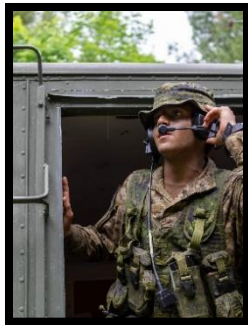




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June has been busy for both Regiment and Associates. Fortunately, "Despatches" received so many great pictures we can have an extra edition for June. Especial thanks to Pte/Sdt A. Thayne and Pte R. Garduce; of 32 CBG Public Affairs for providing the excellent photographs of the Borden events and pictures of our new Signallers. On 21st- 22nd June 2025 the final phase of training to become a Signal Operator took place in Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Borden, Ontario. The Signal Operator (RQ Sig Op) 0011 and 0012 courses Field Training Exercise (FTX) brings together, and develops their communications trade skills. The RQ Sig Op course is the trade qualification that transforms candidates into trained Signal Operators—equipped to keep the Army connected, informed, and mission-ready.



Wednesday, 25th June 2025 was a big day for the 24 new signallers of Rank Qualification Signal Operator (RQ Sig Op) 0011 and 0012 courses at Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Borden, Ontario. At the graduation parade receiving their Signal cap badges, promotions to Signal Operators, and special awards recognizing their achievements LCol John Moore, CO and HLCol Shannon Regan, Honorary for 32 Signal Regiment congratulated the 24 new Signal Operators ready to keep our Armed Forces connected, informed and mission ready. Bravo Zulu.



Three awards were presented to particular course members. 🏆 Top Candidate, RQ Sig Op 0011: Sig Zheng; 🏆 Top Candidate, RQ Sig Op 0012: Sig Siig and 🏆 Esprit de Corps, RQ Sig Op: Sig Thuroo. Bravo Zulu to all the graduates, and sincere thanks to the instructors and staff whose dedication made this success possible.



On 23-26 May 2025 32 Canadian Brigade held a Working Group “Brigade Torch “(formerly Guiding Light) in St. Catharines, Ontario. This event, brought together senior leadership to examine and evaluate the Brigade’s objectives and receive the Commander’s direction and guidance. Regimental Sergeant Major (RSM) Hua represented 32 Sigs at this event. Thank you to Pte I. Siddiqui & Cpl J. Lacina, 32 CBG PA for the excellent photographs.



On 12 June 2025 at 2 Field Ambulance in CFB Petawawa, Ontario we received the news that, while on pre-deployment training, Cpl S. Knack of 32 Signal Regiment had been promoted on Wednesday April 2, 2025. Congratulations to Cpl Knack from all your friends in 32 Signal Regiment.



On Saturday 28 June 2025 at the Canadian Forces Staff College, Toronto, 32 Signal Regiment Junior Ranks Mess held their Gala Dinner. On a warm summer evening Cpl Hadi and the Gala Committee provided an excellent meal with CO LCol Moore providing the Regimental speech. As part of the Vintage Signals Team Display MWO Duncan Lloyd with Veteran Mike Leatham and Julie Lloyd demonstrating the switchboard and how modern telephone switches operate on the same principle.





VST stories included how in Afghanistan the Northern Alliance were believed to use pigeons for messages and how a Captain from the Philippines shared how pigeons are still trained in his country. During the meal MWO Duncan Lloyd also gave the Signal History Speech. He spoke about our history and past members who have added to our story: LCol Catto; LCol Watson; Cpl Patterson and Sig Ogilvie.

The Dinner calls were loyally provided by The Toronto Signals Band who add a splash of colour and heritage to every event. The Gala Committee were fortunate to have two experienced members, Band Sgt Jen Blight, the daughter of the late Ted Blight, former President of the Toronto Signals Band, and veteran Bandsman Doug Johns. Fortuitously, in our picture of Band members was also snapped Pte I. Siddiqui from 32 CBG Public Affairs who has provided so many of the superb pictures in previous editions of "Despatches".



709 Toronto Signals Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps held their Annual Dine-In at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 75, Toronto on Wednesday 11th June 2025. The 67th Annual Ceremonial Review was held in Fort York in 15th



June 2025. At the Dinner, Lt (N) Johnnie Vu, Commanding Officer of 709 invited HLCOL Shannon Regan to present Cadet MWO Rami Darawsha with with the badge of Chief Warrant Officer as the Cadet Regimental Sergeant Major. During the Ceremonial



Review a Corps photograph was taken and guests received a fine display by Corps Drill Team and Flag Party. The Reviewing Officer was Maj Said Shaath from 32 Sig Regt. Awards presented included The Cadet Legion of

Excellance to Cadet MWO Sonali Mondal, presented by Maj Said Shaath. This parade was also the final parade for CWO Rami Darawsha as the Regimental Sgt Major as he progresses to the University of Toronto. Capt Eric Edelsward also bid farewell with this parade with a CD and two bars Eric steps down as Adjutant of 709 and was given a farewell presentation by Lt(N) Johnnie Vu. Two old CO's of 709

Comm Regt were asked to present awards . LCol (Ret'd) Jack Lee presented his Trophy to WO Bradley and HCol (Ret'd) Ken Lloyd presented LCol Greg Stasyna's trophy to WO Kyazike.





The On Sunday 8th June 2025 Dundurn Castle in Hamilton celebrated Decoration Day where military graves are decorated and remembered. Several units of Cadets, Reservists and re-enactors visited the Vintage Signals Display. The Line truck, as always, attracted the attention of younger visitors who discovered how magneto phones and switchboard are the

original family 'chat line'. Questions and stories abounded including Pigeon courier stories provided by veteran Mike Leatham. How Germany and Britain both used the "Double Playfair" cypher system at the

beginning of WWII, shared by Hon Col (Ret'd) Ken Lloyd with the visiting Command Team of 1st Hussars. Capt (Ret'd) Campbell grabbed every opportunity to demonstrate the versatility of the Heliograph and its operating range of 75 miles.



On the weekend of 21-22 June 2025 the Vintage Signals Team displayed for the commemoration of the Korean War at HMCS HAIDA. Capt (Ret'd) Campbell and veteran Mike Leatham of the Vintage Signals Team worked through +30C

temperatures to share the story of Signals and the Korean War. Our thanks to Parks Canada for their care of our Team.



On Canada Day the Toronto Signals Band dressed down into summer rig to entertain the Royal Canadian Legion 258 Highland Creek Branch. A professional and talented performance. Thank you Mr Burke Gerhardt, Drum Major.



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