come to mind that are not written thereupon: again we thank you both.

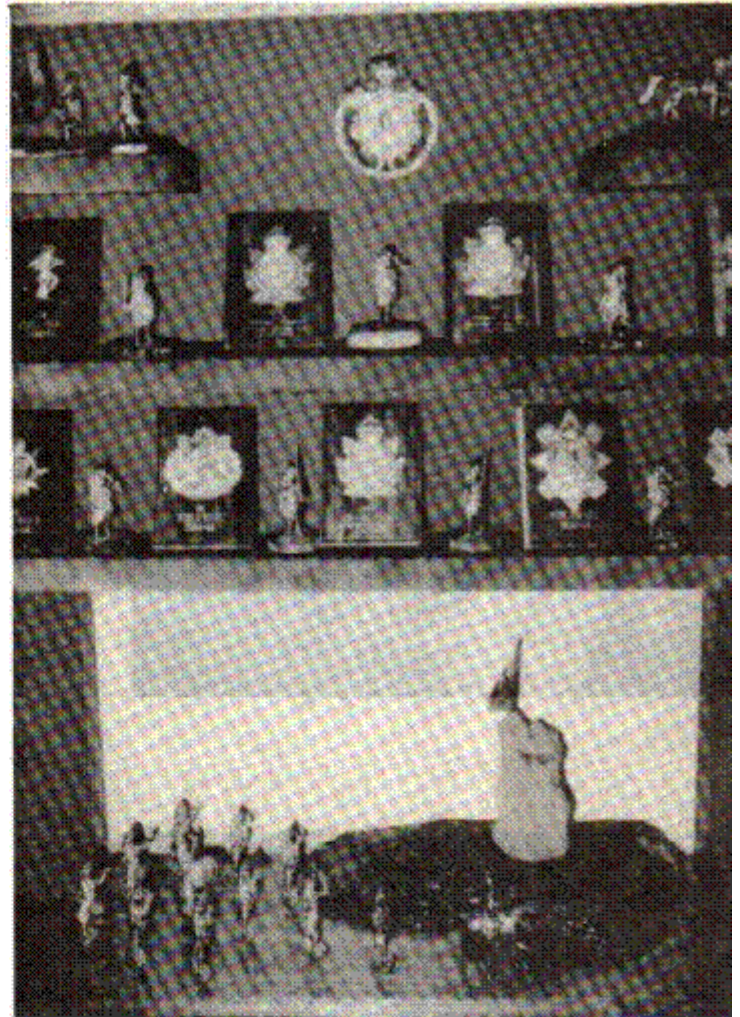


Paul MacEachern, Lt. R.G.Forbes, Mayor Dipersio, CSM Joe Oldford DCM,
J. J. MacMullen

With the monument and the flagpoles all in place and the site landscaped, we are confronted with the not-to-be-forgotten issue of maintenance. In round figures, under the present economy, this represents an expenditure of some six hundred dollars per annum. As pensioners we know that most would be running on a tight shoestring when it comes to finances. Yet if there are two hundred of us who are able to contribute, this would require a small donation of three dollars per annum. We leave it with you: all contributions will be gladly received. When you make your contribution, would you please state that it is for the monument maintenance fund.

We have been getting enquiries from comrades who were unable to attend the 20th reunion, about the CBH badge desk plaques which were made and sold by our own Leon Sautiere, who lives in St. John, N.B. Leon has made a hobby of making these very attractive 3" x 4" plaques with their fixed supporting braces. Because of the enquiries, and the possibility of incorporating these for special presentations, we have ordered 50 units from Leon. Leon's suggested retail price is \$7.00.

We would take this opportunity to extend an open thank you to Leon for his most generous contribution to the reunion fund. From the sale of the plaques Leon took a little money to help defray his cost of materials and turned the remainder over to the executive.

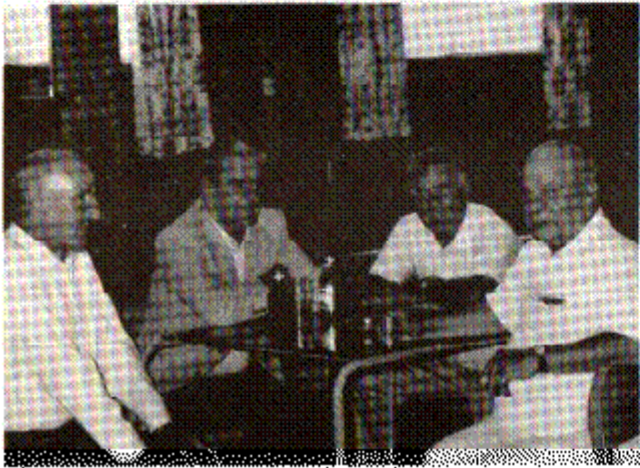


LEON'S DISPLAY BOARD

We would take this opportunity to extend congratulations to Joseph Oldford, DCM. He was recently presented with the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM), the highest award given to a member of the Royal Canadian Legion. Joe, who is presently serving as president, has been a long time member of Branch 3, Glace Bay.



