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Command Team

Commanding Officer's Message



Well this is it! Three plus years have gone by and it is time for me to hand over command of 32 Signal Regiment to a new CO. By the time you are reading this, Maj Alfred Lai and MWO Steve Graham will be firmly seated as the new command team for this great unit. I would like to once again congratulate both on their appointments and wish them the very best.

Before I carry on with my final message, I need to restate my deepest condolences to Jack Lee on behalf of us all, for the passing of his long-time companion in life, Tina, who left us way too soon. Jack and Tina have supported our Regimental family for so long, now it is time to return the favour and offer Jack our support in any way that we can provide it. Just ask.

Three years is not a long time, but I knew that coming in. As an outsider, I was careful not to make changes to the unit that would change its character, customs or traditions. With over 110 years in the making, this Regiment has a long tradition of service to the City, as well as Barrie/Borden, and I was proud to hold the torch while someone from within the Regiment could pick it up and continue in this tradition of excellence. Living three and four hours of driving from Toronto and Borden was not easy for me; first, the wear and tear on the body, but mostly because I was not able to come more often and attend the functions that a CO ought to do. But the functions and events I did attend confirmed in my mind that 32 Signal Regiment has a fantastic family spirit and looks after its members.

There are so many people to thank, so in order not to forget anyone, let me start by thanking each and every member of our Regimental Family — serving, retired and former members of our unit, Toronto Signals Band, 709 Cadet Corps, The Muskoka Pioneers; 142nd Mimico (Determination) Squadron, our Regimental Advisory Council, Jimmy and Associates, our Hong Kong Ex-Servicemen's Association and of course, our own families whose support is so critical to our success and ability to continue to serve. Thank-you. In particular, I would like to recognize the support I received from both of the command team partners, CWO Marcel Mallia, who recently retired, and his successor, CWO Tim Cooke. My DCO, your new CO, who made it easier for me to transition into the role of caretaker, providing advice in the many areas where I had no background. Alfred, thank you and again congratulations! HCol Jim Leech, whose interest in our Regiment is genuine and whose extraordinary support allowed us to succeed in a variety of ways including putting on a great Toronto Garrison Ball in 2016. I enjoyed our quarterly meetings and thank you for the advice and commitment that you provided. HLCol Ken Lloyd — your dedication to Signals goes beyond the Regimental Family, towards the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals and the C&E Branch. The accolades you are receiving is just a small testimonial to the quality gentleman you truly are. Thank you, Ken! I cannot forget the Regimental Adjutant, Capt Alan Lui. A key position in the Regiment, you have provided me situational awareness on issues that I could not have kept track of living in Kingston. Capt Rob Carter, our Operations Officer, who, although working on a part-time basis, kept the operations and training going full-time. Not only was he able to keep our tasks in order, he also found time for CFARS. Thank-you. Our Padre, Capt Audrey Brown, who kept track of our personnel welfare, morale and just for being there to talk when a good listener was needed. I do not want to forget our Squadron Command Teams, Capt Roger Caron and MWO Steve Graham; Capt Stu Briggs and MWO Lily Hua; Capt Brian Luscombe and MWO Roman Santos — thank you for the leadership you have provided to our personnel and for your advice. I think that we made a great team together and I will miss our working dynamic. Capt Marwan Deeb, the work you have completed on the operations plan and the BOI provided the foundation for a successful hand-over and helps to ensure a smoother transition; Capt Michael Tu, your work as the Regimental Recruiting Officer has allowed a steady increase of new personnel. I know that I can keep adding names to this list, but unfortunately I will stop here in fear of missing anyone who deserves mention. I thank each and every one of you for your dedication and support.

This change of command does not only mark the passing through a great unit, it is my last official function in uniform, after a career of over 42 years in the Canadian Armed Forces. Starting my career as a private in the Comm Rsch trade in 1976, I never thought that I would still be in uniform in 2018. I am

proud to say that I ended my career at 32 Signal Regiment, and that I will be part of the extended Regimental Family. The only regrets that I have relate to not having been able to see a number of initiatives through during my time. But I believe that these initiatives were on solid ground as they were built with your advice and input as time dictated action. I would like to acknowledge key officers who were not only important in my personal career but have supported our Regiment so well over the past three years: Our Colonel-Commandant, BGen (ret'd) Bill Richard, our Branch Leaders MGen Greg Loos and before him, MGen (ret'd) David Neasmith, former VCDS LGen (ret'd) Guy Thibault, BGen Rob Mazzolin, US Cyber Command, Dir Signals, Col Mark Parsons and before him Col (ret'd) Shawn Sullivan and LCol Ricardo Dias, who as 4 Div G6 provided our Regiment with stellar support.

My last advice to you, members of 32 Signal Regiment, is to continue to take care of each other and be proud to represent the unit and the Canadian Armed Forces. Demonstrate your pride by sharing it with your friends. Do not hesitate to recommend the Regiment to them as a great second career. The Canadian Army Reserves are hiring and 32 Signal Regiment needs great people like you. I hope to see the Regiment grow by at least one more troop before long and maybe even another Squadron in the future. Get your Regimental history book published. 110 years of history has to be properly preserved. Thanks to those who have taken the time to record history, especially Jack Lee, Unit Historian, WO Richard Lacroix our Editor and Lt (Ret) Heather McClory.

Take care. 9 over and out!

VVV

LCol Alfred Lai, CD, Commanding Officer

Having the opportunity to command a Signals regiment is a privilege. Having the privilege to command the Regiment you've grown up in is an honour! When I joined 709 (Toronto) Communication Regiment back in 2002 the Commanding Officer was a remote figure, becoming the Commanding Officer had never even occurred in my mind. Now that I have taken over the command of the Regiment, it is my duty to follow the footsteps of my predecessors to lead our Regiment successfully into future.



I reiterate my response to "the Toast to the Regiment" at the Change-of-Command dinner, it is now my mission to lead 32 Signal Regiment in:

- Supporting 32 Canadian Brigade Group's successes by providing Command, Control and Communications capabilities;
- Fulfilling the signals Mission Tasks to support the Regular Forces in overseas missions worldwide; and
- Taking care of our soldiers by making sure they are mentally and physically healthy, and professionally ready.

I look forward to overcoming all the challenges together with you through team work in the next three years.

Alfred Lai
LCol
Commanding Officer
32 Signal Regiment

Command Team

Regimental Sergeant-Major



To all of my Friends

I have had the pleasure of working with 32 Signal Regiment for the last seven months. In that time, I have learned what is to be a Signaller. As a soldier, I grew up in the Artillery family. We always have had a natural respect for my Signals friends yet still never truly knew how strategically important Signallers were. Equally important is the level of professionalism which Signals Units, both regular and reserve force, exhibit.

