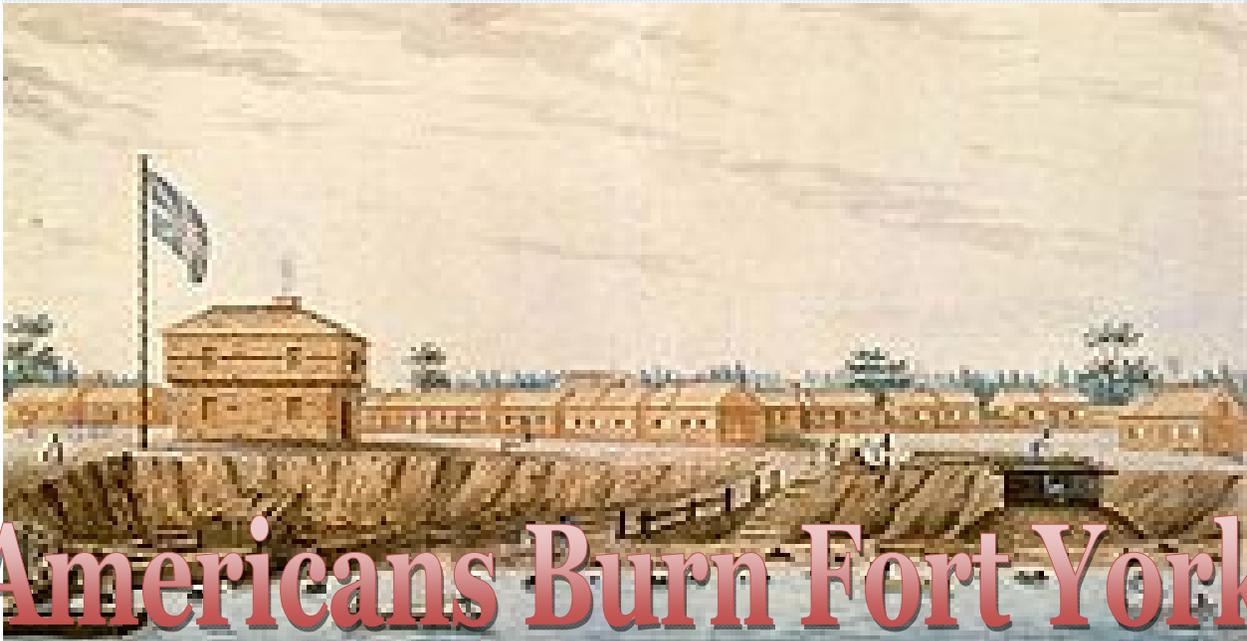


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Cover: Fort York at the time of the American invasion. Front Street, York, Upper Canada, 1813.



From the Editor's Desk

The end of yet another year within the Regiment is greeted with high fives all around.

It has been a great training year to date and our soldiers have set the standard for excellence having won two out of four 32 CBG Soldier of the Year Awards. Congratulations!

We welcome the following Officers in 32 Signal Regiment: Captain Marwan Deeb (Adjutant); Captain Daniel Zhang (OP O); Major Bossi OC Toronto Squadron.

As we draw near to the end of 2012 we take a look back two hundred years to the American attack on Fort York in the War of 1812.

After fifty plus years of service Lieutenant Colonel Jack Lee, CD retires from the Canadian Forces. He was honored with a special parade and a Dining Out (Saturday 10 November). Knowing Jack, I'm sure he's not finished supporting this Regiment event though Officially retired.

We still have not decided on a new Badge for the Regiment. There are three submissions to found on page five. If you fancy one of them, let us know by writing to editor709@yahoo.ca. You may want to submit a design of your own. Go ahead...we look forward to your input. Who knows, perhaps your submission will be chosen?

Captain Roger Caron, CD has supplied more news from Kabul, Afghanistan. He returned to Canada on 11 November. Thank you Roger for your submissions they were very informative and provided a glimpse of the relationship with the Afghanistan Nation Army and our Canadian Forces. You have accomplished much during your tour. Welcome home.

This edition of the Communicator has its first submission from the American Legion. Thank you so much. I hope this will not be the last.

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War of 1812—Burning of York

- Kennedy Hickman, About.com

The Battle of York was fought April 27, 1813, during the War of 1812 (1812-1815).

In the wake of the failed campaigns of 1812, newly re-elected President James Madison was forced to reassess the strategic situation along the Canadian border. As a result, it was decided to focus American efforts for 1813 on achieving victory on Lake Ontario and the Niagara frontier. Success on this front also required control of the lake. To this end, Commodore Isaac Chauncey had been dispatched to Sackets Harbour, NY in 1812 for the purpose of constructing a fleet on Lake Ontario. It was believed that victory in and around Lake Ontario would cut off Upper Canada and open the way for an attack on Montreal.

In preparation for the main American push at Lake Ontario, Major General Henry Dearborn was ordered to position 3,000 men at Buffalo for a strike against Forts Erie and George as well as 4,000 men at Sackets Harbor. This second force was to attack Kingston at the upper outlet of the lake. Success on both fronts would sever the lake from Lake Erie and the St. Lawrence River. At Sackets Harbor, Chauncey had rapidly constructed a fleet that had wrested naval superiority away from the British.

Meeting at Sackets Harbour, Dearborn and Chauncey began to have misgivings about the Kingston operation despite the fact that the objective was only thirty miles away. While Chauncey fretted about possible ice around Kingston, Dearborn was concerned about the size of the British garrison. Instead of striking at Kingston, the two commanders instead elected to conduct a raid against York, Ontario (present-day Toronto). Though of minimal strategic value, York was the capital of Upper Canada and Chauncey had intelligence that two brigades were under construction there.

The Battle of York:

Departing on April 25, Chauncey's ships carried Dearborn's troops across the lake to York. The town itself was defended by a fort on the west side as well as a nearby "Government House Battery" mounting two guns. Further west was the small "Western Battery" which possessed two 18-pdr guns. At the time of the American attack, the Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada, Major General Roger Hale Sheaffe was in York to conduct business. The victor of the Battle of Queenston Heights, Sheaffe possessed three companies of regulars, as well as around 300 militia and as many as 100 Native Americans.

Having crossed the lake, American forces began landing approximately three miles west of York on April 27. A reluctant, hands-off commander, Dearborn delegated operational control Brigadier General Zebulon Pike. A famed explorer who had traversed the American West, Pike's first wave was led by Major Benjamin Forsyth and a company of the 1st US Rifle Regiment. Coming ashore, his men were met by intense fire from a group of Native Americans under James Givins. Sheaffe ordered a com-



pany of the Glengarry Light Infantry to support Givins, but they became lost after leaving town.

Outflanking Givins, the Americans were able to secure the beachhead with the assistance of Chauncey's guns. Landing with three more companies, Pike began forming his men when they were attacked by the grenadier company of the 8th Regiment of Foot. Outnumbering their attackers, who launched a bayonet charge, they repelled the assault and inflicted heavy losses. Reinforcing his command, Pike began advancing by platoons towards the town. His advance was supported by two 6-pdr guns while Chauncey's ships began a bombardment of the fort and Government House Battery.

Directing his men to block the Americans, Sheaffe found that his forces were being steadily driven back. An attempt was made to rally around the Western Battery, but this position collapsed following the accidental detonation of the battery's travelling magazine. Falling back to a ravine near the fort, the British regulars joined with the militia to make a stand. Outnumbered on land and taking fire from the water, Sheaffe's resolve gave way and he concluded that the battle was lost. Instructing the militia to make the best terms possible with the Americans, Sheaffe and regulars retreated east, burning the shipyard as they departed.

As the withdrawal began, Captain Tito LeLièvre was sent to blow up the fort's magazine to prevent its capture. Unaware that the British were departing, Pike was preparing to assault the fort. He was approximately 200 yards away interrogating a prisoner when LeLièvre detonated the magazine. In the resulting explosion, Pike's prisoner was killed instantly by debris while the general was mortally wounded in the head and shoulder. In addition, 38 Americans were killed and over 200 wounded. With Pike dead, Colonel Cromwell Pearce took command and re-formed the American forces.

