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From the Editor— Time out in Mexico



Life is not all about work, but rather, an adventure. It just so happens, the month of Feb 2014 I took a tactical pause and headed off on a one week family adventure of sorts to sunny Riviera Maya Mexico. While there I did think of my fellow soldiers who were trudging through the snow back in Canada on EX COLD START I & II series, then my mind came back to reality and where I was. Following this little lapse in memory, I couldn't leave my team

mates by themselves and subsequently joined them upon my arrival back in Canada for a further set of training exercises that continually challenged our skill sets and continue to prove to be exciting. These exercises included BADGER DRIVE series, IMPROVED TRILLIUM, ULTRA NIAGARA, JAVELIN TOWER and NEPTUNE PHOENIX I & II. Upcoming in the month of June will be a cross border adventure, titled GOLDEN COYOTE situated in South Dakota USA. The last major exercise before fall training kicks in, will be composed of elements from the three Brigades under command of 4th Canadian Division.

This exercise will be held in August and titled EX STALWART GUARDIAN 14. The Army Communication Information Systems Specialists (ACISS) DP-1.0 course is being exported from Canadian Forces School of Communication and Electronics (CFSCE) to all Divisions in Canada. In 4th Cdn Div, for the second year it will be hosted by 32 Signal Regiment with the addition of a Driver Wheeled course being front loaded to the ACISS DP-1.0. These are busy times but very productive and building upon our capabilities. I look forward to the upcoming events, challenges and new training year we have ahead of us.



**EX COLD START II, 2014
4th Cdn Div Trg Ctr - Meaford**

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Commanding Officer's Message



As I pen this article for my message in the spring edition of the 2014 Communicator newsletter, I am thinking about the incredible effort that many soldiers, veterans and supporters of our Regiment put into our unit. I want to use a well known statement from a past U.S. President to represent these efforts in that 'we ask not what the Regiment can do for you but what you can do for the Regiment'. For many of us, the Regimental Family of 32 Signal Regiment is part of

our life in many ways. As we change from one generation to another, it has been a challenge to maintain our customs, history and even at times interest in unit activities. As the vanguard of the generations from the 20th century pass on, one of my on-going challenges is to better foster the continuation of the Regimental Family. This includes the constant encouragement of serving soldiers, veterans particularly those from the 1970s to the current era to participate in activities of the Regiment. I call upon all to make this effort along with soldiers on Class A, B, C and Regular Force levels of service. Only with our collective efforts can we continue on with our Regiment's traditions and operations in an effective manner.

In these fiscally restrained times, the maintenance of our operational capabilities, the preservation of training and education for each and every soldier along with recruiting and retention is still a challenge. We continue to be incredibly busy with activities involving our Brigade Training Battle Groups, operational tasks and Individual Battle Task Standards as well as other forms of collective training in the form of numerous unit and Brigade level exercises as we work up the annual summer concentration known as EXERCISE STALWART GUARDIAN in August. New technologies such as the Land Communication Support System (LCSS) continue appear in our environment. However, with new technologies comes the challenge to get our soldiers trained and to maintain that training against skill fade. With budget cutbacks, trade and career based courses are harder to get within the Reserve construct and are extremely long. Our continued operations are complicated with broken equipment that takes long periods to repair or return to the unit from taskings.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Regimental Family including our outgoing Honorary Colonel Sally Horsfall – Eaton for her dedication over the past 18 years. As an advocate of the Regiment and the entire Canadian Armed Forces, Sally along with her husband John Eaton have been directly instrumental in fund raising and advocacy in important issues with all levels of government to better support soldiers and the entire Regimental Family. My thanks is also offered to the team that planned her Departure Ceremonies over the past months. I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Alex Moseanu, and also welcome our new Honorary Colonel Jim Leech to the Regiment. Again as always I want to thank both our Cadet Corps, The Toronto Signals Band, Jimmy and Associates including Flag Party, Hong Kong

Ex-Serviceman's Association, Dutch War Veterans, American Post 29 and our Amateur Radio Club associates. Your efforts put the energy into our Regimental spirit. I also want to strongly encourage all past members, family and friends (our alumnus) to participate in future Regimental activities including upcoming parade and events to occur over the summer and our Remembrance parades, ceremonies and special events planned for next November.

Also, most especially, I want to take this opportunity to continue to thank all of our serving soldiers for their efforts on training, tasks, missions and special ceremonial events during the current year. Your efforts are noticed and well appreciated by the leadership of the unit.

Finally, to all ranks, family and friends, I want to wish the best for the Summer period and look forward to seeing you all at World War I commemorative events, the Jimmy and Associates annual BBQ and Warrior's Day over the summer period.

Spiritus Manet

G.J. Stasyna, CD
Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

HCol Leech's Message



I am pleased to address you for the first time as your new Honorary Colonel, 32 Signals Regiment. It is somewhat intimidating to be succeeding HCol Sally Horsfall-Eaton who has served the Regiment so well in honorary capacities for the past 19 years. With your support I hope to continue the initiatives, such as the SHE Fund, that she successfully spearheaded. I also hope to meet many of you "in the field" over the balance of the year - it has been many years since I served in uniform so I have a lot to catch up.

Who is Jim Leech?

