



# Journal of 32 Signal Regiment eCommunicator

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## Command Team Commanding Officer's Message

### Special points of interest:

- MGen Neasmith awards 32 Sig Regt with a Commendation
- Change of Commanding Officer Parade—22 Mar 2015.
- S.H.E. Fund Closing date for submissions 26 Jan 2015
- 32 Sig Regt RSM Change of Command

by LCol Greg Stasyna, CD



Well this is it! All good things must come to an end. It has been announced that 32 Signal Regiment will be conducting a Change of Command.

For both the legacy units being 700 (Borden) Communication Squadron and 709 (Toronto) Communication Regiment, this phrase seems foreign. In April of 2005, I was offered command of 709 Communication Regiment. In 2008, I was asked to go up to 700 Communication Squadron to fill in as the CO for about 6 months. In 2009, I was asked again to fill in as Acting CO at the 705 (Hamilton) Communication Squadron now 31 Signal Regiment. In November of 2011, I became the CO of 32 Signal Regiment. I never thought that my journey as a Commanding Officer would take this path and go for this long. I believe that I have been

truly fortunate to experience this opportunity.

On January 5, 2015, Major Dan Bergeron will be succeeding me as Commanding Officer. Dan is a very experienced officer with 36 years of experience in both the Regular and Reserve Forces. I met Dan in 2005 when he was the CO of 772 Electronic Warfare (EW) Squadron (now 21 EW Regiment) in Kingston. I believe that Dan has the necessary leadership tools and savvy to make an excellent CO of our Regiment. I ask all of you to support Major Dan Bergeron as your new leader. Our tentative date for a Change of Command parade continued page 2

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## From the former RSM

by CWO Robert Carter, CD

It is unbelievable that almost six years have passed since I took over as RSM of 709 Communication Regiment and continued as the first of 32 Signal Regiment. When you start you believe that you have all the time in the world, but it counts down as soon as you receive the pace stick. At the end you are trying to

complete everything in time. As past RSM's already know you will never complete all you want so enjoy the small things.

I have enjoyed my time, it is the greatest honour you can have in the Canadian Armed Forces. I have worked at bringing together the - continued page 3



## Command Team

### Commanding Officer's Message continued



**CO likes his choice of meal selection for breakfast. EX BADGER DRIVE II**

*As one of the largest Reserve Signal Regiments in Canada with an establishment of 300 soldiers, we understand our responsibilities to train, develop and "Force Generate" Signallers*



**CO commanding the Regiment on a practice parade.**

and ceremony will be Sunday March 30, 2015 at Fort York Armoury. Details for this event will be sent out in the New Year.

We have had other changes in leadership at the Regiment. I would like to thank Major Mark

Bossi who is leaving the Regiment and transferring to the Brigade Battle School. Mark has been the Officer Commanding - Toronto Squadron for some years now. We wish him good luck in his next posting. CWO Rob Carter has completed his term as the Regimental Sergeant Major. He began as RSM of the former 709 in 2009 and then transitioned as the RSM of 32 Signal Regiment. CWO Carter has applied for his commission and will continue to serve in the Regiment for years to come. CWO Marcel Mallia will be returning to the Regiment to assume the RSM's appointment.

It has been over three years now since the former 700 Communication Squadron and 709 Communication Regiment amalgamated into its current manifestation as 32 Signal Regiment and put within 32 Canadian Brigade Group. As one of the largest Reserve Signal Regiments in Canada with

an establishment of 300 soldiers, we understand our responsibilities to train, develop and "Force Generate" Signallers not only for 32 Brigade but to assist and lead as best we can within 4 Division and across the entire country.

One of the greatest growth curves for me has been the Regimental Family. This represents the heart and soul of a Reserve unit no matter what formation. For 32 Signal Regiment, I have learned to appreciate the efforts of all serving soldiers, veterans, associates and friends. In my 32 years of service with the Canadian Armed Forces I have been able to experience friendship and comradeship that has never been matched in any other job that I have held in my life. It has been a unique opportunity to work with a variety of dedicated and highly skilled individuals who can improvise solutions with minimal resources.

As we enter 2015, the fiscal restraint within the federal government will still be in force. This has dramatically affected our ability to recruit, train recruit, run courses, exercises and conduct other tasks. Hopefully once the federal financial books are balanced, we will be able to rebuild. 32 Signal Regiment has been tagged to host the 2016 edition of the annual Toronto Garrison Officer's Ball. Preliminary planning has already commenced for

this event. We are currently looking to a venue at the Allstream Centre (formerly the Automotive Building) at the CNE and coupling it with the new "Hotel X" currently being constructed alongside of it. Planning is still in the early stages and subject to change. We are looking for a strong turnout for this ball from the Regimental Family. At the time of writing, the Government of Canada has undertaken to send military forces to support coalition operations within IRAQ. We wish a safe return all to all of our Airmen, Soldiers and Sailors who are deployed into that theatre.

As I prepare to leave my office, I am reflecting on my past 9 plus years as CO and overall 32 years of service. At this time, I am not sure what my future with the Canadian Armed Forces will be. However, regardless of career path, I will remain a supporter of the Regiment, our trade and of the Canadian Armed Forces. I will leave the articulation of my appreciation to the Regiment until the next issue. For now, I want to thank you all for your continued hard work and support and to wish you the best for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Spiritus Manet*

Greg Stasyna  
Lieutenant Colonel  
Commanding Officer

## Command Team

### From the Former RSM continued

Borden and Toronto, units to forge one strong unit. We as a unit have done many things, from Steadfast Warrior to the Celebration 2013 events and all in between. Even after I have left the chair the unit will still be the thick of the action for 32 Brigade and 4 Division for years to come.

I want to thank all the soldiers I have worked with during my time here at the unit.

way of life.

I would like to thank all members of the Regimental family for their support during my time as RSM, from the Band, Jimmy and Associates, Hong Kong Ex Servicemen's, 709 and Muskoka Pioneer's Cadet Corps. I must also thank all those past RSM's that have provided a sounding board for me during the all the changes we have gone through.



Commander Col Hobbs performing the ceremonial handover of the drill cane from CWO Carter to CWO Mallia. CO LCol Stasyna acknowledging.



EX NEPTUNE PHOENIX II, 2014-05-13—RSM & SSM discussing camp improvements

I hope for some I have helped you to strive to achieve your personal goals in the CAF. I have been proud of the accomplishments that the soldiers of 709 and 32 have received and the work they have done in Canada and on Operations around the world. The latest events show how reservists serve their country with pride and are ready to make sacrifices to defend our land and

I would not have lasted this long without the support of my family, especially my wife Sarah and my parents and brother Peter.

Finally, I wish the Regiment all the success in the future. We will all meet again down the road.



*Robert Carter  
Last RSM 709  
Communication  
Regiment  
First RSM 32 Signal  
Regiment  
"Signaller Always"*



Sarah Carter receiving flowers from her spouse the outgoing RSM—CWO Carter

## Command Team

### HCol & HLCol



HCol Leech, HLCol Moseanu and Padre Brown receive a briefing from Capt Caron at Exercise Stalwart Guardian 14

### HCol Leech

by HCol Leech. Summer is always a busy time in Ontario as we all strive to get outside to enjoy warmer weather after being cooped up for so many months. For our reserve forces it is particularly hectic as they must balance family, work and their military obligations. Every unit in the Brigade wants to conduct training exercises during the better

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### HLCol Moseanu

by HLCol Moseanu. “As I am assured of my personal security I will attend as promised. I was at 709 Cadet memorial event yesterday, that was also attended by Ted Opiets Member of Parliament and Mr Tottier. Tomorrow I will be doing 3 events with the Lieutenant Governor and also the next day at the Staff College for a French medal presentation.

Cheers.”

weather – and invariably that means that they need communications support and increased demands on our Regiment. And in 2014 we had the added tasking relating to the First World War Commemoration ceremonies at Varsity Stadium and the CNE.

In August, HLCol Alex Moseanu, Padre Audrey Brown and I had the opportunity to visit our soldiers in the field as the Regiment participated in Exercise Stalwart Guardian, the annual summer military concentration, this year in Welland. It had been almost 45 years since I been in a Bde HQ Ops Centre (last time was in Germany when I was Sigs Officer for 1R22eR) – I was impressed with how hi-tech the environment is today – but the job has not changed: facilitate tactical decisions and communications amongst highly mobile units, always anticipating the unexpected. This was exemplified in the river crossing and attack against the “rebel forces” that we

observed.

I will be representing the regiment at two upcoming events: the first, in October, is a meeting of all Honoraries in 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade and the second, in Ottawa in February, is a get together of all Honoraries from across the country. Since these are my first such meetings, I will be interested in understanding how best we, as Honoraries, can assist our regiments.