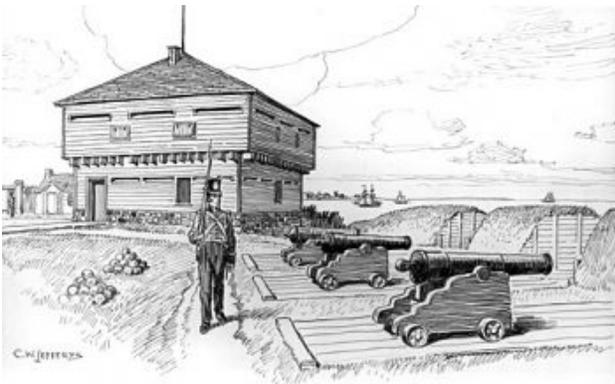
A Breakdown of Discipline:

Learning that the British wished to surrender, Pearce sent Lieutenant Colonel George Mitchell and Major William King to negotiate. As talks began, the Americans

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were annoyed at having to deal with the militia rather than Sheaffe and the situation worsened when it became clear that the shipyard was burning. As talks moved forward, the British wounded were gathered in the fort and largely left unattended as Sheaffe had taken the surgeons. That night the situation deteriorated with American soldiers vandalizing and looting the town, despite earlier orders from Pike to respect private property. In the day's fighting, the American force lost 55 killed and 265 wounded, mostly as a result of the magazine explosion. British losses totaled 82 killed, 112 wounded, and over 300 captured.

The next day, Dearborn and Chauncey came ashore. After prolonged talks, a surrender agreement was produced on April 28 and the remaining British forces paroled. While war material was confiscated, Dearborn ordered the 21st Regiment into the town to maintain order.



Searching the shipyard, Chauncey's sailors were able to refloat the aged schooner *Duke of Gloucester*, but were unable to salvage the sloop of war *Sir Isaac Brock* which had been under construction. Despite the ratification of the surrender terms, the situation in York did not improve and soldiers continued to loot private homes, as well as public buildings such as the town library and St. James Church. The situation came to a head when the Parliament buildings burned. On April 30, Dearborn returned control to the local authorities and ordered his men to re-embark. Before doing so, he ordered other government and military buildings in the town, including the Governor's Residence, deliberately burned.

Due to foul winds, the American force was unable to depart the harbour until May 8. Though a victory for American forces, the attack on York cost them a promising commander and did little to alter the strategic situation on Lake Ontario. The looting and burning of the town led to calls for revenge across Upper Canada and set the precedent for subsequent burnings, including that of Washington, DC in 1814.

EXISTING STRUCTURES DATING FROM 1815
Image courtesy of ntvwebfolio.com

Four brick and stone buildings constructed in 1815 are situated at the west end of the fort, seen here from the



south. The South and North Soldiers' Barracks are to the left, the Officers' Brick Barracks and Mess Establishment in the centre, and the Stone Magazine to the right. With the timber blockhouses and the brick magazine these structures are the largest group of buildings from the war of 1812 surviving anywhere.

Victoria Square Military Cemetery

Two decades after the establishment of Fort York, the threat of foreign invasion became real when the United States declared war in 1812 and attacked Toronto on 27 April 1813. The ensuing battle resulted in 157 British and 320 American casualties, and the occupation of the Town of York (now Toronto) for five days.

Many of those killed in battle were buried where they fell or in nearby mass graves. Some American officers were taken to Sackett's Harbour, New York across Lake Ontario for burial. While it is likely that a number of soldiers from this battle were laid to rest in the garrison cemetery at that time, a lack of documentation makes it impossible to know for sure.

After American troops withdrew from York, the town became an important hospital centre for the army, especially while heavy fighting on the Niagara Peninsula continued. Those who survived the arduous three-day journey from Niagara to York often died in hospital and were buried in the military cemetery. The Anglican rector of York, John Strachan, sometimes officiated over the funerals of as many as eight men each day.

In later years, human remains were discovered around the historic neighbourhood of the military reserve, including those of Captain Neal McNeale, who died in the 1813 battle of York. McNeale's remains surfaced near the lakeshore in 1829 and subsequently received a military funeral and burial in the garrison cemetery.

The cemetery at Victoria Square has been subject to theft, vandalism, neglect, and the elements to such an



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extent that today only 17 grave markers and an identification stone still exist. Most are in very poor condition. Fortunately, surviving 19th-century accounts provide information about a large number of the burials.

These records helped to identify the weathered fragments of a stone tablet marking the deaths of John and Kenneth Scobie, both of whom died during the cholera scourges of the 1830s, and were buried by their brother, Hugh. Grieving parents often sought spiritual comfort following the loss of young children, as suggested in the surviving transcription of the epitaph for three-year-old Sarah E. Dunn: "Sleep on dear child and take thy rest/ God called thee home he thought it best."

Not only are beloved family members interred in Victoria Square, but also the cherished horses that belonged to Lieutenant-Colonel Francis Battersby. Before he returned to England Colonel Battersby ordered his horses to be shot and buried beside the cemetery rather than risk selling them to an unkind master.

Commanding Officer's Message



It has now been one year of the new unit – 32 Signal Regiment. Our challenges and opportunities have been prevalent throughout this first year. Our Full Time Unit Cadre (FTUC) has had a massive make over in order to correspond with the new Regimental organization. Numerous changes have also occurred within the Regimental structure. 700 Communication Squadron is now Borden Squadron, 709 Communication Regiment is now Toronto Squadron with the Regimental Headquarter element co-located at Fort York Armoury.

We have always worked well with 32 Canadian Brigade Group in the past. However, we are now part of the Brigade and have to skate in a larger hockey arena with another 12 units. At the same time, we must maintain our trade affiliations with our sister Signal Regiments in the LFCA area.

As I am well into "Season Eight" of being a commanding officer, my main effort remains to ensure the rebuilding of a strong foundation of junior NCOs. This is complicated with the attrition rate that all reserve units suffer by nature of their construct. Complicating this effort is ensuring that older Signallers along with new Signallers adapt to the still new and complex Army Communication Information System Specialist (ACISS) trade specification.

I want to take this opportunity to continue to thank all of our soldiers for their efforts on training, taskings, missions and special ceremonial events over the past year. Your efforts are noticed and well appreciated. I also want to take this opportunity to thank the Regimental Family including our Honorary Colonels, Cadet Corps, Toronto Signals Band, Jimmy and Associates including Flag Party, Hong Kong Ex-Serviceman's Association, Dutch War Veterans, American Legion Post and our Amateur Radio

Club Associates. Your efforts put the steam in our Regimental Spirit.

Over the past year we lost many of our Regimental Family veterans. To those families, I extend my sincerest condolences. I have extended the support of the Regiment as best I can to the families who requested it. We must remember that those souls will not be forgotten but will linger on in our history and memory.

Finally, to all ranks, family and friends, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Spiritus Manet

G.J. Stasyna
Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

Suggestions for new Regimental Crest

In an earlier edition of the Communicator a request was put forward for submissions for a 32 Signal Regiment Badge. Below are three submissions. Are you feeling a little artistic? Submit your proposed design.



HLColonel Alex Moseanu, CD

It has certainly been a busy summer and fall, starting with exercise "stalwart guardian" that I attended in Petawawa in August. In September we had the BBQ for LCol Jack Lee's retirement as HLCOL. Later I attended two Honorary Colonels conferences in Toronto. As well as the dine out of HLCOL Jack Lee. It was great to see members of our Regimental families present, the Band, HKESA and Cadet staff.



I also like to congratulate the Queens Diamond Jubilee recipients from our Regiment, BRAVO ZULU to you all. Of course there were the Remembrance Day Parades in Toronto and Bracebridge, ON.. I attended the later. I was impressed by the large crowds that were present, including minister Tony Clement. I am looking forward to our annual Christmas Dinner on the 15 December.

Spiritus Manet

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Honorary Colonel Sally M. Horsfall Eaton, CD

Sally Horsfall Eaton becomes George Brown College's first Chancellor and the first at an Ontario college.

Widely recognized throughout the city for her devotion of time, expertise and resources to advocacy on behalf of social issues and to the advancement of post-secondary education, Sally has broad experience in many organization at the board, committee and executive director level. She is Honorary Colonel 32 Signal Regiment, member of National Honorary Colonels Executive Council; Honorary Chair, Festival of International Conferences on Caregiving, Disability, Aging and Technology; Part Chair of the Boards of St. John's Rehabilitation Hospital and Breakfast for Learning, Canadian Living Foundation Post Honorary Associate for Asian Heritage Month.

Sally continues to contribute much of her time to philanthropic organizations, and has received a number of awards. She is the author of many papers and has been a frequent guest speaker at conferences and seminars on many aspects of the voluntary sector, including not-for-profit management. She has been awarded with the 2006 Outstanding Volunteer Award and in 2008 the Canadian Forces Decoration. In June 2012, Sally was awarded an honorary doctorate by Ryerson University.