After a 40 year business career in the financial, energy and high tech industries, I have recently retired as the President and CEO of Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan, one of the world's largest pool of investment funds. I have lived and worked in most provinces in Canada and my most recent jobs took me all over the world to make investments on behalf of the pension plan.

Next month I will be installed as the Chancellor at Queen's University. In addition, I plan to continue as Chair of the Toronto General and Western Hospital Foundation and serve on the MasterCard Foundation Board.

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But I am no stranger to the Canadian Forces. In fact, the military was our "family business" - my father, uncle and brother were all senior regular force career officers (my father and brother were in RC Sigs). I graduated from Royal Military College and served three plus years in the regular forces, attaining the rank of Captain in RC Sigs. Most of my service was with NATO forces in Germany, at Brigade Headquarters and the Royale 22ieme Regiment. I left the army in 1971 to attend the MBA programme at Queen's University and that was the start of my business career.

On a personal basis, I am married to Deborah Barrett who works in the financial industry, and have three married adult children and five grandkids (so far!). I was pleased that my brother as well as all of my children and grand children were able to attend our Change of HCol Parade - the young ones were fascinated by the marching and the music!



What's the beard about?

A few people commented on the beard that I was sporting at the Change of HCol Parade - CWO Carter was looking at me sideways! The beard (which is now gone Chief) was in preparation for an expedition I completed in April to ski to the magnetic North Pole.

I was fortunate to join the largest Arctic expedition in history - 53 business leaders, soldiers (regular force and militia), Olympians (captain and goalie from Canada's Women's Hockey

team), media and guides. We were airlifted onto the ice about 200 kms north of Resolute Bay and skied, carrying large back packs and dragging heavy toboggans, 125 kms to the pole over six days. This was an "unsupported" expedition meaning that we had no dog sleds and no snowmobiles - we carried all of our food, tents, etc - and we all became experts at winter camping, melting snow and



building latrines! The temperatures were -20 to -25 most of the time; some days it was very sunny but we did have to content with winds and blowing snow. In fact we could not be picked up on schedule and had to hunker down for an extra day at the pole due to a storm.

The Expedition was organized by The True Patriot Love



Foundation, a foundation that supports Canada's military service men/women and their families. This particular event was aimed at raising funds (over \$2 million) and awareness for the challenges faced by our returning men and women, in particular, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. The twelve soldiers on our team were all

wounded: some physically (Sgt Bjarne Nielson was an amputee) but all were suffering PTSD to some degree.



The six days were very physically demanding; but everyone came through without injury because we all coalesced as one team. The business leaders learned a great deal from the military and vice versa - but what everyone knew from their own experiences is that the team can accomplish so much more if there is a high level of trust and everyone knows what

I'm happy to report that our financial situation is in good state and that we will again continue to support the Communication and Electronics Branch Museum in Kingston, the 709 Cadets with monetary award and certificate to a deserving cadet showing leadership qualities, and to the 32 Signal Regiment, both Toronto and Borden squadrons, with the presentation of the "Jimmy and Associates Trophy" along with individual plaques to two deserving soldiers who have shown outstanding Dedication and Devotion to the regiment.

'Sitreps' (Situation Reports) were delivered to the Association from The Hamilton Signals Association, GTA Branch Dutch Canadian Legion, the Hong Kong Veteran's Association, the 29th Infantry U.S. Division Association Post #3 and from the CO 32 Signal Regiment, presented by Major Lai and RSM Carter in Col Stasyna's unavoidable absence. Thus, Jimmy and Associates are well informed of the going-ons of our Regimental family.



Planning for the annual Jimmy and Associates barbecue are proceeding well and we look forward to an even larger event that we held last year. The date for the BBQ is Saturday July 12 at Lou Lombardi's gorgeous estate in Claremont so, mark your calendars and be sure to attend. More information regarding times, direction etc will be communicated soon.

I particularly want to express my thanks to our executive who have given our association tireless support and commitment throughout the year – job well done and recognised. The support from the Regiment, under the command of LCol Greg Stasyna, cannot be overstated – we are proud to be part of the Regiment's family, thank you sir.

their part of the mission is. There were many memorable happenings, but none as emotional as when we skied the final 250 metres to the pole, led by the soldiers with Sgt Nielson out in front. As we reached the pole, everyone started singing "O Canada" in French and English. I will never forget that magical moment.

The 'Jimmy and Associates' executive for 2014-2015 consists of:

- President – David Douglas
- Vice President – Jack Lee
- Secretary – Steve Cheney
- Treasurer – David Spessot
- Membership/Communications – Rose Kelly

In closing, let me say that I am honoured to be appointed your new Honorary Colonel and hope that I will be able to learn from you over the years ahead.

Before you know it Christmas will be upon us, and again as was last year we look forward to being part of the Regimental luncheon.

We are always looking for new members so, please do consider joining our association, at only \$20 per year dues it's a real bargain. Contact us through:

Jim Leech

Jimmy and Associates



The Association has just finished its Annual General Meeting with a large turnout of members considering the road reconstruction and parade that affected the area around Fort York. It was great to see some new faces and new members who came out for the meeting.