In the coming months we have a number of leadership changes at the Regiment. I want to thank LCol Greg Stasyna who will be stepping down after nine years as our Commanding Officer. Greg oversaw the successful integration of 709 (Toronto) Communication Regiment and 700 (Borden) Communication Squadron into today’s 32 Signal Regiment – every good fortune for the future, Greg. And I look forward to working with Major Dan Bergeron as our new Commanding Officer.



## From the Regiment

### Padre's Corner

**by Padre Beriault.** With time come changes. There are some changes that we look forward to and some changes that take us by surprise. This past summer, I had one change in mind that I wanted to make this year. God had other plans. I followed His plans and am now in the process of transferring to a new unit, 2 Intelligence Company. Although completely unexpected, I will take on this transfer with a happy heart and will leave with fond memories of 709 Comms Regt and 32 Sig Regt. What I have learned in the past 13.5 years will stay with me

as long as I am able to reason. The friendships built at the Regiment will stay with me forever.

It looks like the transition between a communications regiment and an intelligence company will be a smooth one. My previous training in the communications world will come in handy in my new world. My experiences in the chaplaincy world (both in the Regiment and outside of it, while on courses and taskings) will also be of great value and will allow me to provide the services needed continued page 6



**by Padre Brown.** "I am a strong person but every once in a while, I need someone to take my hand and tell me that everything's going to be alright." (unknown) These words hang on a sign in my office, I put it there because the first time I read this statement I knew it was true. I am a strong person. I have a resilient attitude to life and stand on the victorious side of my share of difficult times. I have faith in the purpose of the universe, hope for a better tomorrow, and just enough Irish stubbornness to see me through anything that comes my way. It is with this attitude that I went to my BMOQ course this fall, and there I re-learned that being strong means depending on other people to see you through difficulties. The oddity of the Chaplain

Branch, and in particular Reserve Chaplaincy, is that, because of the professional qualifications necessary to become a Chaplain, we work untrained until we are loaded to the BMOQ course. This course is unique because of our non-command and non-combatant status, it is condensed, but intense. You can imagine, the cultural shock of being a Padre for over a year, and then suddenly becoming a candidate. Stripped of the privilege of the Padre rank, you take your place in the great order of the way of the way of the CF - which feels very much like the bottom of the barrel - where no one cares about your life accomplishments, or that you are a really nice person. I prepared myself as best I could for the challenge of Basic Training. I understood that constant testing

to see what pushes your buttons, and lots of yelling, was par for the course. I trained for the physical demands. I knew I would have a lack of freedom and autonomy. All of that I was ready for, but I was not prepared for the building. Ten days in a row of the 'Mega', never outside in the fresh air - that got to me - being outside is huge part of my spiritual wellbeing. I know that when you know you are pushed to your limit, you ask for help, so I talked to the staff, and I talked to the Padre. I re-centered myself, and with the help of an actual day outside amidst sunshine and fresh air, once we finally went to the field, I was myself again. My section Sergeant took the time to check continued page 7

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## From the Regiment

### Padre Beriault continued

in the new company.

These past few weeks have had a great impact on me, as I have learned much about the Canadian communications and intelligence influence during WWII. It is fascinating to have discovered the amazing role that Camp-X played during the war and how much of a difference it made to the battle being fought overseas. Through this research, I am aware as to how important both communications and intelligence are, and am proud to say that I have belonged to a communications regiment for over a decade and will now be a part of an intelligence company. I am now able to put both worlds together, having an extensive knowledge of one and beginning to learn about another. Blessings just pour out over me and I know that blessings will continue to pour out on 32 Signal Regiment and on 2 Intelligence Company for the hard and most needed work both units provide to our nation and the world.

The following is an excerpt from Lynn Philip Hodgson's book "Inside Camp-X" and his website:

#### What Was Camp-X?

Unofficially known as Camp-X, the paramilitary training installation was officially known by various names: as S25-1-1 by the RCMP (the Royal Canadian Mounted Police file name), as Project-J by the Canadian

military, and as STS-103 (Special Training School 103) by the SOE (Special Operations Executive), a branch of the British MI-6. It was established December 6, 1941, at Whitby, Ontario, Canada through co-operative efforts of the British Security Co-Ordination (BSC) and the Government of Canada.

#### World War II Special Operations; successful, or not?

Often I have been asked the question, was it really worth the loss of life, and cost, to create the Special Operations Executive of World War II?

My reply to this question is an immediate and unflinching; yes, I believe that it was. Many historians have also questioned the need for organisations such as the SOE (Special Operations Executive), OSS (Office of Strategic Services), BSC (British Security Coordination) and even the PWE (Political Warfare Executive) of World War II. Let's examine just a few of what I believe were vital successes of these departments.

1. The 'Hydra' communication radios of the BSC played a major role in relaying top-secret messages from Washington, Ottawa, and New York to Bletchley Park in England. So vital was this information, that just recently we have learned that Winston Churchill had a small bedroom in an anteroom just across the hall from

'Station X' at Bletchley Park. All the while during WWII that the BBC were reporting that Winston had gone off to the country for a relaxing holiday, he was actually at Bletchley Park reading messages the moment they were received. What kind of information you ask?

- a. German U-boat cipher intercepts which were critical to winning the war against Dönitz' 'Wolf Pack'. Knowing what the 'Wolf Pack' was going to do next, and where they would be heading allowed the Allies to manoeuvre their convoys around the 'Pack'.
  - b. The availability of top-secret messages between President Roosevelt and Winston Churchill, which allowed the two leaders to strategise the next moves in the war, instantaneously.
  - c. Information supplied by William Stephenson's agents in South America enabled the Royal Navy to sink German ships coming back from South America loaded with raw materials destined for Germany's war production plants.
2. Although many of the missions of the thousands of secret agents trained by SOE are lost forever due to various reasons, it is well documented as to how successful these agents were as a whole.

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### Padre Beriault continued

The SOE knew that for every 100 missions scheduled to take place, only 5% would be successful. Should this be considered a failure? Not at all; just the fact that the Allies had so many agents working simultaneously behind enemy lines meant that the Germans had to devote entire departments of high ranking, intelligent, German officers dedicating their entire war effort to tracking down every single Allied Agent which of course was an impossibility.

These departments, the SD and Gestapo, were virtually tied up fighting the 'Unconventional' battle.

Sir Colin Gubbins, Head of Special Operations Execu-

tive (SOE), wrote the following report to Winston Churchill shortly after the successful landings in France.

*"The stream of coded messages put out by the BBC on the evening of June 5th 1944 was directed at some 175,000 French Résistance fighters, according to plan. The response has been overwhelming. Of 1,050 rail demolition's asked for by the Allied Command, 950 have taken place. The rail network is paralysed and German traffic, driven onto the roads, has run into countless road blocks."*

This of course caused the Germans lengthy delays

in getting back to Normandy from Calais and ensured the Allies a foothold on the beaches. Even with this great accomplishment, the Allies incurred terrible losses. One can only imagine the catastrophe that might have been if it were not for these brave men and women. It could have been another Dieppe.

One success story, for which I haven't written about until now, was the time when three instructors from Camp-X were sent into France just prior to 'D' Day and successfully blew up the most important Radar installation that the Germans had. This of course had the effect of saving hundreds if not thousands of Allied lives.

That's just one of the 500 stories; most of these stories have gone to the grave along with the brave men and women who owned the right to stand up and proudly say: I did make a difference.

### Padre Brown continued

up on me, at the end of this first long day in the field, to see how I was doing. We had a good talk. I assured him that I was fine, and that the support of the Chain of Command, and the fresh air, had "set me right". Yet he asked me, "Do you have suicidal thoughts?" My immediate answer was to assure him that I did not, and just as quickly I thanked him for asking. I doubt it was easy for a Sergeant to ask a Padre – especially one closer to his mother's age than his own – that question. Yet the question has to be asked. We are responsible for caring for each other. If we claim to 'have each other's backs' in battle, we need to remember the daily battles we each

face. The battles against whatever make us think that we can't make it through whatever circumstances we find ourselves in. "Courage starts with showing up and letting ourselves be seen." (Brene Brown). No one is perfect, no one can handle everything on their own, and that's what being part of a regimental family is all about.

Like everyone who endured training, everything that caused me stress and difficulty at the time, has become fodder for the best stories. The one that makes me smile the most, is the memory of the soul resonating holler of the Sergeant during drill class; "Brown, stop smil-

ing". But the story that will always mean the most, is one I just told you, where someone took the time to remind me, that I was not expected to do everything on my own, and assured me that everything was going to be ok. "Life doesn't get easier, or more forgiving, we get stronger and more resilient." (Steve Maraboli) Don't every be afraid to ask for help, you are not alone, your Chain of Command, and Regimental Family is with you.