I wish to thank the Regiment and its members for their support in a challenging time, where change was unexplained. Your patience is rewarded with certainty and Unit succession. Never before has the Unit been in a position where it has been this strong and its own inherent Signals leadership is assured. I wish to personally thank LCol Bergeron, Sgts Maj Lily Hua, Roman Santos, and of course CWO Graham for their loyal support. Lastly I would like to thank a back bone of the Regiment, Capt Carter for his advice, input and hard work — for which I will ever be grateful.

In this space there is not enough time to talk of the Regimental laurels but I will talk of my experience, and our common interest in our combined success. I am able to see how our combined skills create greater CAF success. All other Units need you and you are recognized for your hard work. During Exercise Coop Gunner this year, I was amazed with the Signallers who attended. Their hard work and dedication not only helped the Gunners but literally made the exercise successful. I want to continue this fine tradition, to bring meaning to us both.

Therefore, I leave you with this promise. As long as I am RSM of 7 Tor, I will speak to the credit of the Signal Corp and specifically 32 Signal Regiment. I will provide spaces on DP2 Arty Comms courses for Signallers so that we can employ you in Artillery CP's with understanding and confidence. I will establish a Signals group within the Artillery structure, like old times, so that we both grow together.

Thank You Friends

Ubique and Velox, Versutus, Vigilans

CWO Cooke



Regimental History in Preparation

The Regiment will celebrate its 110th Anniversary in the Fall of 2017. This celebration coincides with the 110th Anniversary of the founding of the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals as well as the 150th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada. To commemorate this auspicious occasion, the Commanding Officer has commissioned a Regimental History book to record the stories of our people and the history of the lineage of the Regiment from our predecessor Units. This book will include stories of our exploits at war, keeping the peace and serving Canadians at home. This is time to tell our stories and preserve them for future generations.

We are looking for contributors and volunteers to help in information collection, with research or simply by telling your stories. Please contact LCol Jack Lee, CD (Ret'd) for offering your support or requesting more information about the project.

All submissions can be sent to this repository email address:
32sigregthistory@gmail.com

Command Team

Honorary Colonel Jim Leech, C.M.



I would like to congratulate Major Alfred Lai and MWO Steven Graham as Commanding Officer and Regimental Sergeant Major of 32 Signal Regiment. Both are long term members of the Regiment so they should hit the ground running.

I also wish to congratulate LCol Bergeron on his retirement after 42 1/2 years of active service to Canada and thank him for the last 3 1/2 years as our CO. In addition, I would like to thank CWO Cooke for his six months as our RSM and wish him all the best on his posting as RSM of 7 Toronto Regiment, RCA.

I regret that I was unable to attend the Change of Command Parade, but very much enjoyed the Mess Dinner that evening. Thanks to all who participated in and organized both the Parade and the Dinner.

Vietnam

In January, my wife and I traveled to SE Asia — Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam. What, you may ask does this have to do with the army? For me the trip was an opportunity to connect to my past — or at least to my father's military past.

From 1958 to 1959 my father was stationed in Indo-China. He commanded the International Control Commission (ICC) which had offices in Saigon (now Ho Chi Minh City) and Hanoi. The ICC oversaw the implementation of the Geneva Accords that ended the Indo-China – France war in 1954. It reported on the progress of the ceasefires and any violations. The force had troops and officers from Canada, Poland and India, respectively representing the non-communist, communist, and non-aligned blocs.

As we traveled the country, many place names were so familiar — Da Nang, Ha Long Bay, May Cong Delta, Hoi An — I had never been to these places, but I had heard about them and seen many of my father's 35mm slides.

When we were in Hanoi, it turns out that our hotel, Hotel Metropole (a beautiful old French colonial hotel built in the early 1900's) had been my father's office — in those days, it had temporarily changed its name to Thong Nhat or Reunification Hotel. I'm not sure but perhaps we were staying in his very room!!!



Finding his office in Saigon was more problematic. I had a picture but no address. Good news: Department of External Affairs was able to ascertain its location, which was confirmed by a driver on the Canadian Embassy staff who had also been an ICC driver in 1960. Bad news: it now housed the Presidential Guard's elite VIP body guard detachment. No westerner had ever been allowed on the grounds. I was also advised



that it would be unwise to try to take a picture of the outside of the compound!

But, the day before we left, the Embassy contacted me and said that they had asked the Vietnamese government to grant permission for us to enter the compound. Much to everyone's surprise, permission was granted (escorted) and we were authorized to take one photo.

Deb and I showed up the next day and were met by a young protocol officer and the commander of the unit who escorted us to the exterior of the office. We were allowed to take one and only one photo without any military personnel in the background. You should have seen the looks on the soldiers training in the compound — what the heck are these people doing inside this secure compound? When I asked why the government had allowed us into the compound, I was told that it was to demonstrate the strong bond of friendship between our two countries. I had not realized that we would become a symbol of international cooperation!!!

Our SE Asia trip was a great success — a good holiday and the chance for me to reconnect to my history.

HCol Jim Leech, CM



Command Team

Padre's Corner

by Captain Audrey Brown

I shall forever remember a sunny August day in 2013. As the new unit Chaplain, the CO at the time LCol (Ret) Stasyna allowed me to accompany then HLCol Moseanu and Borden Squadron SSM of the time (MWO Graham) to visit the Stalwart Guardian Exercise in Meaford. This day stands out in my memory because it was the first day I really realized that I had joined the Army!! Having spent a long time in recruitment, I had been sworn in a few months earlier, just in time for stand down. There were some notable events that summer, but all of them well within my comfort zone. Then we went to SG, I remember no one that I met, I only remember being completely freaked out — and realizing that this really was the Army. Despite that obvious realization, I stayed. Since then, I have come to love the ways of the CAF, and the unique role of the Chaplain within them. So much so, that I have made the difficult decision to leave 32 Signal Regiment; and Component Transfer into Regular Force Chaplaincy. Ironically my first posting is at CFB Trenton. Chaplains are a purple trade, so I will remain Army, no matter where I serve. I begin in July.