In addition to the above, Sally is Trustee of the John C. and Sally Horsfall Eaton Foundation. She still finds time for her large family and hobbies, including tennis and golf.

MWO Len Pelletier, CD



At a special ceremony held on 30 July 2012, Warriors' Day Parade Council Life Member MWO Len Pelletier, CD was presented with the Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation by The Honourable Steven Blaney, Minister of Veterans Affairs.

MWO Leonard Pelletier was born in Toronto Ontario. His father was a wounded WW I veteran and his mother a British war bride. In 1942, Mr. Pelletier joined the Canadian Army and went on active service with the Lorne Scots and the Cameron Highlanders. He was honourably released in 1946. In October 1950, Mr. Pelletier served his country in Kingston, Ottawa, Egypt/Gaza Strip in 1962 and 1963, in France and Belgium with Supreme Headquarters Allied Forces Europe 1966 – 1971, with his last posting serving as the Chief Clerk at Toronto Militia Headquarters where he retired in 1976.

Mr. Pelletier has been an active member of the Royal Canadian Legion for over 40 years. He is the past secretary of the Signals Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. On retirement from the Canadian Armed Forces,

he served as the Office Manager of the Royal Canadian Military Institute.

A Life Member of the Warriors' Day Parade Council, Mr. Pelletier faithfully served as Secretary for over 20 years. His detailed and meticulous taking of minutes for Executive and General Council meetings could serve as a model for any organization. Additionally, each year Mr. Pelletier is responsible for distributing thousands of Warriors' Day tickets to veterans and their families. Mr. Pelletier is a true professional. He very quietly goes about his volunteer work, never looking for recognition and always willing to offer sage advice and a helping hand.

The commendation recognizes Mr. Pelletier's long and distinguished service to our country and the outstanding work he continues to do on behalf of our veterans and serving members of our Canadian Armed Forces.



Honorary Colonel Alex Moseanu greets WWII Veteran along the Warriors' Day Parade route.

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A Visual Learning Perspective – Signals School Camp Alamo, Kabul Afghanistan

- Captain Roger Caron

The Coalition Signals Technical Assistance Team (Sigs TAT) works closely with its Afghan National Army Signals counterparts to bring into perspective the various pieces of equipment and technical skills to work effectively in a communications environment. In so doing there are issues as to how the delivery of lessons can be effectively conveyed to the soldier. In most part, PowerPoint is the prime delivery method of lessons accentuated with practical demonstrations. Typically this works well in most cases. Another aspect of the training to be considered is the literacy of the students which impacts the level of knowledge that can be conveyed through conventional means of lesson delivery.

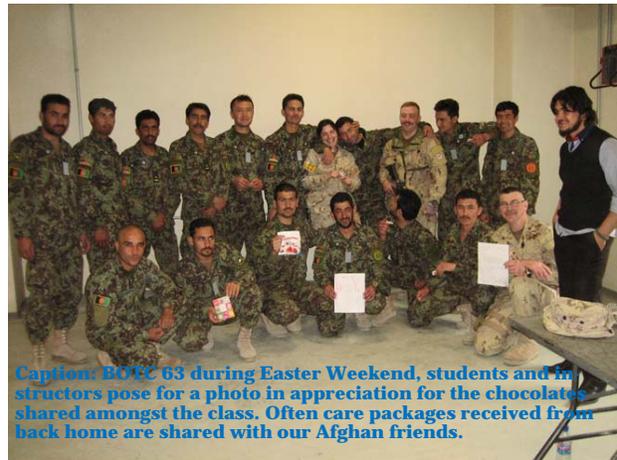
The ANA Officer Corps education requirements are more stringent with most having secondary to postsecondary education. Some even have the capability of speaking English at various levels, and many can speak a variety of dialects and languages. ANA's Senior Non-Commissioned Members are referred to as Bridmals. Their literacy can be described as functioning both at the reading and writing stage, usually at the elementary level and often with some secondary education.

The new recruits are typically the most challenging, with the majority attending literacy training to bring them to a grade 1 elementary level of understanding. Although lacking in the literacy capabilities, the typical Afghan has many life skills that are quite suitable for the military. They are quick learners, they generally work well with their hands, they like technology and they like to be shown how to use it.

In early March 2012 the Signal Basic Officer Training Course (BOTC) 63 was beginning their 8 week training schedule. The class was course loaded for 20 students and during the first week, only a hand full of students appeared. By the second week the course was filled to capacity and everyone was settled into their roles, including the coalition mentors/advisors. The first two weeks of lessons was comprised mostly of general information ranging from first aid, safety requirements and navigation. As week three progressed, with the introduction of the different types of antennae and radios, it was becoming clear that as the technology became more complicated, it was more difficult for the instructors to interact with the students and have them understand the functions. In particular, the Datron High Frequency (HF) radio model RT 7000 with Automatic Link Establishment (ALE) capabilities was a frustrating experience, especially, when it did not perform the required functions when programmed after a demonstration.

When the instructors were approached after class and

asked why the demonstration was unsuccessful, it was



Captain BOTC 63 during Easter Weekend, students and instructors pose for a photo in appreciation for the chocolates shared amongst the class. Often care packages received from back home are shared with our Afghan friends.



Caption: Left, Capt Caron, Signals Officer and Senior BOTC 63 course Advisor; centre, Sergeant 1st class AZIZ Radio Instructor; and right MCpl Beddow Signals Operator and Junior BOTC 63 course Advisor.

evident that they were frustrated. The Coalition Force mentors could tell when the demonstration was being conducted that the conditions in which the radios were being used was incorrect.

Instead of using a proper antenna connection, only a short length of shielded wire was being used and pushed into the antenna connection of the radio. This provided little if any signal propagation (signal distribution) and was also a source of harmful radio frequency radiation. Over time this would be a health hazard based on the length of exposure and power level at which the

radio could be transmitting at.

The RT 7000 is a powerful radio with a peak signal strength of 100 watts. Secondly, the ALE function of the radio has 31 sub menu items, if one of the menu items was programmed incorrectly or skipped along the way then failure was guaranteed. While speaking with the Bridmal instructors about these issues, we began to formulate potential solutions. As the day ended we consulted both our Canadian staff and coalition partners for possible solutions. The Norwegians had already proposed a solution for the antenna problem, but it was never implemented.

Using the Norwegian components, a work party consisting of ANA Cable Bridmals would do the manual labour and Canadian Signals Technicians and Linemen (WO Desrosier, Sgt Koch and MCpl Smith) advised on how to fabricate the required coax cables. So with the necessary tools and supplies available, the work party set out to construct the dummy loads. A total of thirty (30) dummy loads were prepared. A dummy load is basically a resistor absorb the radio frequency waves being emitted by the transmitting radio while protecting the radio circuitry from over loads during transmissions.

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The first problem was quite simple to resolve having the correct components and technical knowhow in place to effect a solution. The second problem of easily navigating through the menus of the radio and correctly program-



Caption: WO DesRostier (right) is in the process of showing Bridmal Sergeant 1st Class Corbin (left) how to strip coax cable and terminate a connector for the "Dummy Load".

ming the radio to function in ALE mode was a totally different challenge.

Investigating further into the problem, advisors noticed there was no consistent information being programmed into the radio which would definitely yield negative results. Another issue observed was the number of menus which had to be navigated through, 31 in total. Again, a team of advisors (MCpl Murphy, Cpl's Desson, Field and Poirer) set out to simplify the menu structure and created a program sheet that the ANA could use to yield positive results. However, the team was not satisfied with just that.