Jimmy and Associates
Attn: Membership
c/o 32 Signal Regiment
Fort York Armoury
660 Fleet St W
Toronto, Ontario
M5V 1A9

Promoting and Perpetuating the fellowship of our members, both past and present, of the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals, the 32 Signal Regiment, the Communications and Electronics Branch and all of our Regimental affiliations.

David Douglas



EVENTS

On December 14, 2013, 32 Signal Regiment gathered together to pay respect to our fallen, leadership served its soldiers



Mens Xmas Diner, 14 Dec 2013
Exchange of Jackets - LCol Stasyna, Pte



Mens Xmas Diner, 14 Dec 2013
Exchange of Jackets - RSM, Cpl Longaphie, LCol Stasyna



Canadian Armed Forces



32 Signal Regiment

Fort York Armoury, December 14, 2013

and raised its glasses toasts to our heritage. There was also the ceremonial exchange of jackets where the CO exchanged his jacket with the youngest soldier and the RSM exchanged his jacket with the most senior junior NCM. A regimental photo was also taken with all who were present in the background - magnificent.

Capt Caron



Mens Xmas Diner, 14 Dec 2013
New Fathers - Capt Tu & Capt Zhang

Emergency Preparedness Fair for Emergency Preparedness Week – York Region



Emergency Preparedness Week (EP Week) was conducted from



May 4 – 10, 2014. EP Week is an annual event that takes place each year during the first full week of May. This national event is coordinated by Public Safety Canada, in close collaboration with the provinces and territories and partners.

York Region participated in Emergency Preparedness week by conducting a number of events to deliver emergency awareness and safety tips to its corporate population and the public. This year York ran an information kiosk outside the cafeteria at the Regional Administration Centre. Key themes of EP Week included: “Know the Risks, Make a Plan and Get Prepared”.



EMS Day - 4 May 2014
Cpl McIver, Cpl Longaphie, Cpl Sonley-Long, Cpl Lapensée



Services/Mens Sana Families for Mental Health along with utility providers such as PowerStream, Hydro One and Enbridge and other organizations such as the Conservation Authorities, Ontario Provincial Police and Canadian Armed Forces and providers for people with special needs. About 600 people visited the displays located in the north parking lot and inside the Great Hall.

Four of our soldiers from Borden Sqn set up a display along with numerous first responders. The following members from 32 Signals, Borden Sqn participating includes:

- Cpl Longaphie
- Cpl Lapensée
- Cpl Sonley-Long
- Cpl Maclver

The EP Fair was held on Saturday May 3 at the Regional Administration Centre. York Region partnered with Departments, its nine local municipalities, and with several community partners such as the Red Cross, Salvation Army, St John Ambulance, Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Amateur Radio Emergency Service, VITA Community Living

Greg Stasyna

Warriors' Day Parade

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Message from 709 Signals Cadet Corps

Another successful training year is drawing to a close for the 709 Army Cadet Corps. Our training has been conducted on a weekly basis at St. Thomas Aquinas school on Wednesday nights from 1845 to 2130, with select training nights also held at Fort York Armoury. The cadets, who number 65, range in age from 12 to 18 and are distributed among five training levels.

The second half of the training year was action-packed and exciting. In January, our Red and Silver Star level cadets put their creative skills to use and contributed to "Valentines for Vets". Veterans Affairs Canada's "Valentines for Vets" program encourages Canadians to create valentines for Veterans as a way to give thanks to those who have served Canada. More than 20 colourful and uplifting cards were hand-made and mailed out to wish Veterans a Happy Valentine's Day.

The air rifle marksmanship team, under the coaching of CWO Dave Lowry, has continued to practice on Monday nights at Fort York Armoury. On February 1, the team participated in the Tartan Shoot held at Moss Park Armoury. On February 16, they participated in the Zone 11 shoot where they placed third as a team, with an individual third place finish in the junior category by Cpl Monteleone.

One of the highlights of the training year was the shooting and sports day held at Fort York Armoury on March 8. Each of the cadets had the chance to practice their marksmanship skills on the Daisy air rifle, and enjoyed a fun afternoon of physical activity playing team sports.

On Sunday, April 13, Silver and Gold Star cadets participated in the Depart With Dignity parade in honour of Honorary Colonel Sally Horsfall-Eaton, alongside the soldiers of the 32 Signal Regiment. We would like to extend our thanks to Honorary Colonel Horsfall-Eaton for her support of the Corps over the years of her service, and wish her well in her future endeavours.

A number of cadets were invited to serve dinner to the residents of Sunnybrook hospital "K" wing at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 75 on April 27. They also enjoyed dinner with the guests. The cadets were able to both provide a service to the community, and to hear some very interesting stories from veterans who they otherwise might not have the chance to meet.

On the weekend of May 3/4 we held our annual navigation and trekking exercise. Instead of travelling to our usual training area at Base Borden, this year we decided to try out some urban navigation. The cadets spent their Saturday practicing map, compass, and GPS skills, taking turns leading their sections in trekking throughout the city. On Sunday, they had the opportunity to visit Fort York historic site and learn about its role in Canadian history, and spent the afternoon playing team sports.

