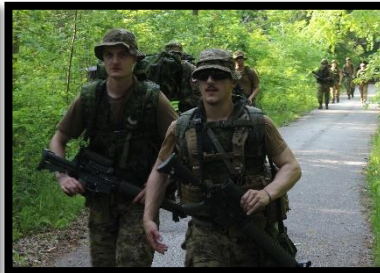
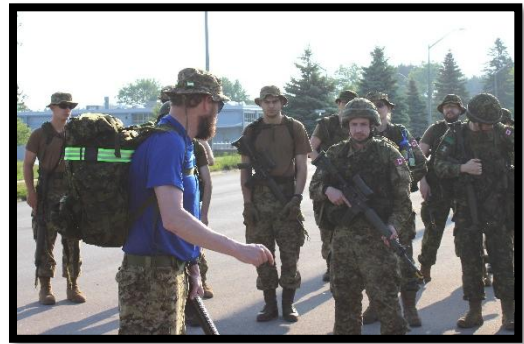




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Welcome to June, exercises, parades and the display season. 32 Signal Regiment began in CFB Borden with Exercise Mercury Warrior from 6-8th June 2025. Members completed the Commanding Officer's Challenge which a 25km march, combat force, a C7 rifle range, gas drills and a grenade stand. On the 8th June a Range shoot included Personal Weapon level 2 (PWT2), and PWT3 for our members who are preparing for deployment. A special thank you and congratulations to newly promoted Sgt Krebs-Vandeloosdrecht for providing this item and photos for Despatches. LCol John Moore, CO 32 Sig Regt lead the 25km March.



Cpl Hadi reminds us that accuracy on the Rifle Range can be applied in our social life. In May 2025 at Fort York the Junior Ranks retained the Sgt and WO Darts Tournament Trophy for their 2nd consecutive year over the WO and Sgts Mess. MWO MP sportingly remarked it was their 4th win in 40 years. Cpl Hadi wrote to Despatches "It was a thrilling finale with Sgt Spessot and the RSM representing the SGT/WO and myself and MCpl Percival representing the Jr's. The scoreboard read 234 - 41 when MCpl Percival stepped up and hit 13, 20 and sealed the deal with a double 8 all in one try!" Congratulations to all and many thanks for the write up and picture.

On Saturday 31st May 2025, in John Weir Foote (VC) Armoury Hamilton, 31 Signal Regiment held it's Change of Command and Change of Appointment parade and dinner. LCol Lisa Smid, OMM, CD the outgoing CO from 2019 and a Newfoundlander ensured that the Farewell dinner had a "Newfie" flavour with a variety of choruses and songs.

The incoming CO Alex Colic CD. is no stranger to Hamilton as a private in the RHLI rising to commanding officer in 2019. LCol Colic is an IT specialist for the M&T Bank in Buffalo, New York and expressed a keen interest in the VST Line Truck in the Armoury. During the ceremonies, RSM, CWO Tanner stepped in as the Senior Non-Commissioned Office of the Regiment. Congratulations RSM Tanner!



LCol Smid is a strong supporter of the Vintage Signal Team and the Hamilton Signals Association, serving as the Secretary for the Incorporated Charity.

The VST display by Capt (Ret'd) Little, Capt (Ret'd) Cambell and Veteran Dave Hayward, with our Line Truck, especially brought down by Sgt (Ret'd) Carl Ragala gave a fine historical theme for the parade.



The Dinner was attended by former members of 705 Sig Sqn including CWO (Ret'd) Brown, Sgt (Ret'd) Stal, Mrs Stal, Veteran Henry Czarnata, and Veteran Bill Davie.

LCol Smid has a passion for Signals history and it was agreed that a Telegraph Key and Sounder manufactured by Jesse H. Bunnell in the 1900's would be an appropriate gift from the VST and HSA. LCol Smid opened our gift prior to the Regimental presentations.



Ater the Dinner, Capt (Ret'd) Little shared our enthusiasm for the Line Truck with Sgt Lee from 31 Sigs. We chatted about the flags displayed in the Armoury indicating where



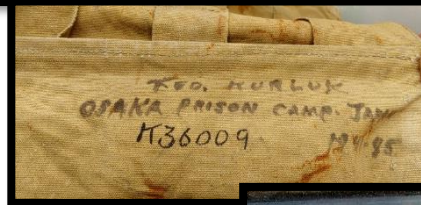
members were deployed. Sgt Lee asked HCol (Ret'd Lloyd) whether the VST could source historical Signals photos for display in the WO & Sgts Mess. More to follow.



On Sunday 1st June the VST provided three vignettes at the D Day event for Parks Canada HMCS HAIDA. Capt (Ret'd) Little provided a demonstration and talk using an "electronic 'ENIGMA facsimile to tell how the 'off-line' cipher machine operated and how its weaknesses were exploited by the allies. Capt (Ret'd) Campbell demonstrated the D-Day vignette "LE HAMEL D-DAY". How the Landing parties on the Normandy Beaches guided the incoming ships to the beaches using Heliograph and Aldis Lamps. For the Navy visitors HCol (Ret'd) Lloyd provided SCHARNHORST - THE LAST SIGNAL. An overview in pictures how Signals interception, the breaking of ciphers and the advances in Radar lead to saving Northern convoys with the destruction of the enemy Battleship SCHARNHORST. Veteran Mike Leatham connected magneto phones with our switchboard and helped younger visitors discover how phones used to work.

On Friday 6th June Waterdown Royal Canadian Legion held their "Remember Everyone deployed" Event to celebrate all military members deployed.

The VST with Line Truck attracted visitors who kept our Team of Capt (Ret'd) Campbell, Veteran Mike Leatham and Julie Lloyd busy. During the day, a visitor brought in some artifacts from his relative who had passed away and asked HCol (Ret'd) Lloyd to help in researching and to identify them. His relative had been captured in Hong Kong in 1941 and became a Prisoner of War in Osaka, Japan. The Mess Tin has the RCCS badge scratched on the base. More to follow.



June has been an amazing month for activities. There are more to report from the Regiment, the VST, The Cadets and the Band. There will be a further "June "newsletter in early July to continue sharing this issue. If there is anything you wish to add or correct, please contact me kenlloyd mediator@gmail.com