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TRANSITION



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*From the Editor's Desk*

As I look out my window it is easy to see that the transition from summer to autumn is nearly complete. Gone is the green of summer to be replaced by a multitude of amber, crimson, burnt orange as one by one the trees shed their leaves in preparation for a winter's rest. This transition is anticipated year after year and yet as the process begins in mid-September each year, it still causes us to be amazed at the process.

This edition of the **COMMUNICATOR** is very much about transition. As the Cover indicates there is transition occurring at the organizational level. We have transitioned from being commanded by 2OSG to 32 CBG and in the process are amalgamating 709 Communication Regiment and 700 Communication Squadron into 32 Signal Regiment. Major Greg Stasyna continues to give leadership throughout this process.

Our faithful Toronto Signals Band transitioned from one Drum Major to a new one and the first female Drum Major.

Major Alex Moseanu, CD and I came to 709 Communication Regiment in the fall of 1999. We too are transitioning from military life to retirement and just as we came in 1999, we left together.

We celebrate our history as a Signals unit thanks to the writing of HLCol. Jack Lee, CD. As you read his bi-line you will understand that transition is not something new to the military and in particular, to this Regiment.

We also celebrate 65 years since the liberation of the Netherlands by the Canadian Forces and the end of WWII with an article by Norm Gogo.

Finally, we celebrate the heart of the organization, our people, as a gathering of the old boys and girls was held on 01 October 2010.

Enjoy this inaugural edition of the *Communicator*, the magazine of 32 Signals Regiment.

Captain (R't'd) Fred Butler-Caughie, CD
Editor

Vocatio ad Servitium



**HCol, Sally Horsfall,
SSStJ, CD, R.N.**

As usual it has been a year of change. A special welcome to 700 (Borden) Communication Squadron, as we transform towards 32 Signal Regiment. It was wonderful having 700, 709, 709 Cadets and Toronto Signal Band all on the parade ground together in October as we transferred command to 32 Canadian Brigade Group.

Last year 709 Advisory Council began to build the S.H.E. Endowment Fund to provide bursaries to several of our soldiers each year. Last Spring Pte Khan and Pte Luu were chosen as the first recipients. This year we hope to provide the opportunity to soldiers of 700 Squadron as well. Please watch for application criteria or ask the Adjutant for the material. **Deadline date** for applications is **January 31st, 2011.**

Each year, the Hon LCol and I ask unit friends to make a donation to help with building the S.H.E. fund. Please know you too can help. Cheques should be made out to the Regimental Advisory Council, not to the unit. You will receive a charitable tax receipt.

In closing, a reminder that this publication is produced by dedicated volunteers who deserve a very special thanks, particularly Padre Fred Butler-Caughie, Hon LCol Jack Lee and photographer John Spiteri.

Best wishes to you all for a great winter season.

Semper Vigilantes and Spiritus Manet

Commanding Officer's Message



The past six months of this year have proved to be both tumultuous and turbulent with respect to the command of both 709 (Toronto) Communication Regiment and 700 (Borden) Communication Squadron. As reported to you previously,

both units along with all other former Communication Reserve units have continued to proceed through transitional process. In June, Lieutenant General Andrew Leslie signed off the Master Implementation Plan (MIP). This plan laid out the direction for the final process of standing down the old Communication Groups and 2 Operational Support Group (2 OSG – formerly 70 Communication Group). Effectively on 1 September, as part of the process both 709 and 700 along with 763 Communication Regiment and 705 Communication Squadron were placed under Operational Command (OPCOM) of their respective Brigades. For both 709 and 700, this involved transferring command to 32 Canadian Brigade Group (CBG) under the command of Colonel Julian Chapman.

The second part of the MIP involved the transformation of the former Comm Res units into Regiments. This involved the creation of both Ministerial Organization Orders (MOOs) and Canadian Forces Organization Orders (CFOOs) which then would authorize the “new” unit establishments and organizations. This process is well under way and anticipated to formalize the transformation as early as the new fiscal year (April 1, 2011). For both 709 and 700, this involves an amalgamation into 32 Signal Regiment. The reorganization entails the stand-up of a new Regimental Headquarters to be located in Toronto. Both 709 and 700 will maintain their existing status and form the two pillars of the Regiment. Some structural reorganization will occur, with the inclusion of a new Commanding Officer position along with other positions such as Chief Warrant Officer and a redefinition of the Regimental Adjutant and Operations Officer.

On another note, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the efforts Captain Fred Butler-Caughie, Major Alex Moseanu and Drum Major Wilf Roblin upon their individual retirements. All have served the Regimental Family and 70 Communication Group with great determination and effort.