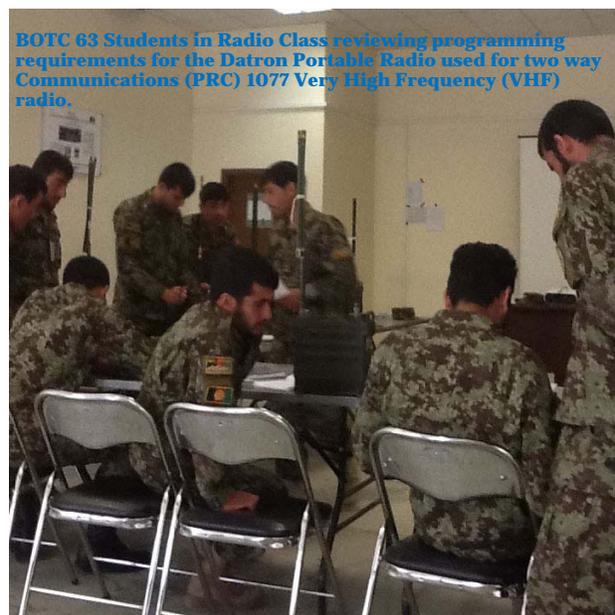
They felt they could assist one step further. Consulting the ANA Bridmals yielded what was believed to be an amicable solution – create a training video. The Bridmals had expressed their desire to do this for some time but did not have the support or technology to do so. 1Lt Ness, a Signals Officer from the Norwegian Army was a camera/video buff and was all over this task. He had the necessary equipment to film the video and the charisma to pull it off with the ANA.

With some fore thought into what needed to be done, work began on a video script and with the assistance of our interpreter the script was completed within a two week period. Afterwards arrangements were made for a filming location, radio equipment loan and actors. It was decided that this would be strictly an ANA video and only ANA soldiers would be present in the video. After a few weeks of videotaping (in between classes) over 90% of the footage was completed. The project came to halt when 1Lt Ness was due for his Rest & Relaxation back home, which he undoubtedly earned. As fate would have it a contractor working for Afghan National Army Training Education Command (ANATEC) Graphics 4 Department dropped by the Coalition Signals School in Camp Alamo during 1Lt Ness's absence in search of work for his video crew.

Well wouldn't you know we had just the project for him,

and so began our partnership with ANATEC, Coalition and ANA Signals Schools. The ANATEC Video Graphics department were kind enough to complete the videotaping and assemble the voice overs along with the video clips that 1Lt Ness had completed. Overall ANATEC did a superb job assembling the product. We modified the delivery system of the video (PowerPoint) in manageable slides with limited information on the screen. This too was another challenge and continues to be – too much information in PowerPoint (PPT) slides. The training video is used at the ANA Signals School now to assist with ALE programming of the RT 7000 radio. BOTC and Basic Non-Commissioned Officers (BNCO) classes use the step by step PPT lesson and Basic Training Courses (BTC) use a modified video clip to show an example of how RT 7000 is programmed. Currently due to literacy issues with the BTC classes, ALE programming is not a requirement of the course.

Another general observation we have of lesson delivery by the ANA Signals School is too much text in PPT slides. For the most part, PPT is the baseline for ANA lessons taught. The ANA use other teaching techniques in class such as demonstrations and emulation. A large percentage of the PPTs used for instructional purposes have an enormous amount of information placed onto the slide. Students at the front have difficulties reading the slide and anyone at the back of the class are guessing as to what may be in the presentation. Suggestions have been made to reduce content on the slides. "Notes Pages" feature of PPT is also not used. This is an ideal solution for any overflow of information. Ideally a slide should contain no more than 5 bullet points with fewer than eight words per bullet (in my opinion). In addition to the Notes Pages, the development of lesson plans would be added value to the lesson and instructor. On occasion we have noticed a "diamond in the rough". Case in point was the observation of a few dedicated Bridmals who put together graphical slides on their own as instructional aides to better describe a particular topic. Others have even gone so far as to publish their own aide-de-memoir on equipment operation.



BOTC 63 Students in Radio Class reviewing programming requirements for the Datron Portable Radio used for two way Communications (PRC) 1077 Very High Frequency (VHF) radio.

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The Sigs TAT is comprised of five coalition partner member nations originating from: Canada; Belgium; Sweden; Norway; and Finland all working together as part of the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF). The Sigs TAT is composed both Officers and NCMs with signals backgrounds.

The original role of the Sigs TAT was one of Mentoring which began in early 2011 and eventually scaled back to the present state of an advisory role. As the ANA became more proficient with their leadership and instructional skills, less supervision was required by the Coalition Forces (CF) to guide them through the daily requirements of operating a Signals School and delivering the curriculum to the ANA students.

The Canadian contingent began mentoring in the fall of 2011 with ROTO-0 originating from Land Forces Western Area (LFWA). The current rotation, ROTO-1 was formed under the umbrella of Land Forces Atlantic Area (LFAA) with 2 Royal Canadian Regiment (2RCR) CFB Galetown,

rent XO comes from the Staff of the Operational Command - G6 Operations section, which is located in Brussels Capital Region. All the Belgium's volunteered for this mission and, by coincidence, all are native Dutch speakers.

The Swedish contribution to ANA SigS TAT started early 2011. The Command and Control Regiment, based in Enköping Sweden, has been tasked to provide personnel to SigS TAT, and will continue to do so until at least April 2013. It is unknown if there will be any continuance after this date. The Regiment has tasked the Command Post Battalion to solve this, but they are supported from both a Communications and Electronic Warfare Battalion.

The Norwegian contingent has been a part of the Signal School TAT since the school was established in November 2010. Currently the Norwegian contingent consists of Capt Christian Resberg (S1 Advisor), Maj Leif E Tanum (S4 Advisor) and 2Lt Stian Sjøsåsen (Deputy S4 Advisor).

The Command and Information Systems Task Group (CIS TG) within the Norwegian Cyber Defence unit based at Lillehammer has the responsibility to provide personnel to the Signal School TAT. 2Lt Sjøsåsen comes from this unit, Capt Resberg comes from the Information Infrastructure Operations unit (INI OPS) in Oslo and Maj Tanum comes from the Norwegian Home Guard District No. 5 in Elverum. All the Norwegians volunteered for this mission.

The Finish Army contingent started mentoring during the summer of 2011, with two officers who both came from their Army



Caption: Current Sigs TAT personnel (as of: 13 September 2012). Missing from photo was Warrant Officer Ken Howe who was away on his Home Leave Travel Assistance (HLTA = Rest and Relaxation).

being the mounting unit. Some team members come from other parts of the country, including Land Forces Central Area (LFCA), Ontario and National Capital Region Ottawa. Currently there is a total of 28 Canadian soldiers support the Sigs TAT with a mixture of Regular Force and Reservists.

Belgium members of the Signal School TAT are all from the operational Command of the Land Armed Forces. Lt Verbinnen and 1 Sgt Van Eeckhout come from the 6th Signal Group located in Peutie in the vicinity of Brussels. This unit is now under command of Maj Raeves the former Executive Officer (XO) of the Sigs TAT. Adjutant (Warrant Officer) Claes Benny originates from the Medium Brigade located at Leopoldsburg, the northern part of Belgium employed in the S6 section within the Brigade. He has an Artillery background but was converted to an Information Systems Specialist. Major Illegams, the cur-

Academy Signal School. Finland has participated in mentoring the ANA Signal School mainly with one or two officers at a time and is now scaled back to one Officer. There are no known replacements for the current Finish Advisor who is scheduled to depart in the first quarter of 2013.





Group Photo: Ex Able Warrior with participation from both Borden and Toronto Squadrons. Major Hal Buller was OPI for the Exercise, but is absent from the photo do to another tasking.



Reserve Force Recognition Day at Toronto City Hall. Centre is B/Gen Chapman Left of the General is Toronto Councillor Michael Thompson and to the Right is Mayor Rob Ford.

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Battle Fitness Test (BFT)

....was held at Borden Sqn in CFB Borden 11 August 2012. It was a beautiful night for a walk in the woods. The BFT is an annual Army requirement for soldiers to complete. Class A reserve soldiers are generally required to complete this for promotion, taskings, operations and Class B/C contracts. The BFT consists of a 13 km rucksack and rifle march to be completed in under 2.5 hours. It is generally followed by (where applicable) a soldier carry and trench dig.

Ten soldiers from Borden Sqn including the CO completed in the march last night. The BFT was celebrated the next day with various aches and pains throughout the bodies of the participating soldiers. There will be further celebrations of military fitness with more BFTs coming up.



Editorial by LCol Greg Stasyna.





ABOVE: Capt Andy Witecki, a member of "Royal" Regiment of Canada and a husband of Sgt. Donna Witecki a member of the Flag Party receives his Afghanistan medal from the Canadian Ambassador to Afghanistan. Capt Andy is due back home



The wedding of MCpl Natile Gajewski and Sgt. Jason Bromstad was held in 11 August 2012 Ottawa, Ontario. Many members of 32 Signal Regiment (formerly 709) attended the Nuptials.

Birth Announcement — Joseph Deeb

Areen and I are new proud parents for our first son, Joseph Deeb, born on Oct 25th 2012. Mom and baby are healthy and learning to cope with the new reality. Joseph has already become the center of our lives and we feel blessed and filled with pride and joy.