Blessed Be, Padre Brown

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## From the Regiment

### SSM's Corner



Sgt Rory Dolan receives his Canadian Decoration (CD)

*“For the second year, we conducted an exported ACCIS DPI course”*



The search for Tioga fishing hole in Borden, Cpl LeMesurier & MWO Graham

by: MWO S.G. Graham, CD

The Regiment has been extremely busy since the last edition of the Communicator. All soldiers should be very proud of the commitment and high quality of service that you bring to the Brigade and the Canadian Army. For the second year,



32 Signal Regiment ACCIS DP-1 Course Exported, 2014

we conducted an exported ACCIS DP1 course. This course was held in the Borden Sqn lines with staff and students coming from 31 Sig Regt, 32 Sig Regt, 33 Sig Regt, 34 Sig Regt and 21 EW Regt. The DP1 course along with a multitude of soldiers from the Regt took part in Stalwart Guardian 14 which was conducted in the Welland Niagara region and was a combined 31, 32, 33 Brigade exercise.

Our Fall training kicked off in September with the annual AAG weekend. Again the focus was on updating pers files and completing many IBTS lectures. Saturday ended with a friendly sports afternoon and the much anticipated Pig Roast and unit smoker.

Since then there have been many exercises and events, all of which would not have been a success without your personal dedication. There have also been many different courses, from ATV and driver wheel to trade related courses as well as the Jump course. Never stop acquiring new



After the Gas Hut, Javelin Twister II, CFB Borden. SSM MWO Graham

maintain your dress and deportment to the highest standard and always be proud of your accomplishments.

The attacks against our soldiers on Canadian soil in October and Remembrance Services in November have again provided us time to reflect and honour those who have given the ultimate sacrifice. Members of the Regt had the opportunity to pay tribute by parading in the Toronto Church Parade and the Remembrance Day service held in Bracebridge. As a tribute to our service, grade 5 and 6 students from the Monsignor Michael O'Leary Catholic School took the time to write postcards to the Troops thanking you all for your sacrifice. These postcards were distributed to all the soldiers in Bracebridge, and everyone had the opportunity on the bus ride home to share these kind words.



Warriors' Day Parade award for Canadian Regular and Reserve Forces marching formations. Capt Luscombe and MWO Graham

our Regiment. I will however ask that you continue to



With Christmas just around the corner and many exercises, courses and requests for signal support on the horizon, please take the time to relax and enjoy life with your families. Stay safe, don't drink and drive and enjoy the holiday season. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all members of the Regiment for your tireless efforts, support and loyalty. It has been a very busy and

successful year. Now is the time to prepare for another full year of training, support and excitement.

Season's Greetings



Ple in the face for United Way. Over \$200.00 raised at the event. Lt Shaath, Capt Caron, Sgt Rogala.



ATV course in Borden. MWO Graham, Cpl Lapense, Sgt Rogala

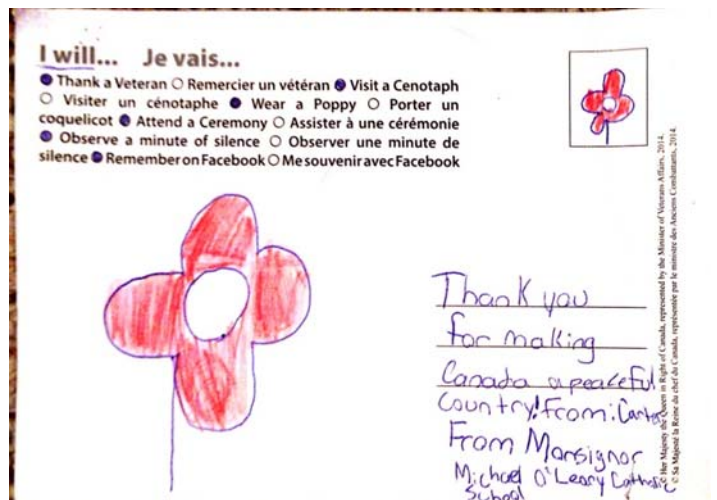


Postcard to the Troops

*“As a tribute to our service, grade 5 and 6 students from the Monsignor Michael O’Leary Catholic School took the time to write postcards to the Troops thanking you all for your sacrifice.”*



Bracebridge Remembrance Day Vigil Party 2014.



Postcard (reverse)

## From the Regiment

### 2015 Jr Ranks Regimental Ball



Cpl Chung, Cpl Mao, Cpl Nguyen and Cpl Percival

*“To honour her long serving career with the Canadian Armed Forces and her commendable commitment to our beloved Regiment, The Junior Ranks Mess Committee decided to postpone the formal to 2015.”*

by Cpl Mao. After a brief hiatus of over a year, we are happy to announce that the 32 Signal Regiment Junior Ranks Mess Committee will be hosting its premier event of the year: The 2015 Junior Ranks Regimental Ball. Stay tuned as we are working hard organizing the event. Although the date is to be confirmed, the event will be held in April of 2015.

Earlier this year in April, our regimental family paid tribute to Honorary Colonel Sally Horsfall-Eaton's Departing with Dignity. To honour her long serving career with the Canadian Armed Forces and her commenda-

ble commitment to our beloved Regiment, The Junior Ranks Mess Committee decided to postpone the formal to 2015. Concurrently, in the past year we focused on fundraising and hosting social events for the soldiers of the regiment. The proceeds earned from the events were put towards funding the 2015 Regimental Ball.

We are proud

that we have a cohesive team working hard planning for the ball this coming spring. The 2014- 2015 Junior Ranks Mess Committee consists of:

**President** – Cpl Percival, Mike

**Vice President** – Cpl Mao, Jacky

**Secretary** – Cpl Cheung, Kevin

**Treasurer** – Pte Nguyen, Huy

We are especially pleased to have the guidance from experienced members of the regiment helping our

initiative. Captain Ric Rangel-Bron in particular has offered his assistance in coordinating with George Brown to secure the wonderful venue that hosted the Honorary Colonel's Depart with Dignity Dining out.

The George Brown Waterfront Campus is a unique venue, matched with a beautiful view of the waterfront. It will be particularly convenient for guests arriving from outside Toronto, the venue is located right off the highway and steps away from public transit (TTC & Union Station). Underground parking is also available for our guests with vehicles. It will be a great opportunity to work with George Brown students from the School of Culinary Arts, where they can gain valuable experience hosting another military function.

In the new year we will start posting posters of the upcoming event and ticket sales will start as early as January. With that said, hosting an event is a lot of work and it can be financially challenging. We will need your support! Please help us make this event one you won't forget. If you are interested in sponsorship opportunities, please reach out to the Vice President, Cpl Jacky Mao at [jackymaojm@gmail.com](mailto:jackymaojm@gmail.com). Thank you in advance for your support and we look forward to seeing you in April.

## From the Regiment Branch Commendation

by LCol Stasyna. Attached is a photo from the Communication & Electronics (C&E) Change of Branch leader parade held at Canadian Forces School of Communication and Electronics on June 26. MGen Neasmith is awarding 32 Signal Regiment a commendation for our outstanding support to the C&E Branch.

Well-deserved by all members of the Regiment, particularly those who assisted with the HRH visit last October.

Best regards,

GS  
LCol  
CO 32 Signal Regiment



**MGen Neasmith (left) awarded a Branch Commendation to 32 Signal Regiment for outstanding support to the C & E Branch. CO 32 Sig Regt (right), LCol Stasyna receives the award on behalf of the Regiment.**

*Office of the Honorary Colonel 32 Signal Regiment*  
**32 Signal Regiment Advisory Council**  
**S.H.E. FUND**

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 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 ADJT 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 - 26 January 2015 - 2200 hrs**  
**Closing date for delivery to the ADJT - 12 February 2015 - 2200 hrs**

The ADJT 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 ADJT directly.

## From the Regiment

### Chief Clerk

**by Sgt J.L. Miller.** As a young child, Sgt Jessica Miller's inspiring musical abilities have been determined from her father's outstanding musical performances. During high school Sgt Miller was able to pursue musical instruction for the first time while studying keyboards, classical guitar and vocals. When Sgt Miller joined the CAF in 1995 she was able to continue studying music while seeking opportunities to debut in the spotlight such as singing competitions, wedding singer and small local functions.

tion. She looks forward to improving her musical abilities in the future by pursuing vocal and instrumental instruction.



*Today, the Hamilton native, Sgt Miller aspires to perform the Canadian and/or American national anthem for the opening ceremonies of any major sporting event or CAF appreciation function.*

While sailing on the HMCS Vancouver during Op Tandem Thrust, 2001, Sgt Miller was invited to sing the Canadian anthem for the opening ceremonies for a hockey game in Nagoya, Japan; HMCS Vancouver vs. Nagoya Hockey League. Since that time she has performed at several CAF sporting event functions in each of her military postings which include, Esquimalt BC, North Bay ON, Belleville ON, Trenton ON, and now recently, Toronto ON.