Our operations and training continued with support Op Cadence (the G8-G20 summit) along with Operation Nanook (Arctic Sovereignty) and Op Connection (The CNE). Our main effort will continue in supporting the operations and training activities of 32 CBG.

At this time I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Honorary Colonels Sally Horsfall, and Jack Lee for the continued and undying support of the Regiment.

The Toronto Signals Band, Hong Kong Ex Servicemen’s Association, 709 Cadet Corps, Dutch War Veterans, American Post along with the Amateur Radio Emergency Service continue to prove their effect on the maintenance of a health Regimental family and will hopefully continue to be pillars during our transformational times. I will endeavour to ensure that our associations continue and evolve to include both elements from both 709 and 700.

On a final note, I would like to acknowledge the continued hard efforts of our rank and file soldiers within the Regiment. We have numerous soldiers deployed to Afghanistan and participating on Domestic Operations from both 709 and 700.

I am indeed very fortunate to be offered another extension and continue to be your CO for a sixth year.

Spiritus Manet

G Stasyna
Major
Commanding Officer

Collado have transferred to the Regular Force, we wish them well.

For Padre Fred Butler-Caughie and Maj Moseanu it was sad to see them leave the unit and the Canadian Forces. They have both brought dedication and laughter in their time here and they will be missed by all.

We have MCpl Gajewski still deployed in Afghanistan with TF1-10. In addition we have others deployed (WO Corrado, Sgt Major and MCpl’s Lloyd and Mawbey-Puglia) for TF 5-10. They continue the Regimental tradition of providing trained soldiers for both domestic and international operations. Please keep them in your prayers and thoughts.

In closing it is important to maintain the highest level of Dress Drill and Department at all times. You are the soldiers that the next generation of recruits will judge the CF on.

“SPIRITUS MANET”

MWO Carter CD

From the RSM



Welcome Back! Whether tanning in Meaford or watching planes during Op Cadence or just marching back and forth in Kingston, I hope you had a wonderful summer.

The unit has been very busy. First were shown the future of the Signals Reserve Units. 709 and 700 will eventually be transformed into 32 Signal Regiment this will be great chapter in the history of signals in the GTA Area. This process will take time while the orders are put in place. What will happen sooner is the coming together of 700 and 709 in joint training opportunities. With the Transfer of Authority Parade in Oct, I was very impressed on how both units were working well together.

We said “See You Later” to some members of the Regiment. MCpl Milburn, Cpl’s Dimitrov and

From the SSM

2010 - Operation Nanook (Op Nanook) a Canadian Forces Joint Sovereignty Exercise in Canada’s Arctic Region

Operation NANOOK is one of three major recurring Sovereignty operations conducted annually by the Canadian Forces (CF) in Canada's Arctic. Planned and directed by Joint Task Force North (JTFN) the whole of government operation highlights interoperability, command and control, and cooperation with interdepartmental and intergovernmental partners in the North.

Operation NANOOK 10 took place in Canada's



Eastern and High Arctic area from August 6 to 26 and includes two major exercises, Exercise NATSIQ, a sovereignty and presence patrolling exercise of



military resources, and Exercise TALLURUTIIT a whole-of- government exercise that focuses on environmental containment and remediation resulting from a simulated fuel spill.

Operation NANOOK 10, as a combined, joint and integrated operation engaged personnel and resources (soldiers, ships and aircraft) from: the Canadian Navy, the Canadian Army, Canada's Air Force, Signalers and CF Special Forces; other federal government departments to include Public Safety, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Canadian Coast Guard (central and Arctic region), Transport Canada, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Natural Resources Canada, Environment Canada, Parks Canada, the Government of Nunavut; the municipal communities of Resolute Bay, Pond Inlet, Grise Fjord, Iqaluit and Arctic Bay; and internationally the US Navy's 2nd Fleet, the US Coast Guard and the Royal Danish Navy.

Well done by all our Signalers from 700 (Borden) Communication Squadron

WO Steven Graham
SSM 700



Transformation to 32 Signal Regiment

HLCol Jack Lee, CD



In Toronto, the first Militia Signals unit was formed in 1907 as the 2nd Signaling Company. In April 1911 the Military Districts were converted into Divisional areas and Signals was renamed the Canadian Signal Corps and reorganized into Signal Companies for Divisions and Signal

Troops for mounted brigades. Upon mobilization on 20 August 1914, the 1st Canadian Divisional Company at Valcartier was reinforced with men from Toronto's 2nd Signal Company which made a major contribution in recruiting signalers for services overseas during the First World War.