It is a reality of Reserve units that people train within them and sometimes leave for the Regular Force, or family or civilian work commitments. Sgt Palik commented on this reality with his typical wisdom, "That's what we do." Indeed, it is. We train people for the work of the CAF, we train them to become better versions of themselves, to accomplish a trade and to excel in all things. Sometimes we benefit directly from that training, as we watch their career progress through our ranks, and have their leadership with us for years. Sometimes we transfer them to other units or trades that better suit their skills, or we send them to the Regular Force, or release them to civilian work. No matter



what their career path, we have been an important part of it. 32 Signal Regiment has certainly been all that for me.

Thank you all for your help, your guidance, your graciousness, your encouragement and feedback and every story you have ever told me about a Padre (good or bad) that you have met along the way. I will always treasure my time here, I will always recognize and seek out "Jimmys" in my travels and I promise to properly say that you are Signallers but also to remember that you are a Signal Regiment!!



May we all be "swift, sure and alert" in our duties, wherever we are "called to serve" (the Chaplains motto).

Blessed Be
Capt Audrey Brown
32 Signal Regiment Chaplain



From the Regiment

Awards and Promotions



CWO Steve Graham



Sgt Pham



Sgt Vatchenko



Best NCO - 32 CBG (2015), Sgt Mardrossian



CO's Award - Cpl Nguyen (2017)

From the Regiment

Awards and Promotions



Sovereign Medal for Volunteers

Since 1977, Alexander Moseanu has volunteered with the Army Cadet League of Canada, and has been a positive mentor for youth engaged in the Cadet movement. He has been an aide-de-camp to the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario for 20 years and was the Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of 32 Signal Regiment from 2011 to 2015.



J&A Award - Corporal AC Beattie

From the Regiment

2018 SHE Awards

The SHE Committee met May 28, 2018 and determined 2018 awards of \$1,500 each of the following:

Lt Ismael Mian, MCpl David Han, MCpl Jeremiah Low, Cpl Kolin Ao, Cpl J.T. Gabourie, Cpl M.E. MacCauley and Signalman R.C. Crewe.

Total gifts = \$10,500

Congratulations to the recipients.

The awards were handed out at the Unit BBQ in Borden June 2, 2018.



Lt Ismael Mian



MCpl David Han



MCpl Jeremiah Low



Cpl M.E. MacCauley

From the Regiment

Change of CO and RSM

Fort York Armoury | May 19th, 2018





From the Regiment CO's & RSM's Dine-Out





From the Regiment Unit BBQ

CFB Borden, Ontario | June 2, 2018



From the Regiment

Events

Chartwell Waterford Retirement Residence

Chartwell Waterford Retirement Residence | Oakville | by CWO John Speirs, MMM CD (Ret'd)



Monday June 4th, 2018 Waterford had its official Grand Opening and ribbon cutting. This new resident opened in December 1, 2017, and CWO John Speirs (Ret'd) was the second person to move into the new quarters.



John was honoured with the participation in the opening and ribbon cutting. Guests were invited with a delicious BBQ and wonderful entertainment to celebrate the occasion.

Logistics Branch



The year of the Logistician: 50 years and counting

<http://www.army-armee.forces.gc.ca/en/news-publications/central-news-details-page-secondary->

Track the 50th Anniversary Flag Relay

<http://www.cfla-afc.org/anniversary/>

The complete Logistics Branch Newsletter is available online.

<http://www.forces.gc.ca/en/caf-community-branches-logistics/newsletter.page>

Logistics Branch Bursary Program

http://www.forces.gc.ca/en/caf-community-branches-logistics/bursary_program.page

Canadian Forces Logistics Association (CFLA)

<http://www.cfla-afc.org/>

Logistics Branch Kit Shop

<http://www.canex.ca/military/military-kit-shops/logistics-branch.html>

"SERVI TIUM NULLI SECUNDUS"

Cadets

709 Signals Army Cadet Corps

Commanding Officer's Summary

by Capt Steven Morgan, CD



On behalf of the Cadets, Officers, Staff and Support Committee of the 709 Toronto Signals Army Cadet Corps, I am pleased to provide you with a brief overview of our 2017-2018 training year.

The corps currently sits at a solid 90 cadets on parade as we head toward the end of the training year. We hope to exceed 110 in the new training year, which starts on September 12, 2018.

It has been a very busy training year for 709 and I am pleased to inform you that we will have completed all three mandatory FTXs and all pre-requisite training as laid out in the cadet program.

1. Our Fall Bivouac FTX took place on September 20-22 at Albion Hills Conservation Area, just north of Bolton. The Gold and Silver Stars, who are the senior cadets, focused on building improvised shelters, while the Green and Red Stars erected three-man tents and two-man hooches using shelter halves.
2. Our Spring Nav-Trek FTX on April 27-29, which also took place at Albion Hills, focused on map and compass as well as GPS and navigation. It was a little more like 'winter camping' as the cadets woke up to an inch of snow Sunday morning.
3. Our Adventure FTX will take place on May 26-28 at Everton Scout Camp, just outside of Acton. The cadets will spend the weekend doing abseiling (rappelling) from natural walls (rock face), marksmanship and recreational sports.

Below are some of the highlights of this year:

- On Sunday October 15, select Cadets participated in the Freedom the of the City parade with the Regiment. It was the first time any of our Cadets got to witness and participate in such an event.
- On October 28, we supported RCL Branches 66 and 75 with their Poppy Campaign.
- 80 Cadets and 6 Officers participated in the Prospect Cemetery Remembrance Day Sunrise ceremony on November 11 (08:00 am).
- On Saturday November 4th, select Cadets took part in the Vintage Signals display at Casa Loma.
- On Sunday November 19, 10 Senior Cadets were invited to RCMI for a third year to chaperone the members' children during the Santa Claus Parade. They received the rare privilege to enjoy a tour of the facility and sample the fine food RCMI provides to their guests.
- On Wednesday January 4 we kicked off the new year with a fun night of bowling.
- On January 6, we fielded two shooting teams for the Annual Tartan Shoot at the Toronto Police College.
- On Friday February 16, the corps (76 cadets) travelled to Snow Valley Ski Resort in Barrie where they spent the morning snowshoeing and the afternoon snow tubing. Fun was had by all!
- The BME Church at Eglinton and Dufferin held their Black History Month awards ceremony on February 25. At their request, I put forward four recipients to receive an award from the community and Toronto Police Services for a job well done: OCdt Adriana Monteleone, CI Jamel Magtira, CV Kurt Rayala and CV Kyle Rayala, all who are former cadets of 709 and who are currently working with the Corps.
- On February 24, we fielded two shooting teams for our Zone 11 shoot where the senior team placed third overall. One of our male cadets took 1st place in his category and one of our female cadets took 3rd place in her category.
- On Saturday April 14, during the spring ice storm, our youngest cadets (Green Stars) were treated to a special tour at RCMI which ended with a pizza dinner.
- On May 4, the corps will celebrate the Year End with a Mess Dinner to be held at RCL BR66 with 85 Cadets, 12 Officers/Staff and 23 Guests.