A Change of Command parade for 709 Cadet Corps was held on May 7. After many years of service with 709, Capt. Andrew Milligan will be moving to 94 Optimist Air Cadet Squadron in

Newmarket. Our new CO is Lt Steve Morgan. Regional Cadet Advisor (RCA) for Central Detachment, Major Michael Stacey, CD, presided over the Change of Command, and 330 Danforth Tech Air Cadet Squadron band participated in the ceremony.



This year, our Annual Review will be held at Fort York Armoury on Saturday, May 31 at 1300 hrs. Cadets will demonstrate what

they have learned throughout the training year on the parade square. Awards will be presented to top performing cadets. The reviewing officer for the 2014 Annual Review will be Major Alfred Lai, CD, Deputy Commanding Officer of 32 Signal Regiment. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Our training year comes to an end in June, and 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 and Ceremonial, Expedition Instructor, Marksmanship Instructor, Basic Expedition, Sports and Fitness Instructor, Basic Sports and Fitness and General



Training courses. Training will resume in September, when our cadets will return with many new skills and experiences.

Please visit our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/709army>) and website (<http://www.709cadets.com>) to learn more about our corps and find out about upcoming events.

On behalf of the Officer and Cadets of the 709 Cadet Corps, I would like to thank 32 Signals Regiment for your ongoing sup-

port. In particular, we would like recognize Cpl Guy Hamel, serving member of the Regiment, for his assistance over the past year.

Have a wonderful summer!

2Lt Lucy Trojanowski
Silver Star Instructor
709 RCACC

CHANGE OF COMMAND 709 SIGNALS ROYAL CANADIAN ARMY CADET CORPS - RCACC



On the evening of Wednesday May 7 at Fort York Armoury, the Officers, Staff, Cadets, members of the Regimental Family, Jimmy and Associates along with the Support Committee, families and friends held a Change of Command Parade to say farewell to their outgoing Commanding Officer, Captain Andrew Milligan, CD and to welcome the incoming Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Steven Morgan.



Capt Milligan continuously served with 709 Signals Army Cadet Corps in various capacities since 1995 and in 2010 was appointed as Commanding Officer. The unit currently has sixty five youths who reside in and around the Fairbank community

in the Dufferin-Eglinton area.



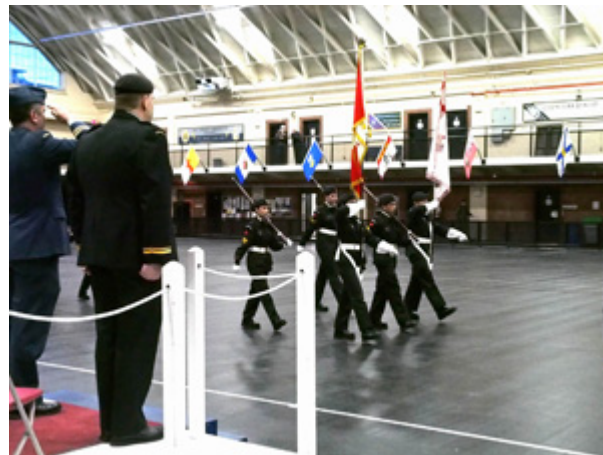
Capt Milligan's next posting will be in the Air element as Commanding Officer of 94 Optimist Air Cadet Squadron in Newmarket. The Officers, Staff, Cadets and Support Committee wish him the very

best in his new posting.

Lt Morgan enrolled in the Canadian Forces Cadet Instructor Cadre (CIC) in 2012 and immediately began working with the unit. After completing all requisite training courses through the Regional Cadet Instructor's School (RCIS) in Borden, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.

Major Michael Stacey, CD, Regional Cadet Advisor (RCA) for Central Detachment presided over the ceremony. Maj Stacey inspected the troops, witnessed the Change of Command and spoke to the Cadets about the program and all it has to offer.

The members of the Cadet Corps would like to thank the many guest in attendance, and also for their continued support of the corps.



A special thank you goes out to 330 Danforth Tec Air Cadet Squadron for providing the band for this ceremony. Congratulations on a job well done.

Lt Morgan is excited about the upcoming training year and is looking forward to working with his Officers and friends of the corps.

Capt. J.P. Ferron, CD
Deputy Commanding Officer
709 Signals RC(ARMY)CC

HONORARY COLONEL SALLY HORSFALL-EATON

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HCol Horsfall-Eaton has requested that her DWD is a fundraising event for the Regimental Council SHE Fund. In lieu of purchasing a dinner ticket please consider a donation to the Regimental Council SHE Fund, an endowment to provide bursaries for post secondary education for our soldiers. 100% of your donation will be contributed to the SHE Fund.



32 SIGNAL REGIMENT
CHANGE OF HONORARY
COLONEL CEREMONY

SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH, 2014
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660 FLEET STREET
TORONTO, ONTARIO

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Sally Horsfall, CD RN was one of the few longest serving Honourarys to hold the appointment in the CF. Sally is a member of the National Honourary Colonels Executive Council. This is a parting interview with the outgoing Honourary Colonel and the Editor.

INTERVIEW FOR COMMUNICATOR



LCol Jack Lee, co-editor of the Communicator had an opportunity to interview the former HCol Sally Horsfall after the Change-of-Honourary Parade. The following is the interview:

1. J. How did you feel your special Departure with Dignity weekend went?

S. Clearly those two days were some of the most memorable of my life. I have attended these cer-

emonies for others and don't think I ever realized how moving they can be for the *honoree*.