The post war organization of Signals in the Non-Permanent Active Militia (NPAM) began in the 1920's with the formation of Signals battalions of one of each located in Toronto. In 1921 the NPAM Signals assumed the title "Canadian Corps of Signals" which was granted the distinction "Royal". Signal units during the interwar period was the 2nd Signal Battalion in Toronto distinguished themselves by winning the Malloch Trophy several times between 1928-1937. In 1930, the 2nd Signal Battalion became known as 2nd Divisional Signals. In order to train a nucleus of troops to serve formations higher than a division the Army in 1935 authorized the formation of two corps' Signal units, "A" Corps Signals in Toronto. Thus, when war broke out in 1939, Signals in Toronto consisted of HQ Signal Area, "A" Corps Signals HQ with No. 1 and 2 Coy's and 2nd Divisional Signals.

Following the 2nd World War the CF underwent a number of re-organizations. After 1954 the NPAM was renamed the Canadian Army (Militia). Signal units were re-designated regiments, squadrons and troops. The reorganization effective in March 1950 resulted in the formation of two Toronto signal units known as 2nd Signal Regiment and 8th Signal Regiment. On February 1, 1965 these two units were amalgamated into one and were named the Toronto Signal Regiment. On April 1970, the unit was moved from the command structure to the Land Reserve to become the responsibility of the CFCC, C&E Branch and was renamed 709 (Toronto) Communication Regiment.

In November, 1962 a detachment of the Canadian Militia Women's Army Corps was formed in CFB Borden. It was a detachment of the Ordnance

Corps, Queen's York Rangers, Grey and Simcoe Foresters and in 1969 it became a troop of the newly formed Toronto Signal Regiment. 700 (Borden) Communication Squadron became autonomous CFCC in April 1974.

All Communications units are no longer belonging to its C & E Branch but part of the Army Land Forces. 700 and 709 stood up as a unit under the 32 Canadian Brigade Group and re-designated as 32 Signal Regiment with three squadrons composed of HQ, 700 and 709. On October 3, 2010 a Transfer of Command Authority ceremony was held to officially stand up 32 Signal Regiment.

Commanding Officers Past and Present

As the era of Communications in Toronto is transformed to the future 32 Signal Regiment, Major Greg Stasyna thought perhaps a get together of all the existing Commanding Officers of 2nd, 8th, Toronto Signal Regiment and 709 (Toronto) Communication Regiment for a photograph to close out this memorable period.

In the Picture

Front Row, left to right:

LCol Bud Chandler CD, CO 8th Signal Regt.
Col John Murphy CD, CO Toronto Signal Regt., 709 (Toronto) Comm Regt.
LCol Gary Knopf CD, CO 709 (Toronto) Comm Regt.
LCol Paul Murphy CD, CO 709 (Toronto) Comm Regt.

Rear Row, left to right:

LCol Jack Lee CD, CO 709 (Toronto) Comm Regt.
LCol Shannon Regan CD, CO 709 (Toronto) Comm Regt.
Maj Ken Lloyd CD, CO 709 (Toronto) Comm Regt.



Maj Steve Kiss CD, CO 709 (Toronto) Comm Regt.
 Maj Greg Stasyna CD CO 709 (Toronto) Comm Regt.

Other Commanding Officers who were not available for the photo session were:

LCol Bruce Boyd CD, CO 709 (Toronto) Comm Regt.
 Col John Catto CD, CO Toronto Signal Regt
 LCol John Cook CD, CO 709 (Toronto) Comm Regt.
 LCol William Gunson CD, CO 709 (Toronto) Comm Regt.
 LCol John Hughes CD, CO 709 (Toronto) Comm Regt.
 LCol Dan Russ OMM CD, CO 709 (Toronto) Comm Regt.
 LCol W. W. Shawchuk CD, CO 8th Signal Regt., Toronto Signal Regiment

**Transfer of Command Authority Ceremony
 From
 2 Operational Support Group
 To
 32 Canadian Brigade Group**

It was not too long ago that 709 went through a transformation parade to a newly stood-up formation called 2 Operational Support Group (OSG). 2 OSG has now stood-down and 700 and 709 are amalgamated to form the transformed 32 Signal Regiment within 32 Canadian Brigade Group (CBG). The TOCA parade was held on October 3, 2010 to officially stand-up the future regiment.

The parade was to provide a formal setting for friends, families and military community to witness the formal transition to 32 Brigade. LCol Bill Kalogerakis CD, Assistant Chief of Staff of 32 CBG HQ was the reviewing officer.