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ISLE OF THE EASTERN SHORE

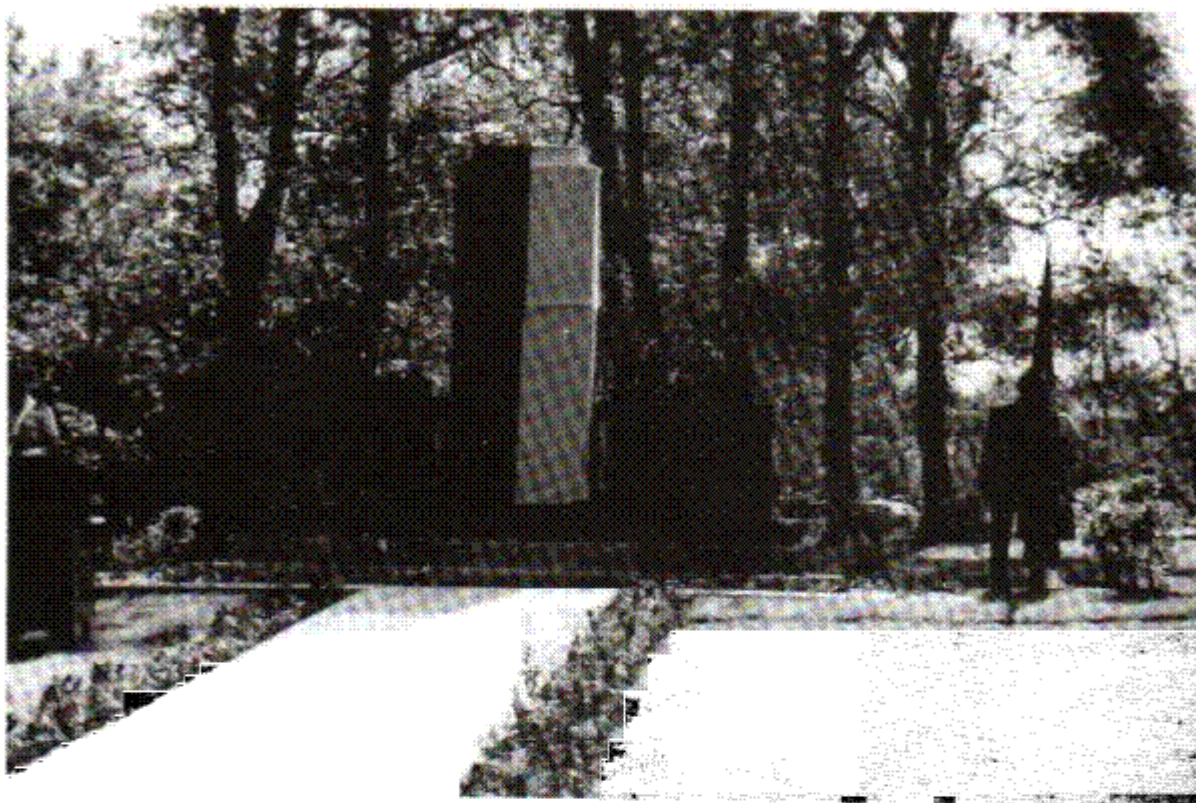
O island of the eastern shore,
To us you are so dear;
The grandeur of your rolling hills,
Will ever hold us near.

You stand there so majestically,
The world you would defy;
Inspiration to your fighting sons
On land, at sea, in sky.

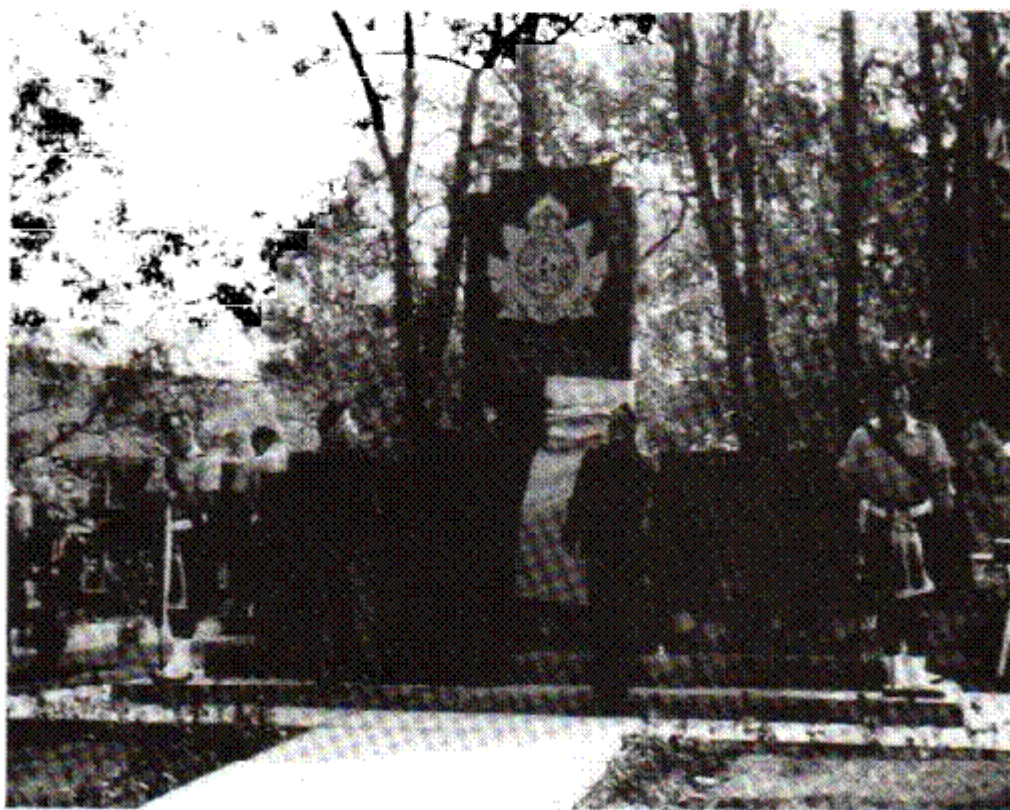
You gathered us at childhood,
As we left our mother's knee;
Taught us love of nature,
A way of life that's free.