- On Saturday June 10 the corps will be going to the Ontario Tank Museum for Aquino Day display. Select Cadets will be assisting the Vintage Signals Team for the duration of the visit.

Our Annual Ceremonial Review will take place on Monday, June 4th at FYA. Captain Robert Carter will be this year's Reviewing Officer, and the Regimental Band will provide musical accompaniment for the event.

Although our training year will come to an end in June, many cadets will spend two to six weeks of their summer on training courses at Cadet Summer Training Centres in Blackdown and Connaught. Cadets will attend Drill & Ceremonial, Expedition, Marksmanship, Sports & Fitness, Air Rifle Instructor, and General Training courses from which they will return with many new skills and experiences. On a special note, MWO Giallo has been selected to staff the Leadership & Challenge advanced course which is held in Alberta, and MWO Monteleone has been selected to staff at Connaught Training Centre.

Warrant Officer Ryan Gatt retired from the Corps in March upon acceptance to the Reserve and will be joining 32 Signal Regiment.

It was recently brought to my attention that a former Cadet MCpl Heard who left last year will also be joining 32 Signal Regiment.

As we plan for the 2018-2019 training year, the Corps will be planning a joint March Break trip to Fort Drum with 700 Squadron.

Finally, I would like to thank the Regiment for all of the support they have provided to the corps throughout the year. It is my goal to continue to strengthen the ties between the corps and the Regiment and the Regimental Family.

Please visit our webpage at:

<http://www.709cadets.ca/>

and our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/709army>

to see what we have been up to, and the many pictures from our various activities.

Wishing you all a safe and wonderful summer!

Captain Steven Morgan, CD
Commanding Officer







Cadets

142 Mimico Determination Squadron





Cadets

2250 The Muskoka Pioneers RCACC



2250 The Muskoka Pioneers RCACC
Photo: courtesy of Colleen Western

On the 31st of May 2018, 50 members of 2250 The Muskoka Pioneers RCACC departed for an epic trip to Ottawa. The trip included a visit to the Diefenbunker, The War Museum, The Canadian Mint, and The Parliament Buildings. The highlight of the trip was an entire day of white water rafting! A surprise, last minute invitation to join in a ceremony and stand vigil at The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was an honour that our cadets handled with dignity and aplomb. What a great finish to an experience of a life time!

Birth Announcement



Cryus Chi-Wing Lui

709 ARMY CADET CORPS EXPERIENCE VINTAGE SIGNALS

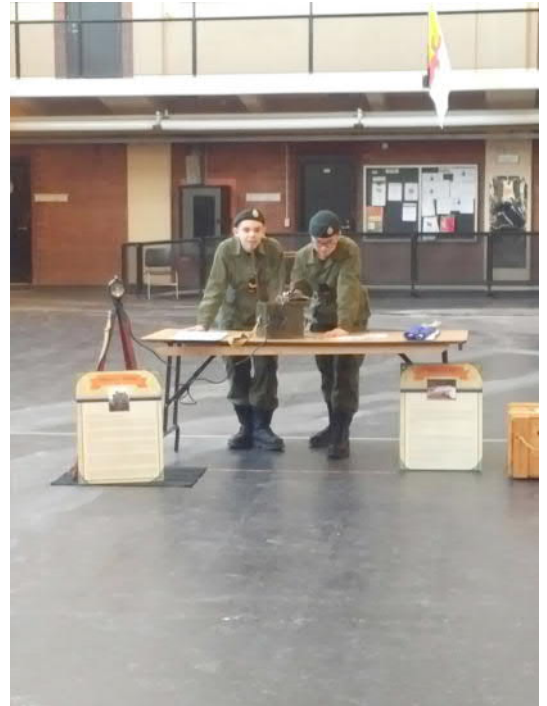
by HLCol Ken Lloyd, CD M.A. | Toronto, Ontario

"It's plus 3 Delta Oscar Golf, Yaaay!"

"I've got one, I've got one" another Cadet shifted into position behind the Signal Lamp telegraph key. This Saturday, on 13th January, 709 Army Cadet Corps members sent coded messages across the space of Fort York Armoury with Vintage Signals equipment. Each message was encrypted using a substitution cipher wheel.



The teams used techniques that would have been used in the First World War; The Heliograph and Shutter Board; Magneto telephone and telegraph Line; Electric Signal lamp; and Morse Code Flags. At one of the tables, the story of Pigeons was ever popular and at another table the Cadets experienced how to build their own Morse key and how the key worked.



The Interactive experience was provided by the Vintage Signals Team and the Cadet Corps members who came out with the VST at the Casa Loma display last November. These expert Cadets were able to guide and share their knowledge of signals with their fellow cadets.

A thoroughly worthwhile experience and our thanks to Capt Steve Morgan; and the VST members Terri McGillvray and Rick Little for making this possible.



Associations

Regimental Advisory Council

Your Donations at Work

by Lt Heather McClory (Ret'd), Secretary



On Saturday, May 5th, the Regiment's Advisory Council held its 52nd annual general meeting. The Advisory Council, headed by our Honorary Colonel, is a charitable and advisory body made up of former Commanding Officers and interested former members of the Regiment. Senior members of the Council meet periodically with the Commanding Officer to give advice and share ideas in the interest of the Regiment and its members.

The Council also contributes financially to the activities of the Regiment and its associated organizations. In the case of the Regiment, many items needed to support "esprit de corps" cannot be paid for with public funds. Examples are presentation plaques, gifts and ceremonial parade equipment.

This year, the RAC voted to contribute \$8,000 for these needs. The Toronto Signals Band has also benefitted from money granted by the RAC for instruments and uniforms. This year's grant will be \$3,000. The Regiment's three affiliated Cadet units will make effective use of their \$2,000 grants in providing exciting, educational and citizen-building activities.



As you can see elsewhere in this issue of The Communicator, the Vintage Signals Team is an effective recruiting tool for the Regiment and provides assistance to Regimental members and veterans in need. Its 2018 grant will be \$7,500.



A very important contribution that the Council makes is to support the education of serving members of the Regiment. The Sally Horsfall Eaton (SHE) Fund makes scholarship grants to members for their post-secondary education costs. This year, the SHE Fund will grant \$8,000 to \$10,000 to deserving members. If you are attending university or college, put your name in for a grant next year!