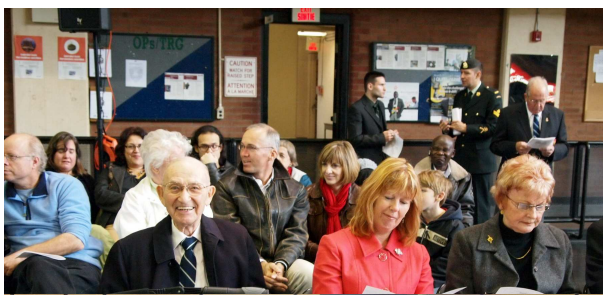
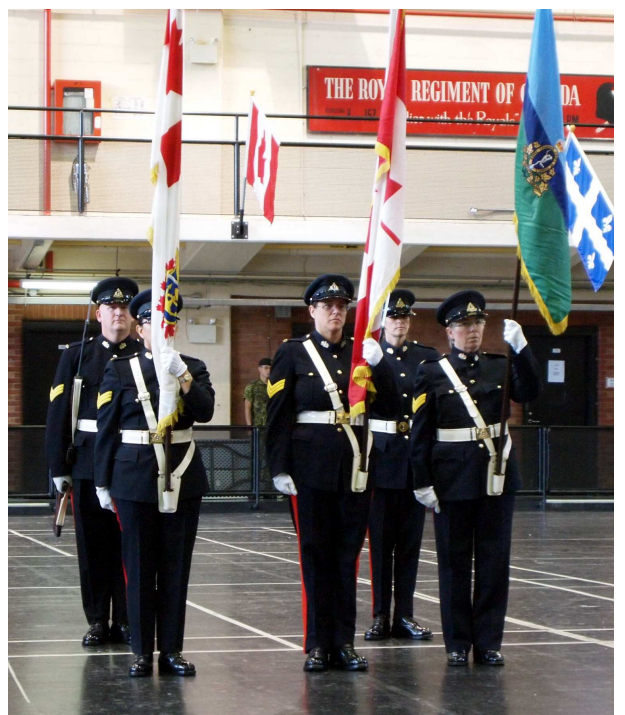
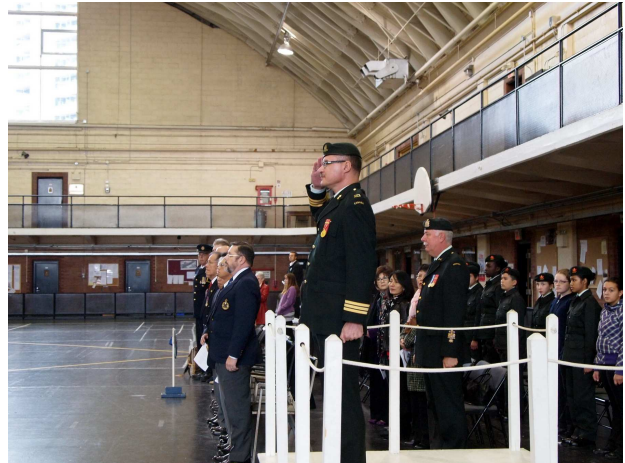
During the parade the Toronto Signals Band was formally presented with \$15k grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. Please refer to the article provided by the Band in this issue.

LCol Kalogerakis presented all personnel of the future regiment with 32 Brigade patches to be worn on the right upper sleeve of the DEU uniform. This patch signifies the Regiment is an element of the 32 CBG of LFCA.

The parade was well attended with over 160 personnel which included the former 709 (Toronto) Communication Regiment, former 700 (Borden) Communication Squadron, the 709 RC Army Signals Cadet Corps, the Toronto Signals Band and Jimmy & Associates' Flag Party. Many friends and families of the units were present to celebrate the occasion along with Jimmy & Associates, comrades of old and the Hong Kong Ex-Servicemen's Association.



Transfer of Command Authority Parade Photos





Toronto Signals Band

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MEDIA RELEASE

October 3, 2010

Toronto Signals Band Strikes The Right Note At Fort York Armoury

Toronto – Hon. Col. Sally Horsfall-Eaton and Hon. Col. Jack Lee were on hand for a formal celebration by the Toronto Signals Band as they displayed the results of a \$15,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). The Foundation, which is an agency of the Government of Ontario, provided the grant in July, with the funds used to buy new instruments for the popular marching band that has earned the title of “Canada’s Marching Ambassadors” entertaining audiences for 84 years.



“Your dedication to preserving our rich traditions and history, as well as your work providing both beginners and experienced musicians of all ages the chance to develop their musical talent have made the “Sigs” a vital part of Toronto’s cultural heritage,” said Rosario Marchese, MPP for Trinity-Spadina in a letter to the band.

To commemorate the six-month long grant, Jascha Jabes, a volunteer with the Foundation on the Toronto Grant Review Team, formally presented David Cameron, President and Marilyn Sturino, Drum Major of the Toronto Signals Band, with a

plaque. The Band is composed of musicians ranging from teens to seniors and has performed in many parts of Canada and the United States. Funds from the grant were used to replace aging instruments, flags and equipment.

