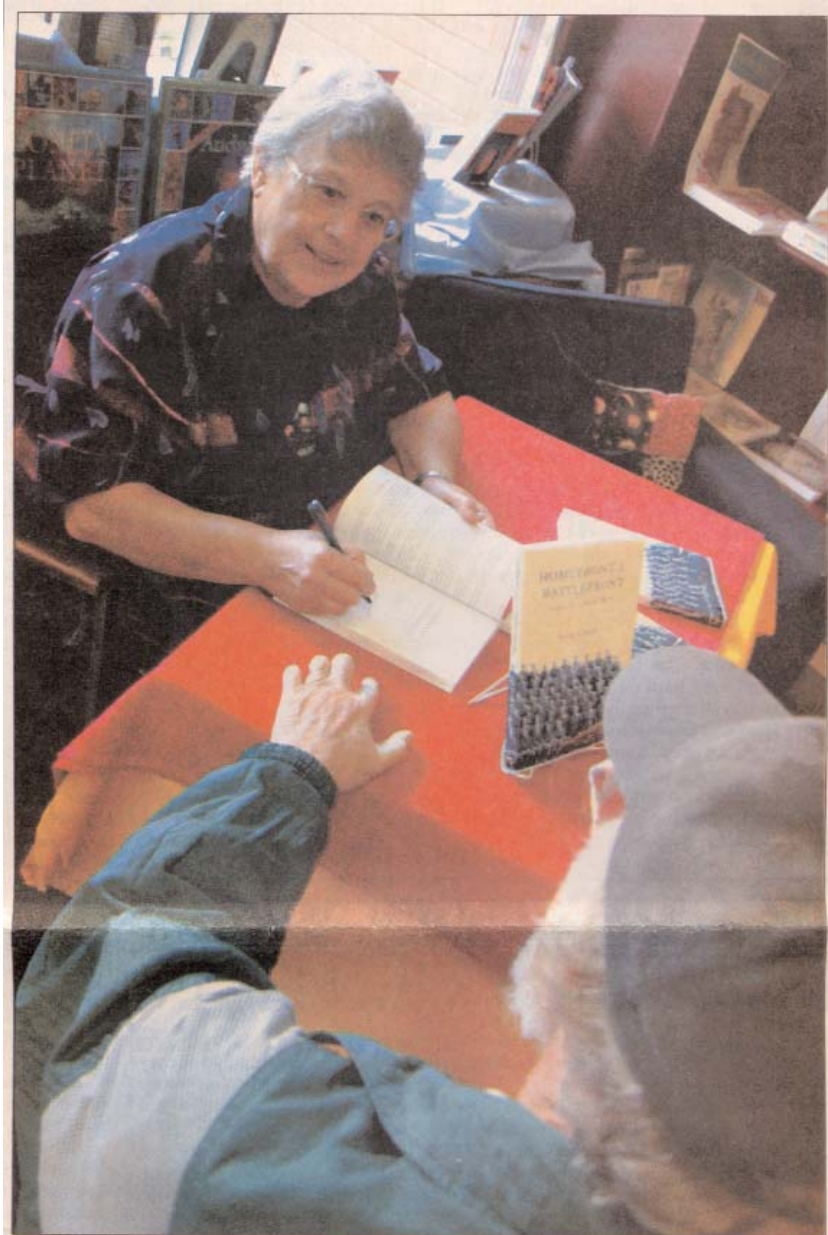


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**A GREAT HOMECOMING.** More than 30 people turned out Sunday for a signed copy of Sylvia Crooks' book *Homefront and Battlefront: Nelson, B.C. in World War II*. The author, who grew up in Nelson but now lives in Vancouver, was in town for this weekend's reunion of Nelson grads from 1940 to 1949. More than 360 grads turned up for the event. "It was electric," says Crooks. "It's was magical, just wonderful." Crooks' book chronicles the lives of 70 Nelson men who died in WWII, and what life was like for them

over seas, as well as what it was like here in the Heritage City during the war. Crooks notes that copies of a few Canadian newspapers were often sent to London's Beaver Club, a watering hole for Canadian servicemen overseas. "The *NDN* would often go missing," she said Sunday, while signing at Otter Books. "It was in such demand." Crooks will be back November 11 to take part in the city's Remembrance Day ceremonies. There'll be a second signing event at Coles Books Nov. 10.