The RAC is able to grant these funds because of the generosity of many members of the Regimental family. We would like to gather together a larger, broader group of donors to the RAC — from currently serving members, Cadet unit families and friends of the Regiment. The RAC annual appeal takes place in November, so please try to participate when you are asked. However, you can participate at any time, simply by going to the Regimental web page at:

<http://www.torontosignals.ca/>

just click on “Donate” and you can contribute online.

Jimmy and Associates



Toronto Signals Band

by Rechelle Mortimore

Slow to bloom, the Toronto Signals Band had a pretty slow start to the spring season. Due to our extended winter weather, practices were few and far between. However, with dedication and perseverance the Band was still able to have a full season.



The Signals Band participated in the annual Beaches Easter parade during this past season, with a great turn out and full sound. The parade was somewhat short but gave much publicity and exposure to the Band. There were multiple appearances on YouTube, Facebook and CityTV. The parade was also well photographed, by Band members and the public, where all images were used on the Band's social media platforms.



With the help of the Band Council and Public Relations Committee Members, advancements have been made on social media platforms such as Instagram and Facebook, allowing the public to openly comment and rate the Band's performances, as well as allowing the Band to show its meaning, purpose and practice to the public. The Toronto Signals Band website is still in construction; as they say, Rome was not built in a day.

With such a strong performance at the Beaches Easter parade the Band was offered an opportunity to share our talents at the East York Canada day Parade on July 1st.



As our books begin to fill with new parades, performances and events and as the nicer weather starts rolling in, the Band will definitely have another successful season to share with you all.

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Vintage Signals Team

Canadian Armed Forces Day and Air Show at CFB Borden

"I can't believe they've just crushed my Heliograph target!" From the Vintage Signals Team Display at CFB Borden, the tail lights of the car parked under the tree were perfect for flashing Morse code signals. Our visitor, The Base Commander handed his Morse code card to his Aide and hurried over to get a closer look as the Battle tank rocked back and forth over my target.



On the 2nd June 2018, the Vintage Signals team combined with Captain Caron, RSM Graham and WO Whelan to set up the 32 Signals Display at the Borden Air show. Sgt Palik scrambled canvas while MCpl Stubbings and Cpl Coffin weaved and lifted as the display took shape.

The VST of Rick Little; Dave Hayward and Terri and Don MCGillvray quickly populated the display and the Signals story of the 100 days and the crossing of the Canal Du Nord came to life.

What began as cool and cloud ridden cleared into perfect Heliograph day with visitors increasing as the beginning for the air show drew closer. The 500 or more visitors took 250 Signals Post Cards with families enjoying the fascination of talking to each other through a manual switchboard using the magneto phones.



With such a perfect day the Heliograph demonstration was much in demand with a shared amazement at the capability of equipment over 100 years old to send encoded messages over 70 miles. "Really?" a visitor asked, "Well, we have used it to send a message across Lake Ontario from Toronto to Hamilton. It's getting the height that makes it possible."





This is the cue for Rick to come in with his demonstration of what happens when the sun goes away. The lamps are paired and family members send Morse code messages to each other with squeals of delight or remonstrations of "that's not what I said" echoing around the tent.



For the many historian's and school teachers, Dave has his display and maps of the 100 days Battle of 1918. This fine achievement of Canadian Arms is a notable achievement for Canadian Signals as went from static warfare to mobile joint operations with Air, Artillery; Armour; rapid Recce, cavalry and infantry. This is an amazing achievement that demonstrates the flexibility and innovation so characteristic of the Canadian Corps of 1918.

By the end of the day, the team were tired and happy when Capt Caron, RSM Graham and WO Limbert arrived to retrieve the tentage and tables. On such a beautiful day immersed in Borden where the first Signalling School was set up and seeing the Canadian Signal Corps Camp flag flying once more over equipment that the Signallers in Borden would have trained on, it was a time for reflection nostalgia and a cold beer.






The Vintage Signals Team is proudly supported by 32 Signal Regiment



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| Anniversary Presentation | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Joint slide presentation created by the Vintage Signals team and Ops WO 32 Sig Regt. Celebrating Signals and the 100 th Anniversary of WW1 | This is presented throughout the year and is presented to groups wanting to know more about Canadian Signals | This display has been used at Rotary Clubs; Legions; schools; museum displays; Cadets and at the Borden WO&Sgts Mess | Presentation covers the Signals War by land, sea and air including the Secret War. The story tells how the role of Signals does not change but how technology changes and is used from WW1, to Afghanistan. |  <p style="text-align: center;">Equipment Comparison</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">WW1 – 1914-1918</th> <th colspan="2">Afghanistan 2001-2014</th> </tr> <tr> <th>System</th> <th>Description</th> <th>System</th> <th>Description</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Heliograph</td> <td>40-45km, reflects light, open and close a shutter</td> <td>HCLCS</td> <td>40 km, High bandwidth, microwave</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Visual Signalling w/Flags</td> <td>LOS dependent</td> <td>Combat Net Radio</td> <td>WIP or UHF, LOS dependent</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Telegraph</td> <td>Line dependent, used to cross the channel back to national HQ, high traffic rates</td> <td>ISP and BLOS</td> <td>Used as NRL, multiple satellite systems used, high traffic rates</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pigeons and Dispatch Riders</td> <td>Transfer of messages with a reliable carrier</td> <td>Email</td> <td>DWDM and CSNI email servers</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | WW1 – 1914-1918 | | Afghanistan 2001-2014 | | System | Description | System | Description | Heliograph | 40-45km, reflects light, open and close a shutter | HCLCS | 40 km, High bandwidth, microwave | Visual Signalling w/Flags | LOS dependent | Combat Net Radio | WIP or UHF, LOS dependent | Telegraph | Line dependent, used to cross the channel back to national HQ, high traffic rates | ISP and BLOS | Used as NRL, multiple satellite systems used, high traffic rates | Pigeons and Dispatch Riders | Transfer of messages with a reliable carrier | Email | DWDM and CSNI email servers |
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| Interactive Display | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A Vintage Signals Team display that has been jointly presented with 32Sigs Recruiting team. | An interactive display of Signals equipment as would be used in WW1 and WW11 | This interactive display of equipment goes to schools; Legions; Cadet Corps; military displays and overseas displays | Groups are invited to send messages to each other using heliographs; Lucas lamps; semaphore; magneto phones; Morse code keys and Alberti Wheels for code breaking |  | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |





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| Interactive Projects | | | | |
| Project: “The Crossing of the Canal du Nord” This is still in the planning stage | A joint interactive display with the VST; 32 Sigs; Cadets and J&A Association | Borden Sqn and Fort York | The plan is to demonstrate the Signals task of how the Cdn Corps moved from a static to a mobile war. Using line, visual signals and early radio |  |
| Project: “Mercury across the sea”. This is still in the planning stage | A joint HF Radio exercise across the Atlantic | An HF exercise between 32 Sigs in Scotland, 32 Sigs in Canada and the VST. | Proving that the signals of WW1 are still achievable. Both units in Canada and Scotland are in agreement to attempt the contact. |  |
| Displays completed | | | | |
| 32 Signal Regt sponsored Cadet unit. 709 Army Cadet Corps. | Interactive display where Cadets set up and operated WW1 style equipment | 13 Jan 2018 Fort York Armoury | This display was an interactive experience for Cadets to use WW1 style equipment to send both plain and coded messages. They used heliographs, magneto phones, Morse code |  |

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| | | | <p>flags, Morse code sounders Lucas lamps and telephone switchboards</p> | |
| <p>Regional Community Family Day</p> | <p>Interactive display for the families of Dundas and the community</p> | <p>19 Feb 2018 Dundas Museum</p> | <p>Provided WW1 Signals experience for the Dundas Museum Family Day. Display of WW1 Signals capability; codebreaking and shared the Signals story of the final 100 day battle.</p> |  |
| Displays booked for this year | | | | |
| <p>32 Signal Regt sponsored Cadet unit. 142 Air Cadet Corps. The VST with the Officers and Cadets</p> | <p>Interactive display to share the skills of Signaling using visual and line communication both in clear and encrypted</p> | <p>28 Apr 2018 Fort York</p> | <p>This display will be an interactive experience for Cadets to use WW1 style equipment to send both plain and coded messages. They will use heliographs, magneto phones, Morse code flags, Morse code sounders, Lucas lamps and telephone switchboards</p> |  |



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| 32 Sigs Change of Command | | 12 May 2018 Fort York | Static display of Signals history as part of the Change of Command Parade |  <p>100 days battle 1918 Anniversary</p> <p>Celebration of the Signals plan created by Col Forde for the crossing of the Canal Du Nord in 1918.</p> <p>The plan included a deception strategy with false radio messages and the physical movement of transmitters; electronic direction finding; setting up a school for signallers; rapid movement from static communications; crossing of obstacles and rapid advances with Line, Radios; Heliographs, radios, flags and Lamps.</p> |
| Borden Air Show Joint display of VST and with the Ops WO Borden Sqn 32 Sigs. | The RCEME School at Base Borden have invited the VST to The Borden Air Show again. Organized by Ops WO Borden Sqn | 2-3 Jun 2018 approache d by the RCEME School and asked to set up a Forward Observati on Base with comms equipment | A Joint display with Borden Sqn at the Air Show. The invitation is to set up a Forward Observation Base . This will fit in with the Forward Observation positions set up at the beginning of the 100 Days Battle of WW1. |   |
| Aquino Day OshawaTank Museum | Tank Museum Oshawa. VST with 709 Army Cadet Corps | 8-9-10 June 2018 | Static display along with Cold War vehicle section. Being supported by 709 Army Cadet Corp. |  |



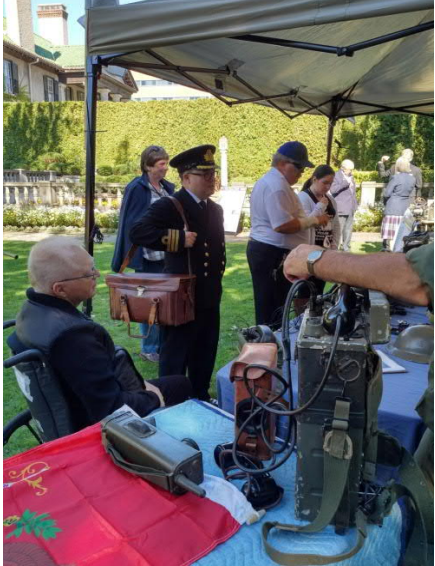
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| Eastlawn or Woodlawn Cemetery | Decoration Day for the Armistice in a Hamilton Cemetery | 10 June 11 a.m. | This is an event that predates November 11. Last year the VST included a military graves tour |  |
| Great War Flying Museum | Brampton Airfield. | Sunday July 15th | Sharing the Signals story in the sky. Explaining to visitors the importance of communication in the air and how this technology changed flying forever. |  |
| Blackdown Borden Cadets | Blackdown – Borden The level of support is dependant on the availability of Capt Caron and the Sqn in Borden | 11-12 Aug 2018 or July | A Signals introduction to the Senior Cadets at the CTC. Can be done by the VST although the CTC has requested more modern eqpt to encourage an understanding of Signals. |  |
| Warriors Day Parade 100th Anniversary Event | 18 Aug 2018 Warriors Day 100 th anniversary | Saturday, August 18th Toronto CNE - Warriors Day Parade | The Line Truck as well as other military vehicles and personnel will march in the parade. |  |