The all volunteer Toronto Signals Band is part of the 709/700 Communication Regiment family. Today was a Transfer of Command Authority Ceremony from 2 Operational Support Group (of which the 709/700 Regiments are a part) to 32 Canadian Brigade Group for the Reserve Signals Units. Lieutenant-Colonel Bill Kalogerakis, Assistant Chief of Staff, 32 Canadian Brigade Group, extended his welcome to the 709/700 Communication Regiment family into the 32 Canadian Brigade Group, which was graciously accepted by the Regiment’s Commanding Officer, Major Gregory J. Stasyna. The parade also included 709 Cadet Corps, The Regimental Flag Party and Toronto Signals Band.

President Cameron commented that the members of the Toronto Signals Band express sincere gratitude to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for their recent financial grant. The OTF commitment provides tremendous support towards the Band’s mission to continue providing the high standard of quality entertainment to the community and the surrounding areas throughout Ontario as well as supporting the Regimental family’s credo: “Spiritus Manet” ~ The Spirit Lives On. The OTF contribution also strengthens the Band’s ability to continue and further develop the actual programs through which they manifest their conviction that they passionately strive to preserve the heritage and traditions of Canada’s oldest self-supporting volunteer marching band.

For more information about the Toronto Signals Band’s upcoming parade appearances or if you would like to be part of the Band, please visit the website at: www.torontosignals.com

A leading grant maker in Canada, the Ontario Trillium Foundation strengthens the capacity of the voluntary sector through investments in community-based initiatives. An agency of the Government of Ontario, OTF builds healthy and vibrant communities. www.trilliumfoundation.org

For more information, please contact:

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Toronto Signals Band
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Jimmy and Associates



Another successful training season has passed both for 709 Toronto Comm Regt and 700 Comm Sqn. With that I would like to thank all the members of Jimmy and Assoc. for their unwavering support to the Regiment.

The Flag Party has participated for most of the events, such as CO's Parades and the Cadet annual review. Kudos to our Signals Band for a job well done and for winning at the Warriors Day Parade.

The J&A executive has worked hard to make our meeting and event fun and meaningful. I must thank all involved in our BBQ this summer. It was a wonderful sunny day with a lot of members showing up at our new venue compliments of Mr and Mrs Lou Lombardi.

Fall is upon us again and a new training year begins. There will be many changes coming up in the future, such as the stand to of the new name for 709 and 700 which will be 32 Signal Regiment .

Regardless we shall continue to support the unit as before. Please spread the word to the new recruits and others who should be part of J&A.

This brings up the subject of Annual dues for 2011, just a reminder the cost is ONLY \$20.00 per year per person or per couple. Be an early bird this year!!!

Our Remembrance Day parade is coming up next, on November 7 at 10:00hrs, Leaside Presbyterian Church.

December and Santa is just around the corner. This event will take place at the Sergeants Mess on Sunday DEC 5th! Yes it is Christmas again. Timings are from 1300 to 1700hrs. Bring a gift worth between five to ten dollars. If you give a gift you may receive one in return. If you don't bring one you don't get one.

In closing I would like to congratulate the Hamilton Signals Association on job well done in 2010.

Major (Rt'd) Alex Moseanu
President
Jimmy and Associates
SPIRITUS MANET

Celebration of the 65th Anniversary of the Liberation of Holland by the Canadians

I was fortunate, privileged and honoured to be part of illustrious group of Second World War Veterans who returned to Holland to participate in Liberation Celebrations that occurred 65 years ago. On behalf of the Toronto Signals Band and the 709 Communication Regiment I placed commemorative wreaths at Holten, Groesbeek, Bergen op Zoom and Reichswald Forest cemeteries and also where I read the names of fallen Canadian Signalmen that are buried there.



We made our base camp in Arnhem where we paid tribute to the famed John Frost Bridge; made famous through the movie "A Bridge Too Far" in the WWII campaign called "Operation Market Garden". A special afternoon Tattoo was performed for our Canadian contingent in the city of Voorthuizen that included many military brass bands, pipes and drums and musical groups.

Twenty-six Veterans ranging in age from 84 to 94 accompanied our group, along with past and present members of the Canadian Armed Forces, Royal Canadian Legion Members, R.C.M.P., and our spouses and offspring. We were all enthusiastically received by the Dutch people when we were honoured as we marched in special commemorative parades that were held in Katwijk and in Apledoorn. Princes Beatrice of the Netherlands (born in Ottawa, Canada during WWII) personally met all of the veterans during the Apledoorn celebrations.

All in all, it was an experience that was not to be missed, it was living history filled with happiness, joy and yet, sad reflection.