Now we fight in distant lands,
Where men are not as free;
But our dreams are of Cape Breton,
Our Island by the sea.

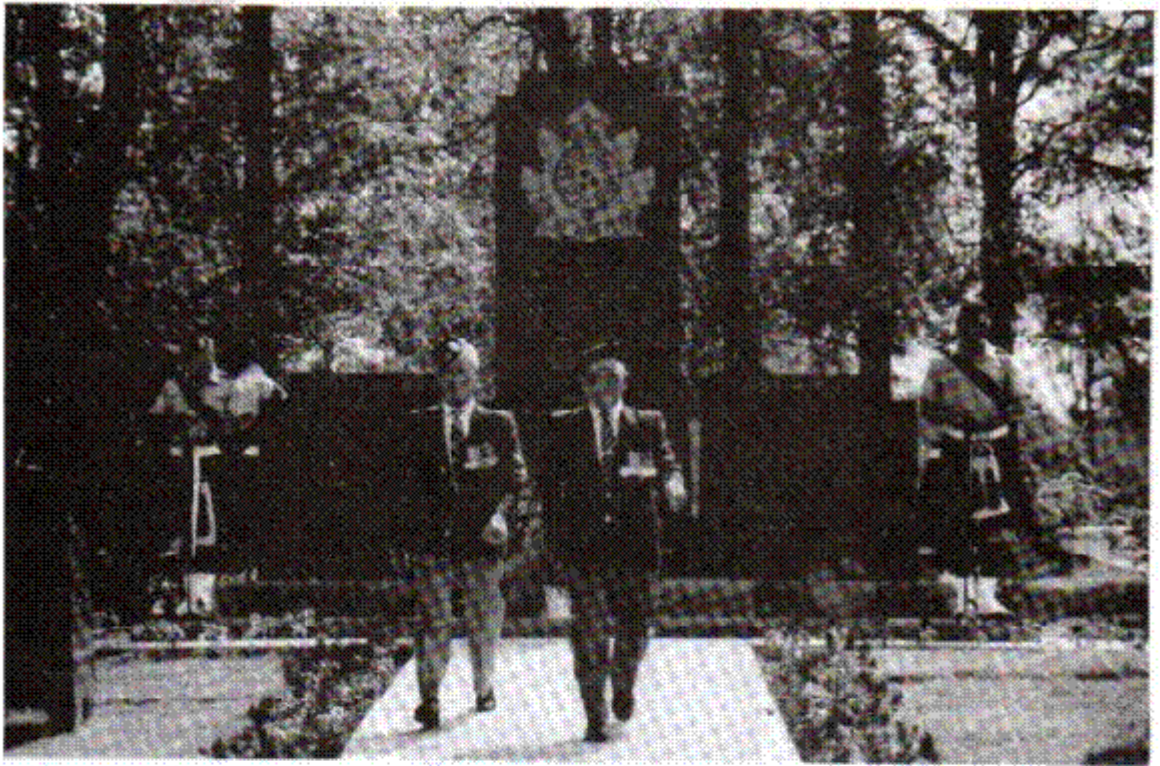
And when those warring nations
Are crushed to rise no more,
We'll come back to Cape Breton,
Isle of the Eastern Shore.



Before the unveiling.



Joe Wadden unveiling MONUMENT, assisted by Jake Ryan and Sharkey MacDonald.



Remembering, George Moss and John McQueen.



EXCELLENCE

FOSSO
MUNIO

CONVENTELLO
-COMACCHIO

ITALY
1944-45

IJSSELMEER

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POCKET

NORTH WEST
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