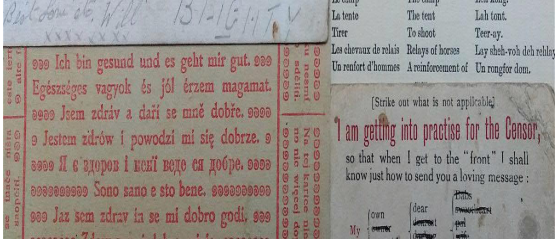

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| Milton Steam Show | Saturday September 1 to Monday September 3. In 2017 the VST won “Best display” | Monday, Sept 3rd Milton Steam Show | Static display with the Ontario Military Vehicle Association sharing the story of signals in WW1 |  <p>The poster for 'Steam-Era Labour Day Weekend' features a collage of steam-powered vehicles and machinery. Text on the poster includes 'STEAM-ERA Labour Day Weekend', 'Country Heritage Park - 888 Tremaine Rd., Milton, ON', 'WHEELS LOGS, HOISTAGE, CONCRETE MIXERS', and contact information for the Ontario Steam & Antique Preservers Association: '905-878-3114 www.steam-era.com'. Logos for 'Maple Lodge Farms', 'Forster Instruments Inc.', and 'McISAAC SEPTIC PUMPING' are also visible.</p> |
| Branch 11 Legion Week | Danforth area of Toronto | 10-15 Sept 2018 | Two groups of students each day for one week. 450 pupils experience WW1 Signalling |  <p>A photograph showing a group of children in military-style uniforms. One child in the foreground is holding a large blue, orange, and yellow flag. They are standing in front of a display board with historical photographs and documents.</p> |
| Scugog Remembers-Anniversary of the Armistice | Port Perry | Saturday, Nov 3rd Port Perry Street Festival to celebrate the end of WW1 | Dave Robinson who worked with EF Education at Vimy saw the VST display in Arras and at the Garrison Ball | <p>.. “We would like to invite your organization to participate on November 3rd from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. As the theme is the 100th Anniversary, we would like your display to be similar to the one that you did at Vimy Dinner or at the Vimy Dinner in London.”</p>  <p>A photograph of an event booth with several people. A man in a military uniform is interacting with a woman. The booth has various items on display, including what appears to be a historical document or map.</p> |
| Veterans Appreciation Luncheon | Holiday Inn Oakville Provided by Access Abilities and supported by 32 Bde | 4 Nov and display on 5 Nov Oakville Holiday Inn- 8:00-2:00 | Static display sharing the story of Signals. Using heliograph, semaphore, magneto phones and flags to interact with visitors. |  <p>A photograph of several men in military uniforms standing together. They are wearing caps and have medals on their chests. A sign in the background says 'Welcome Canada's Heroes'.</p> |

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| Casa Loma Great War Commemoration | Casa Loma Toronto 709 Army Cadet Corps | Saturday Nov 10th Casa Loma- 8:00-2:00 supporting Queens Own Rifles | Interactive static display. As well as our Line Truck. Visitors will interact with Signals eqpt shown by 709 ACC |  |
| Hamilton Military Museum work shop | Hamilton Military Museum- 8:00-2:00 workshop(building your own Morse code key | Hamilton Military Museum Saturday Nov 10th | Work show where visitors will learn to make their own Morse code keys and send messages in code. |  |
| Parkwood House National Historic Site | WWI static display with Camp X | Autumn 2018 Parkwood House | Interactive display Morse Code, cryptography and Enigma display."Be a codebreaker" and take the Morse Code Challenge |  |
| Academic | | | | |
| University of Waterloo | Connection of the VST with History author David O'Keefe. Support by this author | 27 Feb 2018 Lecture at Waterloo University | Breakfast meeting with David O'Keefe and later joined him for his presentation on code | |

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| | <p>is planned. David O’Keefe has offered to provide a lecture as a fundraiser for the VST</p> | | <p>breaking and Enigma. Sharing the Signals experience and its impact from WW1 to WW2</p> |  |
| <p>Academia</p> | <p>London and Brussels. Languages conference. Language and the First World War conference in the Brussels on 12th September</p> | <p>The VST has been invited to present on Wed, Sept 12th Brussels, Belgium-Languages Conf.</p> | <p>The VST has been invited to submit a paper on the language of WW1. The title of our paper is “The language of Signals” All papers will be published</p> |  |
| <p>Academia</p> | <p>Science Museum</p> | <p>Science Museum Exhibition Road London</p> | <p>Liaison and exchange of research papers on the 100 days Battle. Exchanging ideas for marketing Signals in WW1</p> |  |

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| Overseas Exhibitions | | | | |
| “The Influence of Technology on Society” Berlin | Monday July 16th- Sunday July 22nd Berlin, Germany- Conference EF education | Berlin, Germany | EF Education Global Leadership Summit. “The influence of Technology on Society” The VST will run a workshop and a scavenger hunt for the conference participants |  |
| Social Media Outreach | | | | |
| FACEBOOK | Facebook account | | 152 Followers 149 Likes |  |
| TWITTER | Twitter Account | Vintage Signals | 4,776 Tweets 325 Following 156 Followers 24 Likes |  |

Audrey Lorraine Chapman-Chabrol



Passed away on December 23, 2017 surrounded by her loving family at the age of 73. Loving wife of 40 years to George Chabrol. Devoted mother to Simone (Larry Stadnik) and Natalie (Brendon Bindoo). Proud grandmother to Ty and Kyra Forfar, and Robyn and Riley Stadnik. Survived by her

sisters Desiree and Anne (David Dettering). Predeceased by her parents Jim and Esther Goodfellow. Audrey will always be lovingly remembered by her nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Edward Curtis



It is with heavy hearts and great sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Edward Curtis surrounded by family on February 5, 2018. Ed is the loving father of Douglas and Michelle Bergin (David). Cherished grandfather of Caitlin, Zachary and Connor. Survived by sister Suzanne Grant. Ed was a proud

retired member of the O.P.P. Auxiliary with 43 years of dedicated service and a lifelong devotion to volunteerism, community service and devoted member of the Toronto Signals Band.



We will remember them.

"Bill" William Baird Selfe



Passed away suddenly on March 5, 2018, two days shy of his 87th birthday. Bill enjoyed the city and small town life growing up in Toronto and Wasaga Beach. Bills' passion was drumming and he was happiest performing with The Toronto Signal Drum Corps and instructing drum lines with The Teen Tour Band in Burlington.

During his 29-year retirement from Ford Canada, he could be found on golf courses in Florida, Wasaga, and the Port Rowan area. Many friendships were made during time spent at work, golf, fishing, drum core, and life in the Villages of Long Point Bay. Bill was the kindest of men, who cherished his family. Honesty and hard work were morals he stood by. He will be forever missed by his wife Rosemary, his children Pat (Norm), Vince (Kim), and Cameron (Amanda). He was predeceased by daughter Beverly (2014). Fondly treasured by grandchildren Bryce, Molly, Cassie, Tyler, and Nina, along with great grandchildren Cami, Gabi, and Wyatt.

He will march on forever in our hearts.

Lillian Alice Gemmell



Passed away peacefully at Southlake Regional Health Centre, in Newmarket, on Thursday, March 8th, 2018. Beloved wife of Edwin (Ted) Gemmell. Proud mother of Steven Blacklock (Renee) and Kelly Brown (Henry). Cherished Step-mother of Debbie (Dave) and Brian (Rosa). Much loved

grandmother of Ethan and James, and step-grandmother of Ian (Kathy-Lee), Sean (Nancy), Ryan and Christopher. Great step-grandmother of MacKenzie, Kennedy and Sarah. Lillian is survived by her brother Ronald Easton (Trudy) of Ottawa. Lillian was a private in the CWAC at 8 Signal Regiment at Spadina armories circa 1958 to 1960. She was also one of the founding members of Jimmy and Associates.