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# From the Regiment Promotions



## Promotions 6 Oct 2014

**Pte to Sig**  
Sig Lin  
Sig Zhou

**Sig to Cpl:**  
Cpl Ha  
Cpl Bright  
Cpl Lorde  
Cpl Marrese  
Cpl Zhou, R  
Cpl Scaini  
Not present  
Cpl Aziz  
Cpl Hong



Promotion from Lt to Capt,  
CaptMorgan



## From the Regiment Equipment Displays



*Having industry showcase its wares to the military is welcoming and an opportunity to examine products closely.*

**by Capt R. Caron.** Signals are technology driven with equipment that is sensitive in most cases to atmospheric, handling, transport and storage. Getting that technology to its final destination is a challenge in its self. Having industry showcase its wares to the military is welcoming and an opportunity to examine products closely. Many thanks to our RQ Sgt Mawbey-Puglia for arranging this display with industry.



## From the Regiment EX GOLDEN COYOTE

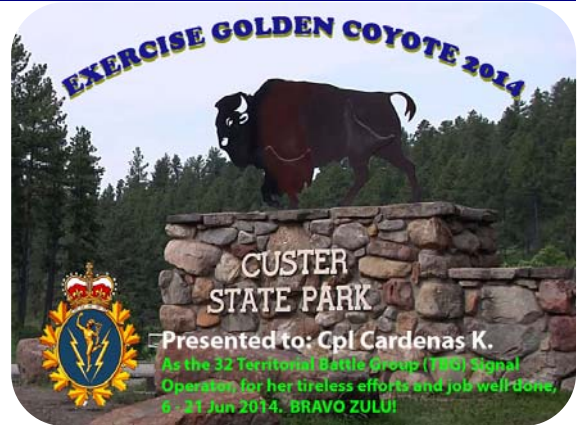
by **Capt R. Caron.** More than 4,400 service members from 45 units representing 15 states, which included soldiers from five allied nations hailing from Canada, Denmark, Germany, Suriname and the United Kingdom arrived at the Black Hills of South Dakota between 7 to 21 Jun 2014 for EX GOLDEN COYOTE. It is one of America's largest and longest running National Guard exercises, which celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary this past summer. Units came from multiple branches of military service – Army, Navy and Air Force – to conduct combat support and combat service

support missions in a realistic environment and worked together to create an invaluable training experience.

32 Signal Regiment participants worked in the Headquarters element of 32 Territorial Battle Group (TBG) headed up by Lorne Scotts, stationed in Custer State Park. Following doctrine, shaping operations and an objective of sustainment activities. All this was coordinated by 32 TBG HQ and included humanitarian assistance at the Habitat for Humanity building site, road work, dam construction, and log haul projects for fire wood in support of

Native communities were just a few items tackled.

Hospitality of our host nation was nothing but the best, either through the assistance they offered us, use of their equipment and vehicles and the opportunity to take up accommodations within the Buffalo State Park in South Dakota was fantastic. Supporting Brigade elements has become the norm and a challenge. For signals, getting in early on the planning cycle is key to knowing what the lead element needs, wants and how were going to implement solutions for a successful mission. The signallers who accompanied me on this mission were top notch and faced every challenge with a smile and “CANDO” attitude. I tip my hat to them all.



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The Vice Chief of the National Guard Bureau, Air Force Lt. Gen. Joseph L. Lengyel, left, and Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch, the adjutant general of the South Dakota National Guard, visit Forward Operating Base Custer in Custer State Park, S.D., as a part the 30th annual Golden Coyote training exercise June 8, 2014. Lt. Gen. Lengyel visited the exercise where National Guard, Reserve, active-duty and allied nation forces come together for two-weeks to train in support of overseas contingency operations and homeland support missions. - Photo By: Sgt. 1st Class Theanne Tangen

## Cadets

### 709 Signals Cadet Corps



Best Cadet on Parade

by 2Lt Lucy Trojanowski

The 2014/2015 training year is off to an exciting start for 709 Signals Cadet Corps. We continue to train at St. Thomas Aquinas school on Wednesday nights from 1830 to 2130, as well as some training nights at Fort York Armoury. We are proud to say that our numbers continue to increase, with a current enrolment of about 80 cadets.

Our Annual Review on May 31<sup>st</sup> concluded last year's training, with Major Alfred Lai, CD, as the reviewing officer for the parade. Several cadets were presented with awards and medals recognizing their outstanding performance. Cadet WO Copeland received the Col J.M. Catto Trophy for best annual attendance. Cadet LCpl Dizon was presented with the LCol J. Lee Trophy for the best cadet on parade. Cadet LCpl Bowen received the Capt A.A. Davidson Memorial Trophy for the best first year cadet. Cadet Sgt Monteleone received the Maj M.A. Downes Memorial Trophy for the cadet who best displays the principles of performance, regularity, interest, dedication, and enthusiasm. Cadet Sgt Anwar received the Maj T. Markham Trophy, presented to the best marksman. Cadet MCpl Giallo received the LCol E. Soady-

Easton Memorial Trophy, presented to the cadet who has shown the qualities of the most promising cadet. Cadet WO Magtira received the Maj E.H. Challacombe Memorial Trophy, presented to the cadet with the best dress and deportment, as well as the Jimmy and Associates Award, presented to a cadet who best exemplifies leadership. Cadet Sgt Ybanez received the LCol F.H.R. Hall Memorial Trophy, presented to the most outstanding cadet, as well as the Royal Canadian Legion Medal of Excellence, which recognizes a high degree of participation and leadership in citizenship, and meeting and enhancing the aims of the cadet movement.

Although the training year ends in June, many cadets travel to summer training centres to continue their development over July and August. This year, three cadets undertook marksmanship related training at Connaught Summer Training Centre. Cadet WO Magtira completed Fullbore Marksmanship Phase 1, Cadet Sgt Ybanez completed the Air Rifle Marksmanship Instructor course, and Cadet MCpl Monteleone passed her Basic Marksmanship course. All other summer training was conducted at Blackdown Cadet Training Centre at CFB Borden. One of our senior cadets, Cadet WO Vu, worked as a staff cadet for the Drill and Ceremonial course. 709 cadets attended courses in Expedition, Sports and Fitness, Drill and Ceremonial, and General Training at Blackdown. Many new skills were learned, and the

cadets will have the opportunity to share their knowledge with their peers throughout the year.

In preparation for the new training year, a senior NCO Training Weekend was held at Fort York Armoury from September 4-7. Gold Star and Master Cadets had the opportunity to review and brush up on their instructional and leadership skills through lectures and hands-

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Major Alfred Lai - Addressing Cadets

on opportunities to prepare and deliver drill and in-class instructional periods. The senior cadets woke up bright and early for morning PT, and also had the chance to unwind through team-building activities and a Saturday night movie.

Regional Cadet Advisor (RCA) for Central Detachment, Maj Michael Stacey, CD, recently visited the corps to present our Commanding Officer with his promotion to the rank of Captain on parade with the cadets. Congratulations to, continued page 18



Cadet Sgt J. Magtira



## Cadets

### Message from 2250 Cadet Corps

by Capt Robert Harley

Hello to our fellow Signalers, as I write this update, I am reflecting on the fact that November 11<sup>th</sup> is just next week and with the tragedies of St Jean and Ottawa fresh on all our minds, our cadets will once again mount a vigil at the Bracebridge cenotaph. This year is especially poignant as 2250 lost one of our own, Cadet Hill. Having just attended his funeral where the family asked for him to be buried in his Cadet Uniform, I am sure that the vigil will be even more important to them this year.

On happier notes, our spring FTX went well at the Bracebridge Resource Centre with lots of fun and activities to tire out the Cadets. CWO Logan Pepper received the Town of Bracebridge Youth Achievement Award for Community Service & Volunteering prior to handing over the reins to MWO Vivian at our Annual Review. As a goodbye to cadets prior to the summer training cycle, all were invited over to the Commanding Officer's family cottage and they enjoyed swimming, canoeing, kayaking and some tried their hands new water sports. The Corps has had a busy fall with recruiting, an FTX to Blackdown at CFB Borden, and Zone Orienteering Competition

with one of our cadets moving on to the regionals. Congrats to Cpl Skinner.

We have put an emphasis on sports within the Corps and have had multiple opportunities to get out and do some interesting things. All Senior Cadets are now qualified to belay at the local sportsplex rock climbing wall and we expect to use this facility more and more. Last year we purchased four sets of cross country ski equipment and will be doing the same this year so that we can put more effort into training for the

biathlon without relying on Det to supply equipment. With the snow already falling up here in Muskoka, it won't be long before the team is out practicing. Our Monday night Marksmanship Training is going well already and we will put that to good use as well with Biathlon coming up in the New Year.

With Christmas arriving fast and only a few more parade nights before the break, all Cadets and staff would like to wish all a happy Festive Season and look forward to further training with our sponsoring Squadron in the New Year.