David A. Douglas, KJ., PhD.
Toronto Signals Band

Warrior's Day Parade CNE 2010

709 played a large role in the annual Warrior's Day Parade. This year was no different. Our Communicators manned the all important radio link from Gore Park to the MC and judges along the parade route. The saluting dias was placed on the Princes' Boulevard just inside the Princes' Gates. The weather started out as a cloudy mild day but fortunately, the rain held off until well after the parade over.

As shown in the photographs a few of our members of 709 took the opportunity of a photo opportunity with General Walt Natynczyk CMM MSC CD, CDS of CF, Honorary Parade Marshal HCol Dave Devall and the Col the Hon Lincoln Alexander.



Annual Regimental Church Parade

It was a bright and sunny morning on Sunday 07 November. Perfect weather for the Regiment's Remembrance Day Church Parade.

Participation was the highest in recent years. Pictured below are from left to right: Honorary LCol. Jack Lee, Lt. Flavia Beriault, HCol. Sally Horsfall and the Reverend Dr. Nick Athanasiadis.

Many thanks to our Members, Jimmy & Associates, the Colour Party, Hong Kong Ex-Servicemen Association and 709 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps.





709 Communication Regiment wearing newly issued 32 Brigade Patches were out in force on 07 November. 709 is now under the command of 32 CBG and the Regiment and 700 Communication Squadron are transitioning into 32 Signal Regiment.



709 RCACC had about fifty young men and women on parade

Departing with Dignity

On 02 October, a dine-out was held at Fort York Armoury to celebrate the Departure with Dignity Ceremony for both Major Moseanu, CD and the Regimental Padre, Capt Fred Butler-Caughie, CD. Major Moseanu has served Canada for about 40 years and Capt Butler-Caughie in the CF 17 years. In addition to the Departure with Dignity Mess Dinner it was the last official dinner of the 709 Communications Regiment as it will now be known as 32 Signal Regiment.

Major Moseanu and Capt. Butler-Caughie received many accolades, certificates and letters including those from the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, the Mayor of Toronto, a miniature sword from Major Greg Stasyna, a Canadian Flag flown at Fort York Armoury and other items. The dinner was very good, the company even better and the entertainment hilarious.



Promotions & Awards



2Lt Peng to Lieutenant
Pte E. Hoseiny to Cpl



Lt S. Lee receives Canadian Decoration



709 Army Cadets take home the prizes

The Area Cadet Orienteering Competition was held at Palgrave Conservation Area, Orangeville on Saturday Oct. 23rd. Over 200 army and air cadets from the Central Ontario Area competed in individual and team events.



Three 709 Army cadets placed third in the individual event and will go on to compete at the Regional Championships at CFB Borden on October 30th.

This is a first for 709 Army to have three cadets advance to the Regional Competition.

Congratulations to the following cadets: Cpl. Kyra Bernard (female intermediate); Cpl. Mark Pinto (male intermediate); and Cpl. Carole Suarez (female junior). Of notable interest, this was Cpl. Suarez's first time participating in an orienteering event.

We also extend 'A Tip of the Hat' to the entire team of ten 709 Army cadets who participated in this competition.

Capt RC (Rick) Leswick, CD
DCO

New POPPY 25 cent piece To Honour the 65th Anniversary of the end of WWII

The Canadian Mint has produced a commemorative 25 cent piece to honour those who have served and those who are presently serving in the Canadian Forces. These coins are available from Canada Post outlets in various gift packages and will also be put into general circulation. Look for one in your change and give thanks to those who put their lives on the line for Canada.



The Poppy Story

Article from the Toronto Star, Saturday Oct. 30, 2010

As we approach Remembrance Day on November 11, it is worth remembering that the Flanders Poppy, which is the iconic symbol of remembering for all Canadians, has a very interesting story.

The vast devastation caused by bombing on the battle fields in France and Belgium during World War 1 literally wiped out all visible signs of vegetation. Trees and shrubs were blasted out of existence. For the most part, the sub-soil was exposed and with ensuing rains, huge areas were converted to mud. Seeds of the Flanders Poppy that existed under the surface of the soil for generations were exposed. They germinated and grew on their own, independent, contrarian plants that they were, they put down roots and flowered where they stood.

The beauty and tenacity of the Flanders Poppy became symbolic of the men and women who fought with equal resilience and spirit.

While many Canadians know that the Flanders Poppy was made famous by the poem written by Canadian John McCrae, few know that the survival instincts of this incredible plant reflect the fighting spirit of the people we pause to remember on November 11.

Exercise Javelin / Ivory Twister 01/10

On the weekend of the 22 - 24 of October 700 (Borden) Communication Squadron went to the field to do their Individual Battle Task Standard (IBTS) training. It was on this occasion that the Unit held the Personal Weapons Test Level 2 (PWT2) rifle shoot with the new C7A2 carbine rifle, giving many soldiers their first look at the new rifle.