Col John E.L. Murphy, CD



After enjoying a long, happy, healthy life with a wonderful lady and opportunities to actively pursue a variety of interests, John died March 26, 2018 in his 90th year at the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital. Born in Toronto, April 9, 1928, he attended North Toronto Collegiate Institute,

Jarvis Collegiate Institute (Grade 13) and the University of Toronto, graduating in 1950 with an honours degree in chemical engineering. He worked at DuPont Canada Incorporated for 41 years attaining various sales manager positions in the Textile Fibers Department and retiring in 1991. While at university, he enrolled in the Canadian Officers Training Corps leading to a commission as a Lieutenant, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps in 1949. John served in the Reserve Militia of the Canadian Armed Forces for 43 years and was a former Commanding Officer of both the 709 (Toronto) Communication Regiment and Toronto Militia Service Battalion, a former Commander of Toronto Militia District and former Honorary Lieutenant Colonel and Honorary Colonel of 25 (Toronto) Service Battalion. He was a lifetime member of Royal Canadian Military Institute and Royal Canadian Legion – Fort York Branch 165. John is survived by Shirley, his loving and very supportive companion for 74 years including 66 years of marriage, their four sons, Larry (Sophie), David (Suzanne), Christopher (Susan) and Bruce, grandchildren, Sean (Stefannie Toth), Megan (Dane Reynolds), Caitlyn, Sydney (Josh Goodine) and Tyler and great-granddaughter, Zosia.

Tina Lee



Passed away peacefully on April 15, 2018 in Mississauga at the age of 79. Loving wife of Jack Lee for 58 wonderful years. She will be forever missed by many extended family members and friends.

Jack and Tina are long time members of Jimmy and Associates.

MWO Leonard Pelletier, CD



Passed away peacefully on March 30, 2018. Beloved husband and best friend of Evelyn for over 60 years. Devoted father, grandfather and uncle. He will also be



lovingly remembered by his many extended family members and friends in Canada and around the world. Raise a glass of single malt to a life well lived. Len was a veteran of the World War II, devoted member of Jimmy and Associates and life member of Warrior's Day Parade Council.

James "Bruce" Garrison

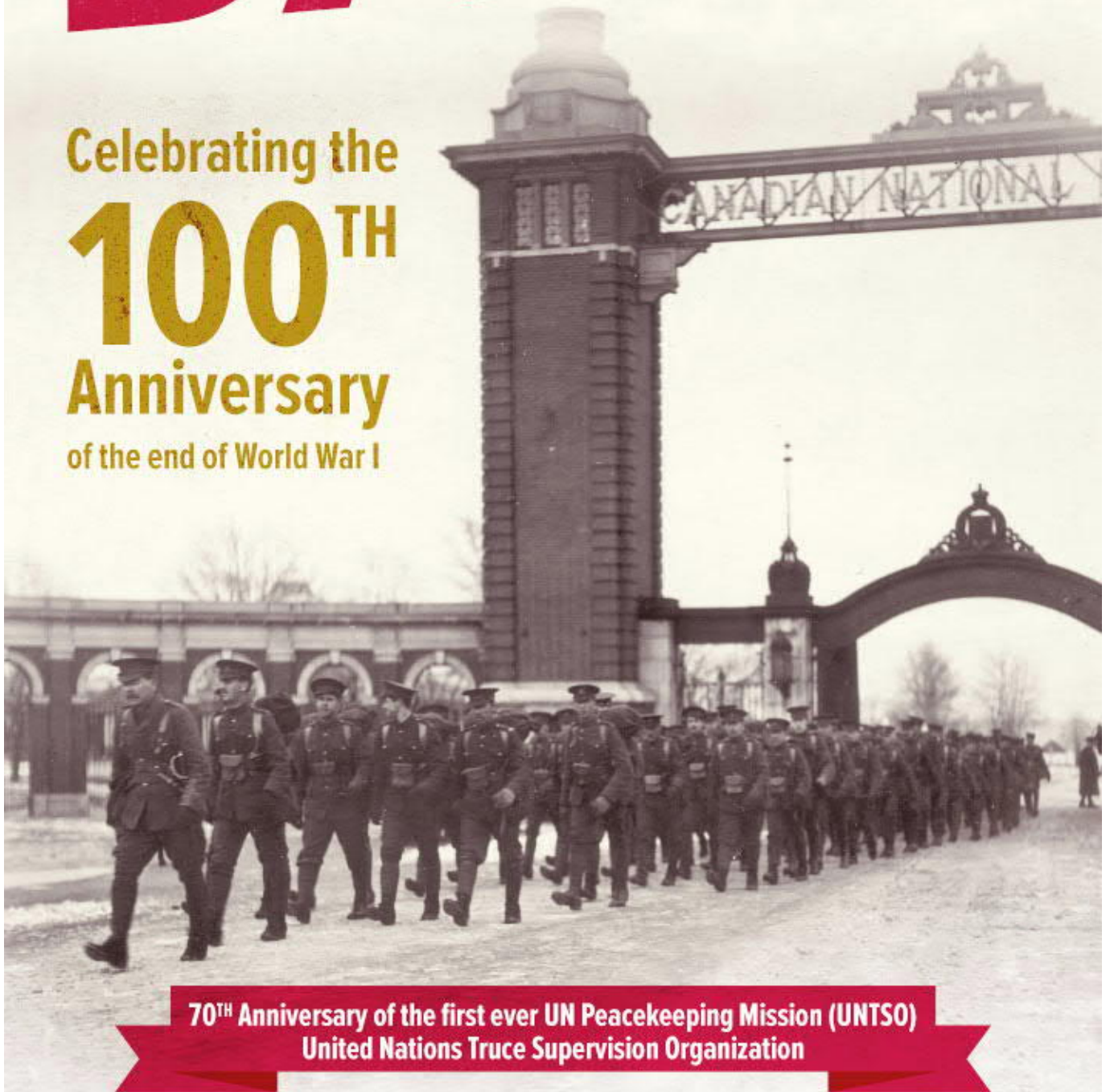


Passed away at Joseph Brant Hospital, on April 11, 2018, at the age of 84. Beloved husband of Carol Clark (nee Lockhart). Loving father to Melanie Garrison, Michael Garrison (Deidre Feindel), and step-father to Glenda Johnston (Paul), Greg Clark (Sarah), and Ken Clark (Nicole). Cherished grandfather of Christine

Scovell, Emily Clark, Matthew Johnston, Paige Clark, Ava Clark and Will Clark. Predeceased by his first wife, Mary. Bruce was a member of the Toronto Signals Band and former president of the Royal Canadian Legion Harriston Branch 296.

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