We would like to thank the Regiment for the beautiful and thoughtful gesture of flowers delivered.

Attached are some pictures of our bundle of joy. Showing how he is already learning to salute, learn about his heritage and even at 10 days old getting a grasp of technology to follow in his father's footsteps and perhaps join the Signals Regiment soon.

Photos: Top right, Joseph one day old; centre right, 10 days old; bottom right, Joseph wearing traditional Jordanian headdress.



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Dieppe 70th Anniversary Cpl Lee-Ann LeMesurier, Borden Sqn

I was among many selected soldiers that were given the incredible honor of travelling to France to attend the 70th Anniversary Parade in Dieppe. The guard received a truly uplifting opportunity to not only parade and 'represent' but to listen to the live stories from the Veterans who served in operation Jubilee, a.k.a. Raid on Dieppe, so many years ago. We walked the streets, the beaches and grounds where the battles happened so many years ago.



In addition, we received a live tour from Dr. Harris (a history lesson unlike any history book could ever offer). The tour included stories, our historical connections to the war, and the pivotal significance of the raid, including its ties to Operation Rutter. The tour was complete with moments for present day reflection, including a parade at the graves that rested row on row, to the shells left to create monuments but also through video. The veterans, guards and band alike also received an opportunity to watch for the first time 'Unveiling Dieppe', a documentary full of remarkable findings and truths about the Dieppe war.



I personally got an opportunity to connect with a Veteran signaler. It was a true honor to have the opportunity to listen to signaler Mr. David Lloyd Hart and his beloved wife, whom shared many stories with me during our visit. Mr. Hart is a former serving member to both the Regular and Reserve Forces. He

even spoke of Col. Knopf, who served me my first promotion.

As we approach Remembrance Day here in Canada, I stand with a stronger sense of pride for all those serving members. Having walked those beaches and seen the challenges first hand, my soul goes out to those whom had to bear that weight for freedom. The parades to acknowledge this event were outstanding. The community welcomed us with overflowing warmth and hospitality. During the history tour Dr. Harris told us a story of how the Canadians brought hope to Dieppe and reminded the French that they were not forgotten. The people of Dieppe are still thankful for the sacrifices and show that they remember through their parades that offer a pure sense of joy and celebration.

A truly everlasting memory...attending the 70th Anniversary Parade in Dieppe was an honor and a privilege. Thank you. Cpl LeMesurier, L





1 Special Wireless Group

In Jan 1945 Canada dispatched No. 1 Special Wireless Group to Darwin, Australia. This unit was comprised of approximately 330 men. While they were primarily Royal Canadian Corps of Signals personnel, it included cooks, clerks, drivers, vehicle mechanics, store men, other trades, and Japanese linguists, needed to support the unit in the field.

The role of the unit was to intercept Japanese radio messages and to decode and translate the contents. This information was passed to Allied intelligence and then routed to General McArthur's Pacific Headquarters. The unit would continue in this role until well after V-J Day. They would continue to monitor radio traffic from Japanese troops on islands bypassed on the move to the Japanese homeland.

On 17 May 1945, the Canadian government, in an effort to encourage the Canadian services to participate in the Pacific war, instituted a special Pacific War bonus, prorated by rank. It was \$1.00 for senior officers down to as low as \$.25 per day for privates. CWAC personnel, in a true sense of equality, were to receive two-thirds of the men's rates. This pay was eventually given to many personnel including the RCAF units flying transport over Burma, the prisoners captured at Hong Kong, RCN personnel on HMCS Uganda, and even some personnel of the army's 6th Division who were training in the continental USA. There were many caveats to the pay, for example the Hong Kong veterans pay was to start on the 17th of May and would cease two months after they arrived home. Our Signals Association does not argue with any on the list of personnel who were awarded the Pacific pay bonus.

Strangely, the personnel of No 1 Special Wireless Group were excluded. Over the years it was to get stranger as time passed. The veterans of No 1 Special Wireless Group made many applications for this pay over the years. There were many excuses for this denial put forth by the petty bureaucrats in the government. One was that you had to be a volunteer. Not all of the personnel who received the bonus were, but all of the Signals personnel were volunteers. It was also claimed that since they were already in the Pacific on 17th May the bonus did not apply. The Hong Kong prisoners and others were also already there on 17th May, and they were getting the bonus. Finally in 1995, 50 years later, the members of No 1 Special Wireless Group was "allowed to apply" to receive the Pacific Star. In 1996 they were "allowed to apply" for the Defence Medal.

Over the past sixty plus years several organizations have attempted to right this wrong. The Council of the Canadian Forces Communications and Electronics Association along with other associations, including the Royal Canadian Legion, approved a resolution by the Conference of Defence Associations (CDA) to forward to government. This resolution also fell on deaf ears.

In 2011, there is an effort to place a Commemorative Plaque for No.1 Special Wireless Group on a Memorial Wall in Darwin overlooking the sea. This wall contains many plaques from other units who served in the Pacific. There may not be anyone of those 330 young men still capable of travelling to Darwin for the dedication ceremony. How tragic.

This is another sad story of how we have mistreated our veterans.

Eugene E Scheidl
Past President
Council of the Canadian Forces
Communications and Electronics Association

Jimmy and Associates

The annual 'Jimmy' barbecue at Lou Lombardi's property in Claremont Ontario, held on July 14 was a roaring success. A large turnout of members, families and guests enjoyed warm and sunny weather on a spectacular piece of property. Special thanks to the executive, Lou, the Regimental set-up staff and all the volunteers that made the event so memorable. We look forward to next year's festivities.

The new Jimmy and Associates brochure has been printed and distributed that outlines the association's role and function along with a description of our "Jimmy" icon. Copies of the brochure can be obtained by contacting any member of the executive.

We are presently working on a new initiative that we can hopefully announce at the Christmas luncheon (dates to be confirmed).

By the time the 'Communicator' is published, we will have commemorated Remembrance Day and have paid homage to our valued Regimental members who have passed away this year. "We will remember them".

We wish our newly retired Lt. Col. Jack Lee 'All the Best' in his future career and sincerely thank him for his unrestricted dedication and devotion to the Regiment.

David A. Douglas, KJ, PhD
President, Jimmy and Associates





Jimmy & Associates Picnic - 2012





**709 Army Cadet Corps
Bivouac FTX
12–14 Oct 2012**

Sixty eight cadets from 709 army participated in their first Bivouac field exercise of the training year. The weekend started off in scripted fashion with the cadets arriving in Blackdown to cool autumn conditions. On Saturday morning the cadets enjoyed a mess meal which fueled them for the ruck march out to the bivouac site in Borden H1 Training Area. It was a race against Mother Nature. Not soon after the cadets finished setting up their shelters steady rain set in. Lunch comprised of a Meal Ready to Eat (MRE). Surprisingly, several cadets actually enjoyed MRE's and a handful were observed to be trading and appearing for seconds! The remainder of the day was taken up with mandatory training that included knots and lashings, identifying emergency shelters and leading team building activities.

Dinner came as a welcome relief. The cadets were able to enjoy a hot meal in the sanctity of the Blackdown mess. Furthermore, the cadets enjoyed a visit by H/LCol. Moseanu. The Honorary also observed some marksmanship training and team building activities in the Band Building after dinner. The cadets returned to their bivouac site and learned what the effects of rain can do to a hoochie! Considerable time was spent fortifying their shelters as the rain was increasing in intensity and continued throughout the night.

After morning reveille, several cadets had to be coaxed to leave the comfort of their sleeping bags for the crispness of the cool morning air. After their MRE breakfast, under the supervision of Gold Star cadets, the main party was in full force with camp dismantling. The ruck march back to Blackdown ended just in time for their MRE lunch at tent lines.

The success of the weekend in the field was in no small part due to the strong support by the adult staff that put in countless hours into planning and preparation. We are also grateful to the Regiment for providing Cpl. Jay Patel

who helped with driving and overall service and support.

Spiritus Manet

2Lt. Peter Ferguson
709 Training Officer

**Toronto Signals Band
By John O'Leary**



The Toronto Signals Band is looking forward to a busy autumn season again this year. From duties for the Remembrance Service Sunday right through to December 8th, we will perform on eight separate occasions.

The running joke is that during this time of year, the Band will suit up more times than the Maple Leafs. This year, they aren't even trying to keep up.

