

Despatches

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August appears to be a month for 'boxes'! For our members serving overseas, boxes of goodies and presents. For our History & Heritage, we are opening boxes from our past and getting ready to share our legacy with all. *Please read on...*

UPDATE OP IMPACT – Supporting Our Troops Deployed Overseas



Padre Donna Wilson and MCpl Samantha Vernon, supported by the 32 Signal Regiment Family Council, have been busy collecting items and preparing 'support' boxes for our troops deployed overseas.

We have 10 members are deployed to the Middle East and the Baltic – very different geographic areas. Maj Ric Rangel-Bron and Capt Mike Singh arranged our funds, while our Borden team scoured the shops for Canadian goodies and delicacies.

Our 'extensive' research have told us that 'ketchup chips' are a particular favourite that is not available outside of Canada!

Special thanks to LCol (retd) Lai, Capt (retd) Campbell and HLCol Regan for all of their efforts in support of this campaign. If you wish to join our Welfare Team please contact HCol Lloyd as we will have more 32 Sigs members deploying in the future, so there will be more support packages to be packed!



102nd WARRIORS DAY PARADE – Saturday 19 August 2023

The CNE will commemorate the 102nd Warriors Day Parade on Saturday 19 August 2023, and the Regiment will once again be represented by the Toronto Signals Band and the Vintage Signals Team.

We are looking for volunteers to join our contingent and march alongside our Signals Line Truck that will be in the parade. Please reach out to HCol Ken Lloyd at kenlloyd.mediator@gmail.com to participate.

The parade starts at Gore Park (immediately south of Fort York Armoury), stepping off at 1000hrs (10 am). Please come out and support our contingent and all of the Veterans participating in this amazing parade!



HISTORIC BOXES



Opening boxes from our past is a time for discovery, memories, ghosts and joy!



Earlier this month Capt (retd) Rick Little and HCol Ken Lloyd visited the storage locker for the Vintage Signals Team, to find a treasure trove of delights awaited with rare and unusual finds, including a trench lamp from 1918; a rare heliograph tripod made in Toronto; a switchboard made in the UK, with the last working model found in Belgium. And, most exciting of all was a metal box stenciled "709 Battle Box C/S 8". They all have stories to tell. Be part of our history and tell our story – join the Vintage Signals Team by contacting Terri McGillivray (mcgillivrayterri@gmail.com) or HCol Ken Lloyd.

WANTED

Your stories, photos and items of interest for the next Despatches!
Please send your submissions to HCol Ken Lloyd at
kenlloyd.mediator@gmail.com

MOBILE SATELLITE UNIT



On 22 July 2023, members of 32 Signal Regiment set up the Mobile Satellite Unit (MSU) at Fort York Armoury, Toronto.

*Photo courtesy of Cpl Desiree Cardenas,
32 Signal Regiment*

CANADIAN FORCES AFFILIATE RADIO SYSTEM



On Monday, 31 July 2023, members of 31, 32 & 33 Signal Regiments, who are on the Rank Qualification Signal Operator 0003 Course, undertook theoretical and practical application of High Frequency (HF) communications training from Mr. Phil McBride (Call Sign VA3QR), President of the Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC), and the Canadian Forces Affiliate Radio System (CFARS) Greater Toronto Area at CFB Borden.