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## From the Regiment

### 709 Signals Cadet Corps — continued



We are very grateful to Cpl Hamel for his training and support, as well as bringing and driving the MSVS, during the FTX weekend.

The Army Cadet program brings together Silver and Gold Star cadets

1200 veterans and a remembrance ceremony was held at Sanctuary Park in Etobicoke, organized by Capt J.P. Ferron, CD. The corps proudly marched with 32 Signals Regiment and attended the church service on November 9. Select cadets also participated in the Queen's Park Remembrance Day service.

This year, 709 has assembled two teams as part of the optional training program. Our air rifle marksmanship team, coached by CWO Dave Lowry, practices on Monday nights at Fort York Armoury. New for 2014 is the orienteering team, under the direction of 2Lt Trojanowski, which will participate in a regional competition in the spring.

For more information on our corps and to read about upcoming events, please visit our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/709army](http://www.facebook.com/709army)) and website ([www.709cadets.ca](http://www.709cadets.ca)).

On behalf of the Officers and Cadets of the 709 Cadet Corps, I would like to thank 32 Signals Regiment for the ongoing support you provide. We are proud to call ourselves "Signals."

Capt Steven Morgan on his promotion.

Our annual bivouac training exercise was held on the weekend of September 26-28 at Base Borden. The weather was perfect for moving the classroom into the outdoors, with fieldcraft, survival, signals equipment, and leadership skills as the focus of training on Saturday. Cpl Guy Hamel demonstrated the set up and use of the RA-2000 and Matel field phones, Inmarsat-B terminal, and portable Iridium Satellite Phone. Cadets had the opportunity to set up Matel Phones between shelters on the company line as well as RA-2000 field phones between the HQ and another building nearby. On Sunday, the cadets enjoyed a thrilling day of abseiling, running the confidence course, and riding the MSVS on Sunday.

from across each region to attend an annual expedition training weekend. Gold Star cadets from the corps travelled to Kelso Conservation Area in Milton to develop their expedition skills from October 17-19. Upon arrival, the cadets were split into teams with cadets from other corps. Each team spent the weekend mountain biking and hiking on the Niagara Escarpment, working together to prepare kit, cook meals, set up and tear down biv sites, and navigate from point to point.

Remembrance Day always plays an important role in the cadet training year. On November 1, 12 cadets assisted Branch 75, our local legion, with their Poppy Campaign. Once again, on November 2, cadets placed Canadian flags on the graves of more than

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## Associations

### Jimmy and Associates

by **David Douglas**. Incredibly, the year has flown by. The summer is gone, the fall is upon us, but looking back at the summer, Jimmy and Associates had one of their largest and most successful barbeques in recent memory. Members of our alumni, the Toronto Signals Band, guests and our affiliates had a great day at Lou Lombardi's grandiose estate. Again, a special thanks to Lou Lombardi for sharing his property and to the Blenkhorn and Bennett Family for providing a generous donation for all gathered at the BBQ to have a round or two in honour of the memory of Bob Blenkhorn.

Some of our members, who are also members of the Toronto Signals Band and Flag Party, are to be congratulated for their first place finishes in the Warriors Day Parade held in August at the CNE – a job well done and a credit to the 32 Signal Regiment and 'Jimmy' as well.

There will be lots of command changes commencing soon step down from Regimental Sergeant Major Rob Carter and our Commanding Officer LCol Greg Stasyna – on behalf of Jimmy and Associates we wish you well in your future endeavors and look

forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Our Christmas Regimental luncheon and 'get together' will soon be with us, dates and time will soon be communicated to all. The presentation of the "Jimmy and Associates Trophy" for "Dedication and Devotion" to the Regiment 2014 will be awarded to the two deserving soldiers from Toronto and Borden will be announced at the Christmas luncheon; unfortunately I am not at liberty to divulge their names until that time – so stay tuned.



David Douglas—President of Jimmy and Associates

## Toronto Signals Band Alumni

### 1st Annual Toronto Signals Band Alumni Lunch by Cate Gerhardt, Social Committee

I wanted to get you a follow up to yesterday's 1st Annual Toronto Signals Band Alumni Lunch. This event was intended to bring our current members and alumni together for an afternoon of fun, food and fellowship.

While very disappointed to be unable to attend, I was told in great detail how the event went, so I want to take a minute or two to share what was described to me.

The band hosted 46, a combination of members, alumni, our regimental family,

support and guests. Some brought along picture albums to look through and Rick Roblin, arrived with a TV and videos in hand. It was standing room only around the TV, watching while the videos were played.

As usual, Branch #101, Long Branch was a wonderful venue and the food was amazing. Not a scrap of the cold cuts, cheese, salads or desserts were left. They also handed out a poppy pins for all members. I am sure they will be worn with honour in the coming weeks.

George Walford played Last Post in memory of our two (2) Canadian Soldiers that fell on our own soil this past week. Thanks George, no one plays the Last Post better than you. Greatly appreciated.

Jim Kennedy was in attendance with his video camera. The footage will be used in the creation of a video that is being developed for the band's 90th Anniversary. Jack Lee had camera in hand and took many photos.

There was also a 50/50 draw, and the winner took home \$120.00. Not too shabby. Thank you very much to everyone who took time out of your very busy schedules to make yesterday's event a roaring success. A very special thanks to Lynne and John O'Leary, Laura Stitt and Ed Curtis for helping Burke managed his host duties.

The 2nd Annual Toronto Signals Alumni Lunch will be scheduled, but not until the, continued page 20

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Burke Gerhardt

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### Toronto Signals Band Alumni – continued



Charlie Waklin

spring of 2015. I will keep in touch over the winter with updates.

Lastly, as announced by Rick Seager, our President, we will now be looking towards to the band's 90th Anniversary in 2016.

2015 will be called "On the Road to the 90th" and more events will be planned to bring all members together. The 90th celebration is now in the works and will be planned as a weekend.

More information will be

published as they are known.

Lest We Forget.

Cate Gerhardt  
Rick Seager.  
Your Social  
Committee



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### Toronto Signals Band

The Band's solid performance in Kingston for the 2013 Royal Visit paid dividends this year. Organizers of the June 28 "The Tribute to the Great War" event at Fort Henry had a sudden cancellation and needed another band. C&E Members on the Committee contacted SIGs and off we went. The Band always enjoys opportunities to perform our drill show. Sharing "the stage" with duelling vintage fighter planes over-

head was something different! And that began a very historic week. On July 1, the Band helped celebrate Mayor Hazel McCallion's last Canada Day Parade as Mayor performing to the tremendous crowds that turned out in Port Credit. On Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup>, Lions International took over downtown Toronto with their convention parade. Delegations from around the world assembled over 10,000 parade participants. Parades need bands! So bands

from all over southern Ontario were contacted to participate. The fun began when all the bands where formed up on Queens Park Circle. It was "old home week" seeing marching friends from all over. The serendipity of the event was that our Band was advised that we would lead the delegation from France. We made sure we carried a French flag and played our usual "parade" music not

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### Toronto Signals Band — continued



The new lighting goes well with Red.

Toronto Signals Band—Fort York Armoury

paying much attention to the source of the tunes. The delegation only met the Band when the parade marshal directed them to fall-in behind us. When we began playing S&M, a cheer rose from behind us. D'oh! This is the classic French march "le Regiment de Sambre et Meuse". Lots of hugs greeted us at the end of the parade. The next big event, as always, is the Warriors Day Parade and an exhibition in the Armoury by the various bands. For the parade, our members remained focused despite several long delays in the march. As judges are stationed along the route, new members (and some old ones) were cautioned that there was to be no "waving and smiling" at the family. SIGs entered separately the Band and

the Colour Guard. We were pleased that both units placed first in their category. (yes!! back on top). In September, the Band participated in military remembrance events in London's Western Fair and at the Preston cenotaph and legion. The Band closed the summer with a dinner dance that was sold out quickly and provided a fun ending to a "year" that encompassed a royal visit, international exposure and solemn remembrances. The Management Committee of the Band all stood for re-election, and were acclaimed to continue the good work through 2015 and to prepare for "The 90<sup>th</sup>" in 2016.



Cate and Drum Major Burke Gerhardt accepting.

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Guard member Janet Roblin with George Walford

## Associations

### Hong Kong Ex Servicemen's Association



John Fung

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#### by John Fung. Who is HKE-SA ?

The Hong Kong Ex-Servicemen's Association was established in March 1997, registered from the HK Government Registry as a non-profit making organization. The feature of the Associations is to invite those who have served for the British Garrison in Hong Kong. The Association is formed as a result of the amalgamation of the existing FOUR different organizations, namely, The World War II Veterans Association, The Royal Navy, The Hong Kong Soldiers' Association and The Hong Kong Ex-Soldiers' Association. The above four associations were dissolved right after the establishment of the Hong Kong Ex-Servicemen's Association.