Appearances this season will take the Band west to Guelph, north to Fenelon Falls, south to Stoney Creek and east to Bobcaygeon. Our affiliation with the Canadian Forces is welcomed everywhere and rewarded by the hospitality of Canadian Legion halls. We are provided a warm place to prepare and then to refresh ourselves after a parade.

The Band will be looking 'smart' this year. Over the course of 2012, several new and expensive instruments have been acquired. Old uniforms have been replaced to properly dress several new members added to our ranks. All of this came from the generosity of members, past and present, as well as the Advisory Council.

Planning is underway for a full and exciting 2013. Several spring parades are confirmed. Dates for performances of the Band's ever popular field show are firming up. The Band is in "rebuilding" mode and now is a great time for anyone interested to come by on Monday night to see what we are doing and maybe even sit in on a rehearsal.

The highlight of 2013 will be in Kingston in October. The Band has been asked to add their music to the festivities around the visit of Her Royal Highness, Princess Anne. To be asked is an honour that we cherish and proudly

step up to whatever tasks are presented.

One of the staunchest supporters of the Toronto Signals Band is our great friend and honorary member. Lt Col Jack Lee. The whole Band offers our heartiest congratulations on the retirement of someone so "young of heart". It is our privilege to be the Duty Band of 32 Signal Regiment and it was a source of pride to participate in the October 1st parade and salute to this grand gentleman. Jack, the mess is always open to you.

March on

A Christmas Story Captain Flavia Berault



Years ago, there was a very wealthy man who, with his devoted young son, shared a passion for art collecting. Together they travelled around the world, adding only the finest art treasures to their collection. Priceless works by Picasso, Van Gogh, Monet and many others adorned the walls of the family estate.

The widowed elder man looked on with satisfaction as his only child became an experienced art collector. The son's trained eye and sharp business mind caused his father to beam with pride as they dealt with art collectors around the world.

As winter approached, war engulfed the nation, and the young man left to serve his country. After only a few short weeks, his father received a telegram. His beloved son was missing in action.

The art collector anxiously awaited more news, fearing he would never see his son again. Within days, his fears were confirmed. The young man had died while rushing a fellow soldier to a medic.

Distraught and lonely, the old man faced the upcoming Christmas holidays with anguish and sadness. The joy of the season - a season that he and his son had so looked forward to - would visit his house no longer.

On Christmas morning, a knock on the door awakened the depressed old man. As he walked to the door, the masterpieces of art on the walls only reminded him that his son was not coming home.

As he opened the door, he was greeted by a soldier with a large package in his hand. He introduced himself to the man by saying, "I was a friend of your son. I was the one he was rescuing when he died. May I come in for a few moments? I have something to show you." As the two began to talk, the soldier told of how the man's son had told everyone of his father's love of fine art.

"I'm an artist," said the soldier, "and I want to give you this." As the old man unwrapped the package, the paper gave way to reveal a portrait of the man's son. Though the world would never consider it the work of a genius, the painting featured the young man's face in striking detail. Overcome with emotion, the man thanked the soldier, promising to hang the picture above the fireplace.

A few hours later, after the soldier had departed, the old man set about his task. True to his word, the painting went above the fireplace, pushing aside thousands of dollars of paintings. And then the man sat in his chair and spent Christmas gazing at the gift he had been given.

During the days and weeks that followed, the man realized that even though his son was no longer with him, the boy's life would live on because of those he had touched. He would soon learn that his son had rescued dozens of wounded soldiers before a bullet stilled his caring heart. As the stories of his son's gallantry continued to reach him, fatherly pride and satisfaction began to ease the grief. The painting of his son soon became his most prized possession, far eclipsing any interest in the pieces for which museums around the world clamoured.

He told his neighbours it was the greatest gift he had ever received. The following spring, the old man became ill and passed away. The art world was in anticipation. With the collector's passing, and his only son dead, those paintings would be sold at an auction. According to the will of the old man, all of the art works would be auctioned on Christmas day, the day he had received his greatest gift.

The day soon arrived and art collectors from around the world gathered to bid on some of the world's most spectacular paintings. Dreams would be fulfilled this day; greatness would be achieved as many would claim "I have the greatest collection."

The auction began with a painting that was not on any museum's list. It was the painting of the man's son. The auctioneer asked for an opening bid. The room was silent. "Who will open the bidding with \$100?" he asked. Minutes passed. No one spoke. From the back of the room came, "Who cares about that painting? It's just a picture of his son. Let's forget it and go on to the good stuff." More voices echoed in agreement.

"No, we have to sell this one first," replied the auctioneer. "Now, who will take the son?" Finally, a friend of the old man spoke. "Will you take ten dollars for the painting? That's all I have. I knew the boy, so I'd like to have it." "I have ten dollars. Will anyone go higher?" called the auctioneer. After more silence, the auctioneer said, "Going once, going twice. Gone." The gavel fell.

Cheers filled the room and someone exclaimed, "Now we can get on with it and we can bid on these treasures!" The auctioneer looked at the audience and announced the auction was over. Stunned disbelief quieted the room. Someone spoke up and asked, "What do you mean it's over? We didn't come here for a picture of some old guy's son. What about all of these paintings? There are millions of dollars of art here!"

"I demand that you explain what's going on here!." The auctioneer replied, "It's very simple. According to the will of the father, whoever takes the son . . . gets it all."
Author Unknown

Puts things into perspective, doesn't it? Just as those art collectors discovered on that Christmas day, the message

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is still the same - the love of a Father - a Father whose greatest joy came from his son who went away and gave his life rescuing others. And because of that Father's love...whoever takes the Son gets it all.

Borden Squadron From OC Capt. Alfred Lai

Borden SQN has seen some significant changes in personnel over the summer. Five soldiers from the SQN had decided on full-time regular military service as their career choice. Cpl Low, Cpl New, Cpl Villeneuve, Cpl Wiggins, and Cpl Marshall have "Component Transferred" to the Regular Force. While some are just starting their full-time military career our Chief Clerk Sgt Botari and Regular Force Training Support WO Peloquin have reached the conclusion of their military service and retired from Canadian Forces. We sent our best wishes for their future endeavours to all of those who are departing the SQN.



Some of the SQN members have participated in very interesting and challenging tasking. MCpl Rogala spent a two months tasking with a unit which is not known for conventional soldiering! Cpl LeMesurier was at the Dipepe commemoration. Cpl Hodgson supported the Small Arms competition at CFB Gagetown. Other members have participated in the 32 CBG collective training STEADFAST WARRIOR in CFB Petawawa and other augmentation tasking.

The training year started with the AAG weekend conducted at Borden SQN lines in CFB Borden. On this occasion both Borden and Toronto squadrons got together as a regiment to complete a series of briefings for IBTS. The weekend was highlighted with a regimental barbeque.

The weeks that followed the AAG seen Borden SQN personnel committed to a series of weekends to complete different training include PWT ranges and other critical soldier skills. With most of the IBTS requirements fulfilled Borden SQN personnel were tasked to joint with Toronto SQN counterparts to support a series of 32 Brigade field exercises and garrison training events.

In the end of October 32 CBG put the Territorial Battle Group (TBG) on stand-by for Hurricane Sandy. 32 Signal Regiment was given 72 hours notice to move (NTM). Borden SQN personnel eagerly step forward for this Domestic Operation (DomOp) tasking and had prepared all equipment ready for deployment within 24 hrs after receiving orders.

The SQN will also be taking part in our traditional leading role at the Remembrance Day ceremony at Bracebridge. Also in November we are waiting to welcome back Capt Caron and MCpl Campbell from Afghanistan. We are also expecting to see Sgt Bosch return from his deployment to Cyprus.

FROM THE SSM WO Steven Graham



Since the last edition of the Communicator and the stand up to training in September, the soldiers of 32 Signal Regiment have been extremely busy supporting international and domestic operations as well as providing support to Op Connection events and keeping Individual Battle Task Standards up-to-date.

Our fall training started in September with a successful AAG weekend which featured IBTS lectures and a much enjoyed Pig roast and unit smoker. The Regiment also participated in many Exercises with our Brigade Training Group (TG-B). From a very successful and well represented Steadfast Warrior, Trillium Dawn and Badger Drive to the IBTS and range weekends. Your attendance, resourcefulness and expertise made them a great success. Able Warrior 2 also afforded the opportunity to a few members of the Regiment to experience rappelling from a Griffin Helicopter.