The weather was very cooperative until the shoot ended, and then turned to rain in time for the navigation training to get underway. By the time patrols were sent out it was both dark and still raining but the troops were eager to get into the woods. Equipped with their Full Fighting Order (FFO) and blank ammunition, rifles, manpack radio, map and compass, the patrols got to navigate around the forest to their designated grids to patrol for the "ENEMY" which included the Squadron Sergeant Major (SSM) and some eager volunteers. After a long patrol fraught with ambushes the troops got back to the Forward Operating Base – Bravo (FOB-B) and were attacked by the same "ENEMY", however this time they got to use fortifications and floodlights to fight back effectively.

This exercise may have been simply training but it is hoped that with the help of training like this that our troops can maintain the skills we need to function as effective soldiers wherever we might serve. We would like to send out a thank you to all those who put this exercise together in a way that would be challenging and fun and to all the participants for all their hard work.

Cpl Daniel Taylor
Radio Re-Broadcast (RRB)-1 Detachment Commander
700 (Borden) Communication Squadron

TF 1/10 Afghanistan – 700 (Borden) Communication Squadron Soldiers

Current Soldiers Serving on TF 1/10:

- WO Neil Gibbenhuck (Vehicle Technician)
- Cpl Evan Gorman (Signal Operator)
- Cpl Sean McKee (Signal Operator)



Below left and above right on the Ranges on Tarnack Farm Range.



Cpl Gorman (right) receives his General Campaign Star from BGen. Vance



TF 1-10 Afghanistan. Leaving the ranges for Kandahar Airfield.



Cpl McKee (right) receives his General Campaign Star from BGen. Vance

Our soldiers currently in theatre are expected to arrive home between mid-November and early December 2010



We Shall Remember Them....



Alfred Herdsman

HERDSMAN, Alfred - It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Alf on September 27, 2010 at the age of 68.



Alfred Herdsman was a member of the 2nd Signals Regimental Trumpet Band in the 1970's. He was a member of the percussion section and played the bass drum. Prior to his joining Signals, he had been a member of the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps Trumpet Band. He is still remembered fondly by some of the current members of the band.

He was a very friendly, popular, outgoing guy who had many friends in the band and was well liked.



Colonel Bert Lerner, OMM CD



Colonel Bert Lerner, OMM CD retired as the Honorary Colonel of 763 (Ottawa) Communication Regiment. He was the first Senior Communication Reserve Advisor and a mentor to officers and soldiers during his 50 and more years of service. His devotion to the

Branch and its soldiers was incredible.

Col Lerner passed away August 24, 2010 peacefully at the Civic Hospital in Ottawa.

George Stanley Sibbald

George Stanley Sibbald December 12, 1919—May 21, 2010 George Sibbald, beloved husband of Jean (Campbell) for 63 years, passed away peacefully at St. Paul's Hospital at the age of 90. George was the last of his generation, the youngest son of Orman and Margaret Sibbald of Munson, Alberta. George served in the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals for 30 years. He is also lovingly remembered by his children Doug (Donna), Stan (Diane), Laura (Larry) Armer, Orman (Deb) and

Ray (Tracie), his grandchildren, great grandchildren, sisters-in-law and other relatives. George loved people, music and his church. He was a tireless supporter of the United Church wherever he lived.

George was a long time member of Jimmy and Associates. He will be missed.

Brian Alexander McGuire



Brian passed away peacefully with his family by his side at Lakeridge Health Centre in Port Perry, Ontario on Thursday 08 July 2010 in his 75th year.

Brian was the beloved soul-mate to Rose for 32 years. He is lovingly remembered by his girls Tina (Peter) Russell of Caesarea, Debbie (Csaba Barbarics) Dow of Oshawa and son-in-law Glen Dow. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren, David, Leah and Hayley. Survived by his sister Cherry (Tony) Headley and their children Tracey (Iain) Lowe and Euan (Claire) Stewart and their families in Scotland. Survived by this estranged children Mandy, Scott and Dawn and their families.

Brian was a 40 year member of the Royal Canadian Legion and a Life Member. He held executive positions at Branch 213, Branch 286 and Branch 419. Brian was a staunch advocate of Veterans and Seniors affairs.

Brian served in the RNVR and with Signals in the RAF. He was on loan from Her Majesty's forces to 709 when he served with 709 Cadets and Air Cadets.

Ernest William Connell

It is with sadness that we inform you that Bill Connell passed away yesterday, Friday the 29th of October.