#### Why it appears in Canada?

Some ex-servicemen had made their decision to live in other countries after the disbandment of their Regiments and Corps in 1997. They chose to live in Canada, Ontario. In order to extend the care of veteran comrades, we established an overseas branch in Toronto in 1998 so as to bond our connection and also maintain coordination with the Headquarters. We meet our members in our routine monthly meeting. Our footprint is not only in our entity, we also support local voluntary organizations and to participate local Legend activities, such as Remembrance Day march, tattoos parade and

ceremonies.

#### Are all HKESA members regular British Army personnel ?

Hong Kong Chinese personnel have served in the British Forces since the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, in peace and war. The Royal Navy (HMS TAMAR) has a large complement of Chinese sailors in its crews. The Army is served by the Hong Kong Military Service Corps (HKMSC). They are known as Locally Enlisted Personnel (LEP).

#### Does HKMSC soldiers have active role during the Wars?

The Royal Engineers 40th Company was formed in Hong Kong and employed locally enlisted soldiers in 1889. In the Great War of 1914-18 Chinese Labour Battalions served in France with the British Expeditionary Force. Shortly before the outbreak of World War II a number of local personnel were enlisted in Hong Kong for service in 8th Coast Regiment RA, 30 men were also enlisted into RAMC for service in British Military Hospitals and 58 men joined the Hong Kong Chinese Regiment.

#### What happens to the HKMSC soldiers during and after the WWII in Asia ?

On the fall of Hong Kong in 1941 the locally enlisted soldiers were ordered to disperse to their homes. Many made their way into China and joined the British Army Aid Group. In 1943 some of those who joined

BAAG volunteered for further service and were flown to Calcutta, India, where they enlisted into the Border and Gloucestershire Regiments, and served with the Hong Kong Volunteer Company, under the command of 77 Brigade in Burma. When the war ended, Hong Kong soldiers returning home were organized into the Hong Kong Pioneer Company, based on the Happy Valley Racecourse; this came into being in November 1945. This unit later became the Hong Kong Chinese Cadre Company, and was employed on general duties at military installations throughout Hong Kong.

In September 1947 it was decided to extend the range of employments for Hong Kong soldiers and in January 1948 new conditions of service for locally enlisted personnel were taken into use. The Hong Kong Chinese Cadre Company became the Hong Kong Chinese Training Unit and, in the middle of 1949, moved into Lyemun Barracks.

#### What are the role of the HKMSC soldiers after the WWII ?

Hong Kong Military Service Corps (HKMSC) was a British army unit and part of the British garrison in Hong Kong. Throughout the history of Hong Kong, it has been the only regular British army unit raised in the territory formed almost entirely of Locally Enlisted Personnel (LEP). The unit was officially established in the 1950s/60s

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### Hong Kong Ex Servicemen's Association — continued

recruiting Hong Kong citizens of Chinese descent who have served in the various artillery and coastal defence units during the Battle of Hong Kong in the Second World War. The Corp's headquarters and training depot were located at Lyemun Barracks. Divided into several squadrons, it was commanded by a British officer (a Lieutenant Colonel) with the assistance of a British or Chinese Officers, Regimental Sergeant Major and other ranks. HKMSC maintained 1400 enlisted soldiers serving along in different British Regiments after six months full time basic recruit training. LEPs were re-badged in different Regiment and Corps and continued for their regular trade training and serving within the Hong Kong Garrison. For most of its service history, the Corp has been crucial in providing the garrison in Hong Kong with support personnel such as linemen, vehicle mechanic, dog-handlers, intelligence operators, interpreters, medical specialists, cooks, clerks, guards, military policemen etc. HKMSC soldiers were also actively involved in the border duty in other to maintain the integrity of the sovereignty before 1997.

**HKMSC Soldiers who were being posted to Royal Signals, what training do they receive?**

After six months full time basic recruit training, HKMSC soldiers were post-

ed to different signal squadrons and received following trade training in Cattrick UK:  
**Royal Signals Electrician:-** Royal Signals Electricians install, maintain and repair field-distribution power supplies and lighting. They are responsible for the mechanical and electrical repair of the Army's field generator systems. Their course at the Royal School of Signals lasts 25 weeks. It covers Electrical engineering theory and practice. Also, the skills required to repair and maintain power distribution equipment, generator and battery systems.  
**Driver Lineman: -** Linemen drive, maintain and service vehicles from cars to Large Goods Vehicles. Their role includes the movement of hazardous materials, construct-

ing field cable routes and laying fibre-optic cabling. Their course at the Royal School of Signals lasts 6 weeks. It covers installing and testing different types of field communication cables and telephones. Antenna rigging skills: working on high masts in difficult conditions.

#### **What is the connection with 32 Signal Regiment?**

HKESA Ontario branch affiliated with the 709 Communication Regiment and became part of the Signal Corps family since 4 October 2001. Establishing the network with the military organization, association members also supported the regimental events such as CO's Parade, Remembrance Day Service Parade and other regimental and fund raising functions.

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*Greetings from 32 Signal Regiment, Associates, Affiliations and Friends of the Regiment.*



## Associations Hamilton Signals Association



by Major Ken Lloyd.  
Location: Hamilton Lift Bridge Pier. "Currently 4 degrees Celsius with gusty winds, making it feel like 2 degrees." 680 News is right again.

There is no problem parking today, we are the only people at the Hamilton Lift Bridge and Pier. George Stal, dressed in thin khaki drill, braced against the wind, his Semaphore flags flapping and cracking in the gale. "Vee..Vee..Vee.." Rick Little, Mike Leatham and Don McGilvray peered across the Bay towards the Hamilton Piers. "There it is!" a spot of bright light glowed and faded, glowed and faded again. It was HMCS HAIDA moored alongside the Naval Quay at HMCS

STAR. At a distance of five and a half nautical miles away, Andy Barber and Mike Vencel had nursed an old Signal Projector back to life, set it up on HAIDA's Bridge and were transmitting the Morse signal "WE REMEMBER". Andy had last used a signal Projector in the Korean War and admitted to a myriad of mixed thoughts as he clacked the shutter handle in reply. In the grey sky, clouds began to move and suddenly the sun cut through. In a flurry of action George and Rick quickly aiming the Heliograph and the Signal Lamp sent and repeated "Dee.. Dah.. Dee", MESSAGE RECEIVED. Helios the sun god was kind and we were able to repeat our message several times and pass simple conversations to the joy and applause of a group of Sea Cadets on HAIDA who were spotting the Heliograph flashes for Andy and Mike, a great way to end the HAIDA season.



During the Summer the Visual Signal Team had the privilege of providing First World War signalling to the 32 Brigade Trench at the Canadian National Exhibition. We combined with Jimmy and Associates and headquarters 32 Sig Regt to provide the 18 day venue. Wonderful moments were experienced by all.





# Associations

## Hamilton Signals Association — continued

We became so busy with our impromptu “Ancestor Search” that Julie Lloyd came down and share her experience on searching ancestor records. This was so in demand that

even as we were tearing down on the last day, there were two previous visitors who had returned to ask for her advice. Of the more unusual visitors we believe we were privileged by the visitation of a Yeti. Un-

sual as this is, the Yeti was very friendly and visiting from Borden. (The Yeti even posed for a picture).



Our venues have moved indoors with Legion Week at RCL Branch 11 on the Danforth where 293 school children experienced our signalling before radios exhibit. Semaphore and signalling from the trench were amongst the favourite of our displays. Questions posed by our young visitors included “What was a Cadeus”? And “What what was the code of the Greeks in the Persian wars?” Another young girl accepted our Morse code challenge and flawlessly tapped out her name without hesitation. Where does all this unusual skill and knowledge come from...computer games!



Other prestige venues for the Visual Team have been the RCMI Military Band Spectacular at the Roy Thompson Hall; the Flanders Field Exhibition by the Belgium Embassy and the City of Flanders and the Medichair Veterans Luncheon. At all events, the magneto phones, Heliographs draw most commentary while the energetic use of Signals flags is guaranteed to draw a crowd.



## Associations

### The Toronto Paramedic Services Veterans Support Team



by Ric Rangel-Bron

#### 70th Anniversary of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy

The 6<sup>th</sup> of June has significant meaning, especially to our grandparents who know firsthand that the 6<sup>th</sup> of June refers to 1944 – D-Day – and the start of the Battle of Normandy where Allied Forces launched the battles that would be "the beginning of the end" of the Second World War as they struck at Sword, Juno, Gold, Omaha and Utah Beaches along the Normandy coastline of France.