November 2012 brought us the safe return from OP ATTENTION, three of our valued members, Captain Roger Caron, MCpl Kate Campbell and MCpl Jason Lau. Welcome home. The Regiment participated in two Remembrance Day ceremonies and also honoured Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Jack Lee for his many, many, many years of service to the CF and the Regiment. I would also like to convey my personal congratulations to all the recipients of the Queens Diamond Jubilee Medal (QDJM). It was without a doubt, a hard decision for the CO to select the few recipients amongst the many deserving.

We have also had to say goodbye to many valued members of our unit. WO Jacques Peloquin, MCpl Callie Birtles, MCpl Ian Simpson, Cpl David Raynor and Cpl Gary Weston who decided to retire from the CF. Your dedication to the unit will be missed by all and we wish you success and good luck in your future endeavours. We also say so long to MCpl Izzy Mian, MCpl Priscilla Perreault, Cpl Kirk Janssen, Cpl Pat Low, Cpl Dustin Renz, Cpl Amalia Villeneuve, Cpl Jonathan Wiggan, Pte Grayson Brown, Pte Laurie Castonguay, Pte Michal Goumukiewicz (G12), Pte Zach Marshall (Mash Potatoes) and Pte Mathew New (Gravy) all who have either CT'ed to the Regular Forces or transferred to another unit. Your wealth of knowledge and experience will certainly benefit your gaining units.

The Christmas Season is just around the corner. Take the time over the holidays to recharge and enjoy time with your family and friends. Stay safe and remember, don't drink and drive. Also on the horizon are many exercises and requests for signal support to which we will strive to maintain the highest level of operator and soldier skills to provide the Army Commander with successful communications.

To all soldiers of 32 Signal Regt, Det Borden, it is an honour to serve as your SSM and my pledge to you is this. I will never ask you to do anything that will put you in harms way, that I have not done in the past or that I am not willing to do myself. Your safety and well-being is my first priority. I will however ask you to maintain your dress and deportment to the highest standard and remember you are members of the Canadian Forces and always be proud of you accomplishments.

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Ontario Lieutenant-Governor David Onley inspects the troops from Fort York, Fort George and Fort Erie as they march by Monday at Fort York in honour of Simcoe Day.

-Vince Talotta/Toronto Star

It wasn't the first time David Onley saw canons fired in a re-enactment. But, much like the wide-eyed youngsters that surrounded him, the lieutenant-governor seemed awestruck as the 200-year-old artileries shook the ground and filled the air with smoke. "It never ceases to inspire and it gives a little bit of a chill," he said after the spectacle.

It was all part of the Simcoe Day celebrations at Fort York on Monday, honouring the province's first lieutenant-governor, John Graves Simcoe, and his efforts to end slavery. While he was unsuccessful in getting an outright ban, his efforts contributed to the eventual ending of slavery throughout the British Empire on Aug. 1, 1834.

Given the connection and the fact that Simcoe Day (Aug. 6) and Emancipation Day (Aug. 1) are so close, Monday's celebrations served as a recognition of both, Onley said. "The reason we have the degree of racial harmony that we

do goes back to our first roots and that first root really was planted by John Graves Simcoe," he said. "I have a great deal of pride and recognition that I continue the legacy that was begun 42 lieutenant-governors ago."

The day was marked by the Fork York, Fork George and Fort Erie troops with a formal inspection by Onley, artillery demonstrations and musical performances by the Fork York drum and fife corps. The troops are made up of high school and post-secondary students who train and perform throughout the summer.

"This is their summer job. Rather than pouring lattes at Starbucks or flipping burgers at McDonald's, they have to learn and perfect drills from two centuries ago," said Ewan Wardle, a program officer at Fort York. Standing a noticeable foot shorter than her comrades, 14-year-old Sally O'Keeffe is the corps' youngest member and one of only a handful of girls. A volunteer fife player — troops can't get hired until they are 16 — O'Keeffe said it was her love of music and history that drew her to the unique summertime occupation.

"My favourite part is when we perform for crowds because then you get to see people actually enjoy what you do."



Farewell....but not goodbye

Lieutenant Colonel Jack Lee, CD has retired from military service having served for over fifty years. The Regiment sponsored two significant events for Colonel Lee in honour of this milestone.

On Monday 04 October 2012 a special CO's Parade was held at Fort York Armoury. The parade filled the entire square for the first time in many years. Also, a Dine-Out mess Dinner was held in the Officers' Mess on Saturday 10 November 2012.

Following the military career sketch immediately below are photos of these two events. Our best wishes and grateful thanks go out to the man who is best known as **Jack**. **Editor**

Jack Lee – Military Career

Lieutenant-Colonel Jack Lee, CD was born on 19th April 1938 in Peterborough, Ontario. Educated at Jarvis Collegiate Institute in Toronto, obtained his Junior Matriculation in 1957. After attending the International Association of Accounting for his post-secondary education, Colonel Lee was qualified in International Accounting and Internal Audit. His career in the public service in the field of Information Technology saw him working for Ontario Hydro, and various ministries in the Provincial Government including the Ministry of Education. After leaving the public service, he worked as a computer consultant for Information Technology consulting firms. He retired in 2002.

While attending Jarvis Collegiate he participated in the school's compulsory cadet program. Cadet Lee was drawn to the interest of radio, communications and interests in Signals instead of infantry foot drill on the parade square. This was the beginning of his career in Signals.

Colonel Lee enrolled in the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals (Militia) as a Signaller in 1954, serving with the 8 Signal Regiment, Spadina Armoury in Toronto. Rising rapidly through the ranks, Corporal Jack Lee completed all the requisite leadership and trade courses and subsequently promoted to Sergeant in 1960. Four years later, Sergeant Jack Lee was promoted to Warrant Officer Second Class (WOII) and was appointed Squadron Sergeant Major (SSM) for the Radio Squadron. He received his Canadian Decoration (CD) in 1966 and retired from the Militia in 1969, in order to devote more time to raising his young family.

In 1979 Colonel Lee enrolled with the Cadet Instructors List (now known as Cadet Instructor Cadre) and commissioned to the rank of Lieutenant. After serving in various capacities, Lieutenant Jack Lee was promoted to Captain in 1981 and was appointed the Commanding Officer of 2605 RC Army Cadet Corps Signals (now known as 709 Cadets). He re-mustered as a CELE officer in 1984 and joined 709 (Toronto) Communication Regiment and was appointed unit Adjutant. After attending various staff courses he was promoted major and appointed the Officer Commanding Alpha Squadron in 1986. Two years later Major Jack Lee was appointed Deputy Commanding



Officer and received the first clasp to his CD. After completing his command and staff training in 1990, Major Jack Lee was promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel and took command of the Regiment. In 1994, having completed his tenure as Command Officer, Colonel Lee was appointed Communications Reserve Advisor, Eastern Ontario area. After retiring from the Primary Reserves in 1995, he continued his service to the Regiment by joining the Jimmy and Associates' Flag Party and reverted to the rank of "Signalman". Signalman Jack Lee soon became the Commander of the Flag Party. After forty-two years of dedicated service to Canada and the Regiment, earning one Commander's Commendation and two Commanding Officer's Commendations, Colonel Lee was appointed Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of 709 (Toronto) Communication Regiment in 2004.

Colonel Lee is married to Tina on the 3rd September 1960. They have four sons, Richard, James, Kevin and Wayne. Richard served with 709 (Toronto) Communication Regiment and later commissioned into the Air Reserve. Colonel Lee's two brothers Gerry and Jimmy served with the Regular Force (RC Signals) and the PPCLI respectively.

Colonel Lee has maintained close ties with the Communication Reserve. He is very active with the Royal Canadian Legion, Jimmy and Associates, the Signals Officers' Club, a member of the Regimental Advisory Council, and is a past president of the Warriors' Day Parade Council. In his spare time, he also volunteers for the community service. He is a model railroad enthusiast, plays golf and enjoys photography.

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American TDY Post in Toronto

The American Legion is a Veterans Service Organization (VSO) that was founded in 1919 by veterans returning from Europe after World War I, and later chartered as an official American patriotic society under Title 36 of the United States Code. The organization is headquartered in Indianapolis, IN, and also has offices in Washington, DC. The group has nearly 3 million members in over 14,000 Posts worldwide. Members must have served honorably during a time of declared war or conflict as a member of



the United States Armed Forces. Post 817 of Panorama City (Los Angeles), CA currently has 2 TDY (Temporary Duty) members who proudly support, and are supported by 32 Signal Brigade, HKVA and the Canadian Forces. The Post HQ in L.A. is also home to the one of LAPD's Veteran Organizations.

