

Cape Breton Highlanders Association

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Presidents Message

Monumental Snag With Publishing



We have hit a monumental snag with the publishing of the larger, more elaborate Newsletter 3 or 4 times a year, so have opted for a shorter version, which we will send out quarterly, while hoping for at least one annual (post-Reunion) edition, in the flashier format. The Newsletter, when/if it arrives, will cover the period from Dec 2006 to June of this year; in the meantime, this shorter version is meant to keep contact with our members.

To kick-start this first of the mini-Newsletters, we will begin with a brief forecast of events surrounding the upcoming Reunion. Also, Dr. Reg Roy's reminisce of the CBH preparations for WWII is

included, as well as a couple of those dreaded admin details. Thank you for your patience for the long gap between Newsletters, but in lieu of our lengthier ones, we'll keep you up to speed with these shorter versions.

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Ian Macintyre



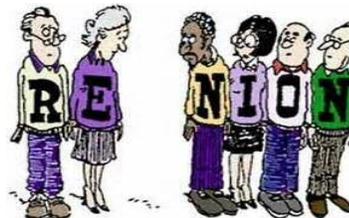
So Let us Strive, in the moment
we have,
For peace and good will;
cause time is yet our master
and time will not be still.

From time
by Joseph Oldford



Annual Reunion

(14-16 September 2007) The 37th annual reunion will take place on the above dates. It will follow the usual format with registration on (Fri) 14 Sep from approximately 1330 - 1630 hrs at Coriano Bldg, Victoria Park, Sydney. The Memorial Service will be held at the CBH Monument on Kings Road, beginning at 1000 hrs on (Sat) 15 Sep; this will be followed by the annual general



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meeting (AGM) at the Officers' Mess and lunch. At 1900 hrs that evening, the annual dinner take place at the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess; both of these latter events are held at the Ogilvie Bldg., Victoria Park. The following day, our successor unit, 2nd Battalion, The Nova Scotia Highlanders (Cape Breton) holds a Change of Command Parade with Lieutenant Colonel George Troicuk turning over command to Lieuten-

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ant Colonel Joseph Gillis. Also that weekend, 35 (Sydney) Service Battalion has also scheduled its Change of Command, thus it will be a busy weekend.

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Reg Roy Remembers

Reg Roy joined the Cape Breton Highlanders in 1939 as a Boy Soldier. He was subsequently promoted Sergeant and following officer training, rejoined the unit in Italy and served as a platoon commander throughout the remainder of the war. Following the war, Reg moved to B.C. What followed was an illustrious career in the academic and writing field. He taught at Royal Roads and the University of Victoria, has ten books and innumerable articles, book reviews, etc. to his credit. Reg has also lectured in Canada, the USA, South Africa and Australia. In 1988 he was appointed Honorary Lieutenant Colonel of the Communications Squadron in Victoria, BC. He has kindly offered to provide some of his memories of the early days leading up to the Cape Breton Highlanders embarking for Europe and Second World War.

News that war had been declared came to us from the radio station in Sydney. There was no letter or telephone call or anything like that. It did not come as a surprise. Ever since Hitler had gained power there seemed to be one crisis after another. He had marched into Alsace-Lorraine, he had ignored covertly the Versailles Treaty, he had taken over Austria and then Sudetenland in Czechoslovakia and now he had entered Poland.

I had joined the Cape Breton Highlanders with my brother in 1939 and had gone to summer camp in Charlottetown. I was in the signals platoon of Headquarters Company. The equipment we had was laughable. There was not one wheeled vehicle in the entire unit-not even a skate-board. There was

not a single mortar. There were no modern machine-guns. We did have a few Lewis machine-guns left over from the Great War, but really there was no ammunition for them. That was all right, there was no rifle or machine-gun weapons range available.

There were no grenades, not even a mock grenade. There were no gas masks or respirators. We had World War I webbing. There was no battle dress. For that matter, there were no boots, socks, shirts, sweaters, etc. So what we wore was the kilt, tunic, WW I webbing, red and white oversocks (diced hose tops), sporran, Tam-O-Shanter, and a wide smile.

SITREP 2NSH(CB)



On (Friday) 29 June, the CO, RSM, and Hon LCol were on hand at the Halifax Armories to welcome home the 38 soldiers from Land Forces Atlantic Area (LFAA) who had just completed a six-month tour of Afghanistan; 8 of our soldiers were among them, and very glad to be back on Canadian soil. There was a large crowd of families and friends to greet the returnees along with the A Pipes and Drums of the Nova Scotia Highlanders and the band of 36th CIBG. It was a joyful and moving ceremony, and in light of recent casualties there was relief that our lads were home.

Lt Governor Military Ball July -- July 2007

Nova Scotia Lt Governor M. Francis speaking at this years Lt Governor Military Ball Hosted by the Sydney Garrison Attending this year Military Ball is Honary Colonel of the Regiment "The Nova Scotia Highlanders "Brigadier (Retired) J. J. Grant and Honary Lieutenant Colonel of the "2 Bn Nova Scotia Highlanders (Cape Breton)" Colonel (Retired) I. D. Macintyre



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Dues/Information/Change of Status/Change of Address, etc

As we are all aware, administration is a necessary evil, and we would greatly appreciate any and all assistance that can help us to better serve you the members. Any changes of address, or other pertinent information, may be sent to the Secretary, or any member of the executive, so that we may keep our files current. In the matter of dues, all members on strength prior to the 1990s, may continue to carry on as before. Bills have gone out to we later arrivals (post-1990s folks), and it would be most appreciated if remittances could be sent to the Treasurer at your earliest convenience. Thank you.



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