Fast forward to 2014 and the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy where hundreds of Canadian Second World War Veterans return to the Normandy beaches for multiple international ceremonies of remembrance and reflection. To mark the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the last "on-decade-ceremony where Second World War Veterans will be present", Veterans Affairs Canada set out to create an official Veterans delegation to return to the embattled beaches that shaped the rest of their lives. As such, a process was developed for Canadian Veterans who fought on beaches, in the skies above and the sea around Normandy on D-Day to return, this time in recognition of their valour and to honour them.

the sun has risen, and the forecast predicts clear, sunny skies and a temperature of 28C. Nice, especially since there is no humidity. The members of the Toronto Paramedic Services Veterans Support Team (VST) have been up for an hour or so preparing themselves for the long day ahead as they anticipate what they might encounter today, D-Day +70 Years, and the events that they will witness and participate in.

For the Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) delegation of 99 Canadian Veterans, plus their "caregivers" (VAC slang for "spouse" or "someone accompanying them"), this is the big day. A lifetime has passed building up to this return. Many of their comrades have departed, some could not make this trip due to illness, but those who are here are ready to honour and be honoured. With the average age of the Veterans being 91 years, the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will likely be the last of the "on-decade" commemorations that a Canadian Second World War Veteran would participate in.

View this great article in its entirety at:  
[www.torontosignals.ca](http://www.torontosignals.ca)  
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Loading Veterans onto the Canadian Force airbus with a cargo lift.



Major-General Rohmer making his address at the Canadian ceremony.



Medallion given to Toronto Paramedic Services by the Juno Beach Centre

*Veterans Affairs Canada set out to create an official Veterans delegation to return to the embattled beaches that shaped the rest of their lives.*



Minister Fantino greets a Veteran as Don and Mike move him at Ottawa Airport.

Deauville, France –  
 0600hrs, 6 June 2014 –

## Community Events

### 102 Barrie Silver Fox Sqn & Mimico Sqn

by Capt Ric Rangel-Bron

#### Exercise Canadian Invasion 2014 – United Kingdom & France

In March 2014, 102 Barrie Silver Fox Squadron and 142 Mimico Squadron participated in an international educational and cultural tour of the United Kingdom and France. The purpose of this tour is to provide the participants an opportunity to visit and discover battlefields, Commonwealth War Cemeteries and locations of historic significance to Canada, British and French museums, experience and explore the culture and daily life in both nations.

This excursion, known as Exercise Canadian Invasion 2014 – United Kingdom & France, will tour southern England and the western shores and country side of France, where Canadians fought bravely during both world wars. Officers and Cadet members of the Royal Air Force Air Training Corps and Ministry of Defense Air Cadet Forces will join the Canadian Squadron during various parts of the tour. The duration of this trip was eighteen (18) days, from 6 – 23 March 2014, using the annual "March Break" in the centre period. Of the overall tour, six days were spent in France and the remainder in London and surrounding area.

A total of 35 Canadian Cadet members participated, plus a staff of 10 composed

of Officers and Civilian Instructors. Due to operational requirements of the Ministry of Defense, Cadets participating had to be a minimum of 15 years of age by 1 January 2014. Due to the fact that the lodging in the UK was at an operational Royal Air Force (RAF) Air Station, security clearances had to be done on all participants in addition to the published selection process and participation criteria.

The tour included visits to the following locations, to name a few:

In the United Kingdom: RAF Northolt; RAF Uxbridge; No 11 Bunkers; Horse Guards Palace; Buckingham Palace; The Royal Observatory Greenwich, War Cabinet Rooms; St. Paul's Cathedral; Tower of London; Downing Street; Tower Bridge; The Battle of Britain Memorial; Bomber Command Memorial; HMS Belfast; and, The Museum of London; Victoria & Albert Museum; The National Gallery; The Old Bailey; Shakespeare's Globe Theatre; Baker Street; Abbey Road; Piccadilly Circus; Oxford Circus; Covent Garden; Soho; "China Town"; "Little India"; Theatre District; Stonehenge; A "Jack The Ripper" Walking Tour. In France: Vimy Ridge; Beaumont Hamel; Dieppe; l'Abbaye d'Ardenne; Bretteville Commonwealth War Cemetery; Beny-sur-Mer Common-

wealth War Cemetery; Ranville – Pegasus Bridge; Caen; Longues-sur-Mer German Gun Battery; Mont Ormel; Hill 262 (Falaise); Ouistreham; and, Bayeux Tapestry; Normandy D-Day Museum; Juno Beach Centre and, lots of shopping and dining opportunities on both sides of the Channel.

For the portion of the Exercise in France, a group of RAF Air Cadet Forces Cadets and RAF Officers will join the Canadians. The combined Canadian and British Contingent crossed the English Channel from Portsmouth to Ouistreham, known as Sword Beach on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June, 1944, by ferry giving the Cadet's a feeling of what it was like to travel open water, just as our troops did as they conveyed over to France some 70 years earlier. Cadets participated in walking tours of the legendary beaches of Gold, Juno and Sword, visiting famous Allied "strongholds" such as Longues-sur-Mer, Crepon, Saint Aubin-sur-Mer, and Lion-sur-Mer. The Cadets will paid tribute to our fallen Canadian heroes at the a number of Commonwealth War Cemeteries, such as Beny-sur-Mer and Bretteville. The Cadets also toured the Juno Beach Centre in Courseulles-sur-Mer, which was opened in 2003 by Canadian Veterans.

In addition to Second World War battle sites, Cadets visited significant Canadian First World War locations such as Vimy Ridge and the

Royal Newfoundland Regiment Memorial at Beaumont Hamel. At Vimy Ridge, there was an Act of Remembrance performed on the deck of the memorial. Two Cadets were promoted and one CAF Officer received his second Bar to his CD. At Beaumont Hamel, after the tour of the battlefield, a wreath was laid at the Beaumont Hamel Cemetery that sits at the foot of the field.

The Ex wasn't all "education", there was lots of "fun" too, from shopping and eating in the communities we were in, including a "fish & chip" dinner at the historic Anchor restaurant that has overlooked the Thames River for over 400 years! Of course, riding the London Underground system was both exciting and scary...often both at the same time. And speaking of being scared, we went to the "London Bridge Experience" a well known horror house, and then took a private night walk following the steps of the murder known as "Jack The Ripper". A very interesting way to see the streets of London!

From touring the ancient halls of St Paul's Cathedral, to witnessing the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace, paying homage to our Canadian fallen at Vimy Ridge and Beaumont Hamel, to following the steps of The Beatles at the famous Abbey Road Pelican Crossing, the Cadets and staff of Exercise Canadian Invasion had a great experience.

To learn more about Exercise Canadian Invasion, or to see more photos, please visit [www.exercisecanadianinvasion.ca](http://www.exercisecanadianinvasion.ca)

## Community Events

### Hamilton Signals Association WWI Trench, CNE Exhibition



1 - Rick Little operating Hellograph to the TOWHARF Coast Guard Cutter from Oakville



2 - Mike Vencel on HMCS HAIDA acknowledges the signal from HBRU Coast Guard Cutter



3 - Andy Barber showing his skills on to the Coast Guard Cutter

by Ken Lloyd. Hello everyone, Just a quick email as a summation of what was achieved at the CNE exhibition that you were part of. In support of the VAC and 32 Brigade WW1 Exhibit and our statistics are:

- 12 scheduled and volunteer members in attendance. This was a combined effort of Hamilton signals Association; Jimmy and Associates; friends of HMCS HAIDA and 32 Signal regiment staff.
- Themed on WW1 Signals and the Royal Navy Division.
- 16 Schools and organizations enquired about follow up visits
- 100 Friends of HMCS HAIDA applications distributed
- 500 Parks Canada Information brochures distributed
- 300 x business cards distributed
- 1500 x '100 years of Signaling' brochures distributed
- 1000 x Signals bookmarks distributed
- 1000 x Heritage Canada "O Canada" bookmarks distributed
- 2800 x Canada Flags in addition to those provided by Veterans Affairs
- 1500 x "Trench Warfare" info brochures distributed
- 1550 x Morse Code Challenge certificates issued
- Commemorative WW1 message "War Declared- We remember" sent by Heliograph, Semaphore, Light signal and Signal Projector.
- First time CNE, Coast



4 - HMCS HAIDA recruits



5 - Mike Leatham, George Stal, Paula Anne ready for visitors

Guard Auxiliary Cutters and HMCS HAIDA have passed a message using equipment contemporary with 1914 when the CNE was the main Recruiting and processing Centre for the CEF.

Very Best wishes,  
Ken Lloyd  
President  
Hamilton Signals Association  
Friends of HMCS HAIDA



6 - George Stal ready to Board the Cutter

## Community Events

### Toronto Police Senior Officer's Association

by LCol Stasyna. HI Jack and Roger,

Photos from the annual Toronto Police Senior Officer's Ball held on Saturday November 15, 2014 at the Toronto Hilton.

It is the annual dinner and dance, sponsored by the Toronto Police Senior Officer's Association (similar to the Commissioned Officers Mess).