The mission of the 817 is to support the needs and assist American and Canadian soldiers and veterans by volunteer work, brother/sisterhood and to foster relationships on both sides of our borders with our militaries and veteran organizations.

The two active members serving a TDY position here are Sgt. Darrin James Hoy, Officer-In-Charge of General Operations, and A1C Jonathan Delgado-Levin-Turner, Officer-In-Charge, Joint Operations and Support. A little about each of us is listed below:

Sgt. Hoy - U.S. Army Airborne

A Company, 50th Signal Battalion, 35th Signal Brigade, Fort Bragg, NC (1999-2002).
C Company, 2nd Infantry Division, 122nd Signal Battalion, Camp Red Cloud (Uijongbu), South Korea (1998-1999).

Sgt. Hoy has also deployed to bases such as Camp Red Cloud, South Korea, Fort Bragg NC, Fort Benning GA, Fort Gordon GA, and Ft. Sill, OK.

A1C Delgado-Levin-Turner- United States Air Force- Strategic Air Command
(1986-1991) IRR (1991-1995)

97th Services Squadron, augmented to 97th Combat Mo-

bility Squadron, and 97th Crash Recovery Squadron, Blytheville AFB, Arkansas and has served with several other Squadrons including those at Beale, Nellis, Keesler, Maxwell, Lackland, Kelly and Norton Air Force Bases, as well as a few short term overseas deployments, TDY post with another US federal agency and Millington NAS.

A1C DLT is also proud to say his grandfather served with the RC Sigs and Artillery and retired as an MWO after 26 years of service. Sgt. Hoy comes from a long line of military service with members in all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces and dating as far back as the Civil War, Revolutionary War & French & Indian Wars.

Sgt. Hoy was born in Pennsylvania and A1C DLT was born in Ohio. Sgt. Hoy spent his early years in Ohio before moving Southwest. Both grew up in and call Southern California home.

Both Legionnaires received Honorable Discharges and have received several ribbons.



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32 Canadian Brigade Group – Soldier of the Year Awards 2011

LCol Greg Stasyna, CD

Every year 32 Canadian Brigade Group honours four soldiers from all of the Brigade units with awards. There are four categories for the annual 32 CBG Soldier of the Year award:

Commissioned Officer from Officer Cadet to Captain rank
Senior Non Commissioned Officer from Sergeant to Master Warrant Officer ranks

Junior Non Commissioned Officer for Master Corporal rank

Soldier for Private or Corporal rank

Our last recipient for any of the above categories was Captain Alfred Lai. 32 Signal Regiment has received two of these awards for the Officer and Senior NCO ranks. Lieutenant Suganya Lee who is currently posted with Borden Squadron and Sgt CY Lo at Toronto Squadron. Both soldiers have risen above their peers not only within the Regiment but within the Brigade. It is our honour to have two of the four Soldier of the Year awards given to 32 Signal Regiment. Well done Lt Lee and Sgt Lo.

32 Signal Regiment was responsible for setting up the Battle Group CP and HQ. Troop was under the command of Lt Mike Petres. Exercise had about 900 soldiers from 32 CBG and 600 from US National Guard 56 Stryker Brigade.



Ex Steadfast Warrior – August 2012



Remembrance Day Church Parade

Toronto and Borden Squadrons both maintained their community traditions as Toronto Squadron held its annual Remembrance Church Parade at Leaside Presbyterian Church. Major Hal Buller, CD commanded this year's parade. Meanwhile, Borden Squadron participated in the Remembrance Day Service in Bracebridge, Ontario. Lieutenant Colonel Greg Stasyna took command of this event.



We will remember.....



WO1 Eric Cozens



Eric Cozens died June 29, 2012 from cancer. He has had multiple trips in and out of the hospital in recent months. Recently he was admitted into the hospital and unfortunately he passed away. After multiple rounds of treatment and antibiotics he slipped slowly into a coma, with his family by his side.

Mr. Cozens was a great supporter of the Regimental Family and member of the Regimental Advisory Council.

Lt. Colonel Bruce Howard Boyd, CD



Bruce Boyd was born on September 24, 1929 in Toronto. Died peacefully in his sleep on July 18, 2012. Survived by his beloved wife Bernice, daughter Heather and son Bruce. Col. Boyd enrolled at RMC (3019) in 1949 and graduated in 1953. Subsequent Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Toronto in Engineering and a distinguished career as a professional engineer. Continuous service in the Canadian Forces reserve from 1953 to 1983. Commanded 45th Technical Squadron RCCEM, 709 (TOR) Communications Regiment for a five year term. Further service as Chief Instructor, Field Officer Qualifications for Central Area.

MWO John Spiteri, CD



Peacefully, at the Trillium Health Centre, Mississauga, on Monday, September 10, 2012, at the age of 82. Beloved husband of Yolande for 59 years. John will be missed by his daughter Suzanne Murphy and her husband David, his sons Bernard and Peter, and by their spouses and children.

John served with 2nd Signal Regiment, Toronto Signal Regiment and 709 (Toronto) Communication Regiment. He retired from the Regiment with the rank of Master Warrant Officer and also awarded the Canadian Decoration for long honourable service in the Canadian Forces. After retirement he was involved with the Jimmy & Associates and its Flag Party.

Major Edward Andrew Nixon, CD



Peacefully on Wednesday, August 8, 2012 at 84 years of age. Dearly loved husband of Ruth (nee Knight), father of Robert, Anne, Donald and Douglas. Beloved grandfather of Seth, Cameron, Andrew and Sarah. We will always treasure his wit and wisdom, love and support.

Major Ed Nixon was an officer in the Irish Regiment and the Toronto Scottish before he joined the Toronto Signal Regiment about 1967. He served with the Regiment for 2 or 3 years and then was a frequent visitor at monthly dinners and a player at the favourite poker table.

LCol Paul Tuz CM CSTJ CD



Peacefully passed away Saturday, June 16, 2012. Born October 20, 1929 at Vienna, Austria. Served 27 years in HM service, 10 years Chrysler, 20 years President Better Business Bureau and Hon Consul General of Mali. Survived by son Matthew, daughter Elizabeth, sons James and Mark and daughters Michaëlle and his youngest and most precious Rebecca. Also survived by his spouse of 25 years Patricia Luna, who nurtured him during his last years. Special thanks for Dr. K. Yee, Dr. R. Chisholm, Dr. K. Pace and the caring and compassionate staff at St. Michael's Hospital Palliative Care Unit.

Paul Tuz served as a Captain in 8th Signal Regiment, Royal Canadian Corps of Signals in Toronto.

Calvin Ross "Sam" Dixon

Calvin Ross (Sam) Dixon, beloved husband of Sharon, passed away at the Assiniboine Centre in Brandon, MB on May 19, 2012. Sam was born in Cobden, ON on July 21, 1943. He lived in Cobden until the age of eight and then moved on to Haley Station, ON where he lived in the CP Station. He attended public school in Haley Station, grades 7 to 8 at Ross Mine View School, and high school in Cobden. Sam enjoyed playing football and hockey. He joined the RCAF in May 1963 as a radio operator. He received basic training in Saint Jean, Quebec, trade training in Clinton, ON and was posted in Rockcliffe, ON, North Bay, ON, Petawawa, ON, Nanaimo, BC, Borden, ON, Penhold, AB and Ottawa, ON, with two U.N. tours to Cyprus (1972) and Egypt (1976). Sam retired in 1994 with 31 years. He met the love of his life, Sharon, in 1975 in Nanaimo, BC and they were married on May 14, 1976. Sam took up golfing in Borden, ON and he was on the golf course every chance he got. His TV was always on TSN or Sportnet watching hockey, the Blue Jays, CFL Football and golf. Sam and Sharon enjoyed travelling and visited Europe twice, Great Britain, Ireland, California, Nashville and they recently travelled from the East to West Coast just in the last two years.

Fundraising Concert held at the Markham Theatre for the Trenton Military Monument for Fallen Soldiers in Afghanistan.



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Promotions & Awards



MCpl Duncan Lloyd promoted to Sergeant



Gelman, Lubetsky & Mao promoted to Cpl



MCpl Mabrai Puglia promoted to Sergeant



Sgt Botari receives a scroll from HLCol Moseanu



Cpl Alcantara & Cpl Szczesniak promoted to MCpl



Captain Perry receives scroll from LCol G. Stasyna