I was overwhelmed at the amount of effort everyone put into the planning and amazed at the outcome. I hope everyone understands how grateful and honoured I am.

I am certain HCol Jim Leech was impressed by the parade as, of course, was I, and I know it made him feel welcome. He is a wonderful man.

2. J. Any particular part of the celebrations that stand out for you?

S. Oh my goodness, I couldn't possibly list them all, but two things will stay with me forever, and gave me great pause for thought.

During the socializing, I had an opportunity to chat with many of the soldiers.

One of them commented on the difficulty overcoming fear, when experiencing new challenges.

I could definitely relate to that, in fact, I believe it is a very common human trait.

In all my career, I can't think of one new challenge that didn't scare me half to death – I was afraid I didn't have the skills or people would think I was a fraud.

As “the first woman” in many instances, I was scared of the baggage that carried with it. I finally learned to use that fear to my advantage. It forced me to put more into the role than I might have done otherwise.

The second event was of course, being completely and finally overwhelmed by the incredible parade and the final Salute & March Past – I was as surprised as anyone when tears started rolling down my face, and no matter how hard I tried, I couldn't wipe them off my face with my finger and still hold my salute – and I know Jack you were photographing it all – you devil.

The final straw was when the mascara started mixing with the lipstick and dripping onto my DEU – the uniform I will never wear again – I just couldn't walk those last steps in front of everyone and I slipped out the back – well that's life. You can't win them all.



3. J Any final thoughts?

S. Yes – Please thank everyone in the Regiment, the Band, the Cadets, Jimmy & Associates, the Brigade and of course, the Regimental Advisory Council for all of the support and guidance through the years. I love them and will miss them.

I am honoured they invited me to walk with them for 18 fascinating years.

On behalf of the Regimental Family and the Communicator, a heartfelt 'thank you'. As we say in the military ... BZ.

Please don't be a stranger to the Regiment. Remember that you are a life-member of Jimmy & Associates and a member of the Regimental Advisory Council.

Sally, thank you for taking this time to allow me to have a few parting words from you.

Spiritus Manet

Depart with Dignity Diner - HC



Col Sally Horsfall-Eaton, 2014

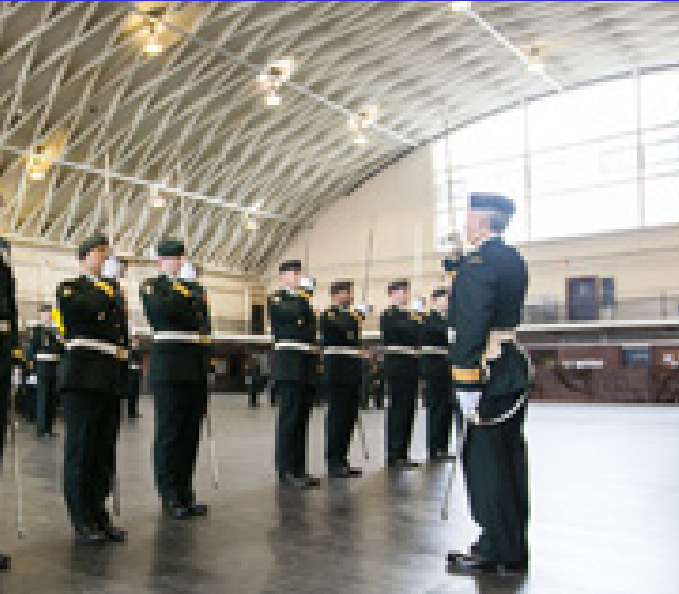


*Change of Honorary Colonel
from HC/Col Sally Horsfall Eaton to HC/Col James W. Levch
32 Signal Regiment*

Depart with Dignity Parade - H



Col Sally Horsfall-Eaton, 2014



Greetings from 2250 Muskoka Pioneers

It has been a while since we have sent you any updates to your newsletter and I shall try to change that for the future.

It has been a usually busy year for us here in Bracebridge with our ongoing training and activities. We have seen our numbers decline this year but as all the Officers know, this is cyclic and we shall grow again in the fall. We were very happy to have some of the 32 Signals Regiment members come out to our winter exercise

and show off some of the capabilities of the Regiment. The cadets have been involved in the regional biathlon, shooting and drill competitions and our silver and gold star level cadets have been out on regional and national expeditions.

The cadets and staff are planning our 20th anniversary celebrations for the end of August this year and we would like to extend invitations to our sister Corps as well as members of 32 Signals Regiment to come up for a day of celebration. We will send out details shortly.



I would like to thank all of you for your continued support of 2250 Muskoka Pioneers and look forward to more joint commitments throughout the coming years.