It also featured a march piped in with the Chief's Ceremonial Unit - members include CWO Rob Carter (of Court Services) and SSgt Jim Kelly. - I will try to get a photo.

Best regards,

GS  
CO



TPS Senior Officers Ball - Nov 15 2014 - HChief Bill Blair, Sheri Luloof and LCol G Stasyna

### Hamilton Signals Association—School Visit

by Ken Lloyd.

Hi all,  
A wonderful blurred moment of George and the children of Laura Secord School, grade 5.  
We are down on the Danforth. We have just completed a grade 7 class from George Wallis school.  
We expect over 300 children by the end of the week.

Ken Lloyd  
Mediator  
ADR Chambers



## Community Events

### Hamilton Signals Association Western District Warriors Day Parade



Picture one is our exhibit display

by Ken Lloyd.

We provide assistance to Reservists and to members from 17 Subject Matter Experts This what we did in the last three months

- 11 members sought assistance with Income tax.
- 4 members sought assistance with issues relating to Military Grievances or procedural matters relating to the military.
- 2 members sought employment opportunities.
- 4 job opportunities were circulated and we approached one employer championing the benefits of employing reservists.
- 2 members were helped with personal matters.

Since we have signallers in London we would be interested in extending what we do in that direction.

Best wishes,

Ken Lloyd  
 President Hamilton Signals Association  
 President Friends of HMCS HAIDA  
 Member Advisory Council  
 32 Signal Regiment



Picture three making Veterans dreams come true

*Since we have signallers in London we would be interested in extending what we do in that direction.*



Picture four Indoor display



Picture two our pig roast



Picture 5 Visual Signal Team at the Tattoo

# Remembrance Day

## 32 Signal Regiment — Church Parade @ Leaside Presbyterian Church Toronto



# Remembrance Day

## 32 Signal Regiment—Remembrance Dinner 2014

by Jack Lee

The Annual Remembrance Dinner was held November 8, 2014 in the Officer's Mess. The dinner was well attended and filled to capacity.

The following were remembered:

- Signalman Robert Robinson
- Bandsman Brian Anderson
- Bandsman John Hozack
- Capt Ken McPhatter, CD
- Signalman Norman Lawton



In past year the Regiment lost several friends of the Regiment. This dinner was to commemorate and remember their time with us.

**We will remember them**



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## Remembrance Day Events

### Bracebridge Ceremonies



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*Muskoka Pioneer  
Cadet Vigil party was  
at the cenotaph the  
entire evening before  
Remembrance Day  
and remained for the  
complete ceremony  
the follow day.*

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### Barrie Ceremonies



**Capt Luscombe** on the left in period uniform rides his horse along with others during the Remembrance Day parade in Barrie ON.

## Births & In Memory

Lt Shaath and family are happy to welcome newborn brother Sami.



### Mr. John Hozack

It is with deep sadness that we report the passing of Alumni Member John Hozack on Sunday August 10th, after a year or more of declining health. John was well known for his humour and talent as a snare drummer. In addition to being a Signals Member, John also played with Western Tech and Canada's Marching Ambassadors.

REST IN PEACE DEAR FRIEND  
No Photo

**Signalman Robert V. Robinson** – 8<sup>th</sup> Signal Regiment Robinson, Robert Nigel, known as 'Bob' or 'Robbie', retired to Smiths Cove, Nova Scotia from Toronto, Ontario in 2000. Bob passed away on November 3, 2012 leaving behind his beloved wife, Avril; children, Cameron (Alana), Malea and Vanessa (Spencer) and grandchildren Alice, Oliver, Max, Cooper, Bree and Avery; brother Gordon (Jill) and nephews Garrett, Travis, Seth and niece Jocelyne. Everyone will miss him dearly. His love for his grandchildren filled his heart and gave him such joy. Some of his happiest times were swimming with them in the pond or building art easels with them as he taught them the names of all his tools that they used.

Bob retired from the North York Fire Department as a Rescue Captain and during his career was awarded the Ontario Medal of Bravery for rescuing a young toddler from her burning home.

Bob was also a member of the Critical Stress team, which provided support to his fellow fire department brothers. Bob quickly became an active member of the Smiths Cove and Digby communities, known for his happy smile and positive attitude. He loved to chat with everyone he met during his day while out and about in the community. Bob was an active member of the Smiths Cove Volunteer Fire Department, former board member of DALA, Digby Area Learning Association, and former President and current board member of the Bay Windfield Investment Fund. Through his active involvement, Bob touched the hearts of many. Bob loved animals and just last week had regaled us with his account of his day spent volunteering at the local animal shelter.

Family would like to extend a heartfelt 'Thank you' to the community for pulling together to help and support the family during this sad time. Many thanks to the Digby EMS, Digby RCMP and Digby Fire Department for their heroic efforts.

Sig Robert Robinson served with 8<sup>th</sup> Signal Regiment c1960. His father, the late LCol Fred Robinson, CD was the past Commanding Officer of 8<sup>th</sup> Signal Regiment. He would be remembered as the Commanding Officer's personal driver.



## In Memory

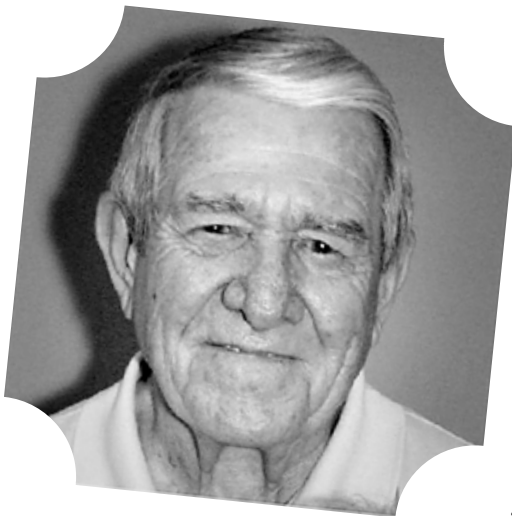
### Mr. Brian Anderson

It is with deep sadness that we report the passing this morning of Brian Anderson. Brian was a long-time member of the Toronto Signals Band where he played the contra bass. Brian loved the band and all it involved. Brian was also a past member of the Canadian Gas Ensemble and the DCAT Chorus.

For those wishing to send their condolences, they can be sent to his daughter at the following address -

Mrs. Michelle MacMahon, 2430 Basswood Cres., Mississauga, Ontario. L5L 1Y1

Rest In Peace Dear Friend



It is with sadness that we report the passing of Alumni Band Member Vern Evans. If you wish to send condolences to his family, they can be sent to Mrs. Beth Evans, 39 River Oaks Dr., Mount Hope, Ont., L0R 1W0

**EVANS, Vernon David Nuth** September 1, 1935 - October 14, 2014 Vern passed away courageously at the Juravinski Cancer Centre. He leaves his wife Beth (53 great years), his daughters Kenna (Tiger) Vasiliadis, Karen (Mouse) Coomby, and their husbands Chris and Steve. Vern was predeceased by his parents, his only brother Mervyn (Taff), his sister-in-law Mary, and nephew Ken. A special thank you to dear friend Roger Barichello and his wife Dina, and his band buddy Rolly Formica (Ambassadors Drum Corps) for their loyal friendship and support over the past 55 years. Private Cremation and Interment to follow and a celebration of life at a later date. Special thanks to his Oncology doctors, his friend and family physician Dr. David Reimer of Queenston (NOTL Hospital), Home Care nurse Clarissa Montecastro, and the staff of C3. In lieu of flowers, a donation to the Juravinski Cancer Centre would be appreciated.



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**32 SIGNAL REGIMENT**



WO Renny MacKinnon  
 9999C Estaire Road South  
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Dear Renny:

I would like my donation directed to:

- The Regimental Advisory Council-32 Signal Regiment  
 (for Regimental activities including 32 Signal Regiment & their cadets) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- The SHE Fund (i.e. Bursaries for our soldiers) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- The Toronto Signals Band \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- My total gift equals \$ \_\_\_\_\_ my gift

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 and mail to our Treasurer, WO Renny MacKinnon, CD, 9999C Estaire Road South, ON P3E 4N1.

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**REQUEST THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY TO PAY TRIBUTE TO**  
**LIEUTENANT COLONEL GREG J. STASZYNA, CD**

**CHANGE OF COMMANDING OFFICER DINNER OUT**

SATURDAY, MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2015

RECEPTION & COCKTAILS 1830HRS  
 DINNER 1930HRS

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 NUMBER 1 DRESS UNIFORM OR BLACK TIE  
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*Fort York Armoury*

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 please visit:*

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*For information please contact Captain Ric*

*Ravigel-Bron at: [ric.ravigel-bron@forces.gc.ca](mailto:ric.ravigel-bron@forces.gc.ca)*

*Please RSVP by March 2nd, 2015*

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SUNDAY, MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2015  
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