Bill was a long time member of the Toronto Signals Band. Bill played the baritone horn and was always an enthusiastic member of the band. He joined Sigs in the 1960's and retired in early 2000. Prior to his time with Sigs, he was a member of the Ark Royal Sea Cadet Band and The Queen's Own Bugle Band where he played the tenor drum.

We will all miss Bill, he was an important part of our band family. We send our deepest sympathy to his wife and family.

Thank you after 65 years

This year marked the 65th anniversary of the liberation and still the veterans returned to Holland to meet their host families.

The Dutch have a special place in their hearts for these returning Canadian soldiers. They are heroes not just because they did something heroic on the battlefield, but because these veterans – all volunteers – put their lives on hold to help liberate Holland.

The people of Holland truly appreciate what these Canadians men and women did 65 years ago and will never forget them. Norm Gogo is one of these veterans.



Norman Gogo, a 48th Highlander, pays his respects to a fallen friend while visiting Holten cemetery in Holland.



Jimmy & Associates Christmas Party



I am pleased to announce that Jimmy & Associates will be holding our Annual Christmas Party in the WO's & Sgt's Mess, Fort York Armoury on Sunday 05 December 2010. Festivities commence at 13:00 hrs.

There will be a buffet served at the undertaking of the Association. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a gift (less than \$10.00) You bring a gift and you will receive a gift in return.

Please advise Major Alex Moseanu at (416) 490-6712 of your attendance no later than 30 November 2010.

Alex Moseanu
President of Jimmy & Associates

CDS Message: Mr. Russell Williams

1. On 21 Oct 10, Mr. Russell Williams, former Commander of 8 Wing, was sentenced to two concurrent terms of life in prison with no chance of parole for 25 years for the first-degree murders of Cpl Marie France Comeau and Mrs. Jessica Lloyd.
2. The crimes committed by Mr. Williams are deeply upsetting to us all. Over the last few months, I have spoken with many of you in town halls across the country and on missions overseas. Like all Canadians, you and I have been shocked and repulsed by the crimes he committed.
3. During these conversations, you expressed your sympathy and compassion for the victims and the families affected by this terrible tragedy. I also listened to Canadian Forces personnel of all ranks as they expressed their bewilderment and anger at the betrayal of our institutional ethos of truth, duty, and valour. Because of his heinous crimes and his subsequent criminal conviction, Mr. Williams has lost the privilege of calling himself a member of the CF community.

4. With the conviction and sentencing completed, and following my recommendation, the Governor General has revoked his commission, an extraordinary and severe decision that may constitute a first of its kind in Canadian history.

5. Further, the following actions will now be taken:

A. Stripping Mr. Williams of his medals

B. Termination and recovery of his pay from the date of arrest

C. Denial of severance pay; and

D. His prompt release from the CF under “service misconduct” – which is the most serious release item possible.

6. As a consequence of his release from the CF for quote service misconduct unquote and of the revocation of his commission, Mr. Williams no longer possesses a rank as a member of the CF.

7. I wish to point out that under the CF superannuation act, there are no grounds to revoke his pension and a court martial would not have any impact on these accrued benefits.

8. Some have questioned why Mr. Williams has not also been charged under the military justice system. I believe we need to understand why this is so.

This is because there is no jurisdiction under the code of service discipline to try persons charged with murder where those murders took place in Canada. Mr. Williams was therefore tried and convicted of all of these 88 charges under the Criminal Code of Canada by a civilian court.

Additionally, there will be no further court martial on these matters because the National Defence Act specifically prevents an individual from being tried by court martial where the offence or any other substantially similar offence arising out of the same underlying facts have been previously dealt with by a civilian court. This basic principle sometimes known as “double jeopardy” is fundamental within our civilian and military justice system. With his current convictions and sentence to life imprisonment justice has already been served.

9. Now more than ever, this is a time for us to come together and heal as a community. We are doing everything we can to assist those in need of counselling or other support. I urge anyone who is feeling upset or concerned to seek assistance and to talk about it. While doing so, we will not forget Cpl Marie France Comeau, Mrs. Jessica Lloyd, and the many other victims and their families who will remain in our thoughts and prayers forever.

10. It is time to move forward, be strong and proud because the actions of Mr. Williams are not reflective of the values of the men and women who serve in the CF, whose integrity and self sacrifice come through loud and clear in words and deeds each day.

Whether helping Canadians at home, abroad, or providing the hope of a better future to the people of Haiti, Africa or Afghanistan, I have seen our ethos of truth, duty, and valour at work and making a difference in the world. You have reason to hold your head high. Be strong and proud! I am proud to be your Chief of the Defence Staff.

W.J. Natynczyk,
GENERAL
Chief of Defence Staff



Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

Canada's National Memorial

Ottawa, Ontario