Capt Robert Harley, CD
Commanding Officer



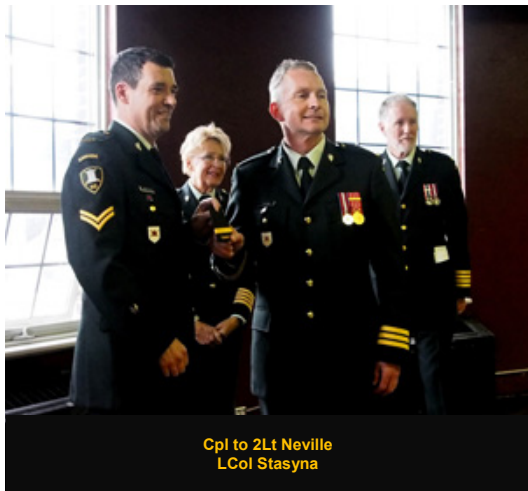
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meeting held
May 3, 2014



PROMOTIONS/AWARDS



Lt to Capt Peng



Cpl to 2Lt Neville
LCol Stasyna



Ocdt to 2Lt Rankin
LCol Stasyna



Pte to Cpl Cheung



MCpl to Sgt Spessot - Under Escort
RSM Carter, LCol Stasyna, HLCpl Moseanu



MCpl to Sgt Campbell
HCol Horsfall - Eaton, HCol Leech, LCol Stasyna



Pte to Cpl Anja



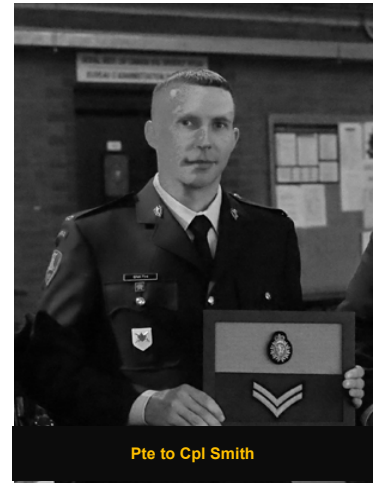
MCpl to Sgt Ratharaj
RSM Carter, LCol Stasyna, HLCpl Moseanu



2Lt Morgan - Officer Scroll
LCol Stasyna
HCol Horsfall - Eaton



Ocdt to 2Lt Cleese
LCol Stasyna

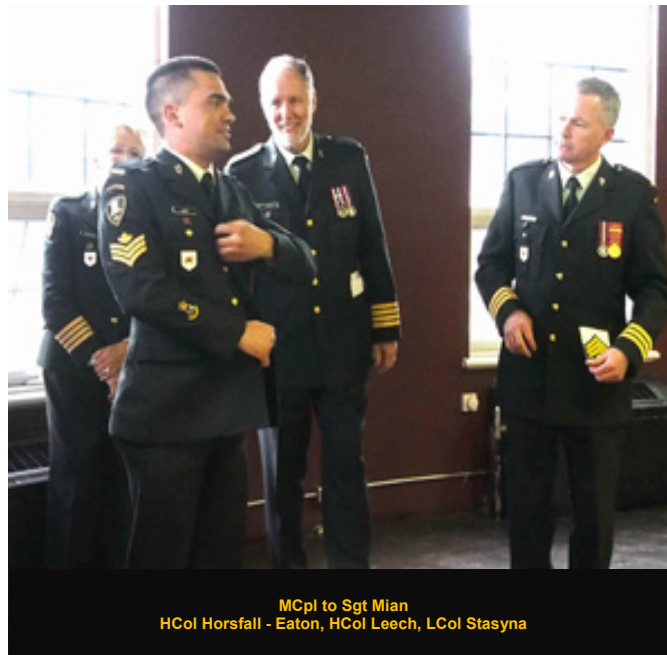


Pte to Cpl Smith

PROMOTIONS/AWARDS



Pte(B) to Pte(T) Cardenas
HCol Horsfall - Eaton



MCpl to Sgt Mian
HCol Horsfall - Eaton, HCol Leech, LCol Stasyna



Cpl to MCpl Low

Toronto Signals Band – Spring 2014

system needed work too. This left the Band room without any power for many weeks.



Since our last article, the Toronto Signals Band has been very busy. The privilege of participating in the festivities of the Princess Royal visit to King-

ston was an honour the Band members will long remember. Even though the scale of the event changed over the months leading up, the Band was committed to being in Kingston for this historic occasion. The performance for the distinguished guests of

our full field show was well executed and heartily received. The meet and greet was a big thrill. A serendipity of the occasion was our stay at the Ambassador Hotel where the service was exceptional. Can you see the coincidence?



with Princess Anne after the Parade



After Kingston, the Band rolled into our busiest and "the most wonderful time of the year." We brought Santa Claus to many towns from Cambridge to Port Hope to Stoney Creek. The weather cooperated and the crowds were enthusiastic.

After standing down until the new year, the struggle became "how" to get together. As we all know, the weather was anything but cooperative. In addition, extensive repairs were underway to the roof. For the repair crew to access the roof, they needed to go through the third floor Band area and leave their gear and materials "handy" and underfoot. The electrical

Front Line: Eyes on the Road



The Band remained positive throughout as we experienced a surge in membership. Also, a number of members opted to change how they participated moving from Guard to cymbals, from horn to glock and from cymbals to drum. All in all, an exciting time.

April was very busy with participation in the various Depart With Dignity events. Honourary Colonel Sally Horsfall Eaton and Mr. John Eaton have been grand supporters of the Band. Our members turned out in number on April 13 to return that affection (and to make a good impression on the new Honourary Colonel). A special gift and presentation was made in the

Band room to our dear, "Colonel Sally."

Cate Gerhardt got into the "swing" with her new, lighter tenor drum



Spring came at last! The annual Toronto Beaches Easter Parade is a perennial favourite. The weather was grand. The streets were packed with spectators. Press coverage was more intense than we had seen for many years. It was a grand day to keep spirits high as we prepare for summer.

SIGs have been performing in this Lions Club parade for over 40 years. That goodwill has garnered an invitation to the

International Lions Club Convention parade to be held July 5, 2014 in Toronto on University Avenue. It is anticipated this will be one of the largest parades in Toronto history.

29TH DIVISION ASSOCIATION

Hi Jack:

I have attached a few pictures of our trip to Arlington. I hope you had a great time celebrating your brothers' birthday.

The first picture is of the crew on the balcony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

In the 2nd picture; the man on the right is the National Commander John "Jack" Kutcher.

The last picture is at Fort Myer for the buffet.

See you soon,

Donna



Photo 1



Photo 2

Photo 3



"Map out your future...but do it in pencil" (Jon Bon Jovi)



I recently experienced the CF phenomena of having a course that I had been planning, training and rearranging my life for, get cancelled. In the midst of rumours of the cancellation, I had many conversations with others in the Regiment, about similar experiences. Among my favorites, were stories of last minute cancellations, where people arrived for the course, only to be told - "not enough people - go

home." The Reserve Force, it seems, likes to help us stay adaptable to ever changing circumstances.

As always, we must turn what could be a frustrating, and even disheartening experience into a spiritual lesson. All of us make plans, and plans change - that's life. No matter how neat our life map, how well balanced our schedule, how carefully we fit everything into our mental calendar, of when and how things will happen, life itself interferes. It's our response to those changes that define who we are.

What a gift to be given things we didn't expect. To encounter people who become a part our lives, that change and challenge us. Even the saddest, and most difficult of the turn of the hands of fate, must be treated with honour. For they merely prepare us to become something beyond our present imaginings. The challenge is to live each day at it comes to us. Just that day. To resist falling into the trap of deciding what the given outcome of any situation will be, and therefore to miss the opportunity to just bask in the joy of the present moment. To just let life unfold as it will, and thus to experience the courage we gain from rising to whatever challenge it brings.

Make plans, set goals, request taskings, and courses - but be ever ready for the wonder of the unknown, for this is gift of the universe to you.

"Don't get too comfortable with who you are at any given time - you may miss the opportunity to become who you want to be." (Jon Bon Jovi)

Blessed Be, Padre Brown

OBITUARIES

ATYEO, Gerald Leroy (Joe) left us on April 10, 2014 after 95 years of living life to the absolute fullest.

His degree in electrical engineering from the University of New Brunswick was interrupted by his wartime service. A naturally strong leader, he soon rose to the rank of captain in the Royal

Canadian Signal Corps and saw distinguished service in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. After the war, Gerald started his long career with Bell Canada in Montreal and Toronto. He was active in the Institute of Electric and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) and became an international expert on the protection of power systems.

Joe was an active member and regularly attended the Signals Officers Club luncheons.



Bandsman Jim Bartholomew,

It is with deep sadness that we report the passing on March 22nd, of Jim Bartholomew. Jim or Jimmy as we all called him, had a long history of playing in Bands and Drum Corps, where he played both Tenor and Bass Drums. He started out with the RCSCC Temeraire. He then joined the 5th Column Royal Canadian Army Service Corps Trumpet Band. After that he played with the Jolly Jesters Drum Corps and ended his band years with Canada's Marching Ambassadors. He took his love of music to a new dimension and was a founding member of the DCAT Chorus. Jimmy is survived by his wife Sandy. A funeral will not be held, however a celebration of his life will be held at a later date. Rest in peace dear friend.

Ann White



CURTIS, James Joseph - WWII RCCS PPCLI Veteran Passed away peacefully on June 7, 2013 at the Sunnybrook Hospital Veterans Wing at the age of 93. Predeceased by his beloved wife Georgie. Loving father of James and Tom.

Jim is the past-president of Jimmy & Associates and long-time member of the association. While in the Association, Jim was a member of 32 Signal Regiment (709 Toronto Communication Regiment) Flag Party who carried the Canadian Flag proudly on Regimental parades. We miss his smile and the wonderful demeanor.



Norman Gregory Lawton, veteran of World War II passed away peacefully at the age of 93 at the Community Nursing Home Pickering, Ontario on February 14, 2014. He was predeceased by his loving wife Isabel (Elsie) (nee Johnson) and adored daughter Linda Ann Lawton.

Norm loved travelling about Europe and after returning the members of Jimmy & Associates would enjoy the pictures he took during his many tours.



Signalman Lawton served with the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals during WWII and a long-time member of Jimmy and Associates.

Norm Longstreet, it is with sadness that we report the passing of **Norma Longstreet**. Norma was the wife of the late John Longstreet who was a band member Toronto Signals Band for many years. Norma was also the mother of band member Marilyn Sturino.



After a courageous battle with cancer, one day at a time, Norma died peacefully at the Trillium Health Centre, Mississauga, on Friday May 2, 2014.

Captain Ken McPhatter, CD, passed away peacefully at the Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre, Barrie on March 2, 2014. Ken McPhatter in his 83rd year loving husband of Mae.

Proud father of Cynthia McPhatter, Debi (Alexis) Matias. Devoted grandfather of Roana, and Leanna Sinclair. Predeceased by brothers Charlie (Ruth) and Bill McPhatter and sister Melva (Verne) Petersen. Ken will be fondly remembered by his nieces and nephews.



Ken served with the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals, 8th Signal Regiment and a member of Jimmy & Associates.



PLUT, Joseph - In his 90th year, passed away peacefully, at home, on Thursday, January 30, 2014 after a lengthy illness with Alzheimer's. He is

survived by his loving and devoted wife of 61 years, Cecilia (nee Rozman) and son **Captain Joe Plut, CD** and his wife **Brenda** and their sons Matthew and Stephen; daughter Cecilia and her daughters Maren, Clare and Crista; daughter Theresa and her husband Ross Shawaga and their daughters Jordan and Taylor and son Stephen and his wife Karen and their sons Andrew and Michael.



Predeceased by his seven brothers and sisters, son John and grandson Luke Shawaga. Born November 11, 1924 in Drasici, Slovenia, he arrived in Canada in 1948 and went to work as a machinist in the goldfields of northern Quebec. Here he met and married Cecilia in 1952. In 1957 the family of five moved to Mimico, Ontario where it grew to seven. Joe and his family eventually ended up in Islington for the past 45 years in the same home. Special thanks to all at CCAC, Red Cross and Thornbrook who have helped the past years to provide for Joe's needs.

2014 S.H.E. FUND RECIPIENTS



Cpl Bilge Arikan, Cpl Feng Zhu, Sgt Ismael Mian, Cpl Jeremiah Low, Pte Anurakhavan Ketheeswarn, Cpl Felisha Khan

**Do you meet the criteria?
Could you use the money?
Would you like to be a recipient?**

If you answered yes to all three questions above, you could be a likely candidate for next year. Get ready for 2015 now and enquire frequently.

Office of the Honorary Colonel 32 Signal Regiment
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**Honorary Colonel Sally Horsfall is pleased to announce
\$1,000 educational bursaries will be awarded in 2015
to THREE enlisted members of 32 Signal Regiment**

Requirements: To apply for consideration for a bursary the member must:

- 1) The competition will be open to all ranks who have completed a year of satisfactory service in the CF, and are enrolled either full time or part time in a degree or diploma program of a registered Canadian post secondary institution (college or university).
- 2) Bursaries are awarded for the year. Members who have received a bursary in the past may apply again in the next later year.
- 3) The successful applicants will be announced at the conclusion of the trg year. Bursaries will be awarded to the mbrs at the next formal unit parade after the selection of the successful candidates.
- 4) Each bursary shall be for the amount of \$1,000.00, paid by cheques, and the winners will be asked to acknowledge receipt with a thank you note.
- 5) Prepare and submit to his/her immediate superior a one page document covering the following:

Curriculum Vitae
Identify your present school or distant education program
Indicate how you are progressing at school
Describe your educational plans
Describe how a bursary will help you achieve those plans
When you joined the Regt
What trade and how far along
What your plans are as far as the Regt is concerned
Attach most recent school transcript

The contents of your submission will be treated as **CONFIDENTIAL**

Create two copies, submit to your immediate superior, one copy will be signed and dated by the superior and returned to you as proof of receipt. The other document will then be passed up the chain of command. At each stage comments are solicited.

The DCO of 32 Sig Regt (or designate) will act as the Secretary to a board consisting of the Honorary Colonel, The Commanding Officer, and the Regimental Sergeant Major, that will decide on the successful applicants for final approval by the Regimental Advisory Council.

Closing date for members' submissions - 27 January 2015 · 2200 hrs
Closing date for delivery to the DCO - 13 February 2015 · 2200 hrs

The DCO will post a list of members' names for applications received to ensure all members' submissions have reached the committee. If you have submitted an application and your name does not appear on the list contact the DCO directly.



Sir Henry Christopher Mance (1840–1926), of the British Army Signal Corps, developed the first widely accepted **heliograph** about 1869 while stationed at Karachi, in the Bombay Presidency in British India. The Mance Heliograph was operated easily by one man, and since it weighed about seven pounds, the operator could readily carry the device and its tripod. The British Army tested the heliograph in India at a range of 35 miles with favorable results.

The simple and effective instrument that Mance invented was to be an important part of military communications for more than 60 years. The usefulness of heliographs was limited to daytimes with strong sunlight, but they were the most powerful type of visual signalling device known. In pre-radio times heliography was often the only means of communication that could span ranges of as much as 100 miles with a lightweight portable instrument.

The heliograph remained standard equipment for military signallers in the Australian and British armies until the 1960s, where it was considered a "low probability of intercept" type of communication. The Canadian Army was the last major army to have the heliograph as an issue item. As recently as the 1980s, heliographs were used by Afghan forces during the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. Signal mirrors are still included in survival kits for emergency signaling to search and rescue aircraft.

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