

# SIGNALS ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

(AFFILIATED TO THE SRI LANKA EX-SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION)

## XXXth ANNIVERSARY

### Souvenir



**CELEBRATIONS HELD ON  
SATURDAY 14th DECEMBER 1985**

**AT THE  
SRI LANKA EX-SERVICEMENS' INSTITUTE  
29, BRISTOL STREET, COLOMBO-1.**

**PROCEEDS IN AID OF  
THE SIGNALS ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA**





## *Message*

From

**Major M. J. F. R. PERERA**  
(Patron Signals Association of Sri Lanka)

The Signals Association of Sri Lanka celebrates its XXXth Anniversary on 14th December 1985 and it is with great pleasure I send this message for the occasion.

This Association is affiliated to the world recognised Ex-Servicemen's Association of Sri Lanka, and is doing yeoman service in the field of welfare and assistance to the Ex-servicemen and their families.

I would like to quote a passage from the Message sent to us on our Silver Jubilee Celebration by the General Secretary ROYAL SIGNALS ASSOCIATION, LONDON Colonel R. L. MURRAY, O. B. E.

"The Chairman and Members of the Royal Signals Association are deeply conscious of the Alliance between the Royal Corps of Signals and the Signal Corps of Sri Lanka Army which was approved by HIS Late Majesty KING GEORGE VI in 1951."

I hope that this will be very useful and important information to the Serving Members (Regulars) and to the new members of the Association.

The ex-members of the Sri Lanka Signal Corps (Regulars) must follow in the footsteps of those who served the country loyally and faithfully during World War II by joining the Signals Association and carrying on the good work of the Association.

The affairs of the Association are now in the capable hands of Col. A. M. M. Fareed and Mr. D. C. Pereira the Hony. Secretary.

It is with a deep sense of sorrow and a feeling of personal loss that I recall the Great Veterans who built this Association, but are not among us today. I wish and pray "ETERNAL REST to them, not just today, but every day deep in our hearts they will always stay".

In conclusion, I thank all members of the Executive Committee who have steadfastly devoted their energy and time to keep the Association alive. I wish all the members a Happy Anniversary and Compliments of the Season.



## *Message*

*From*

**COLONEL. A. M. M. FAREED** MBIM

(Chairman, Signals Association of Sri Lanka)

The Signals Association of Sri Lanka has been in existence for 30 years and I am personally very happy and feel honoured to be the Chairman at this time.

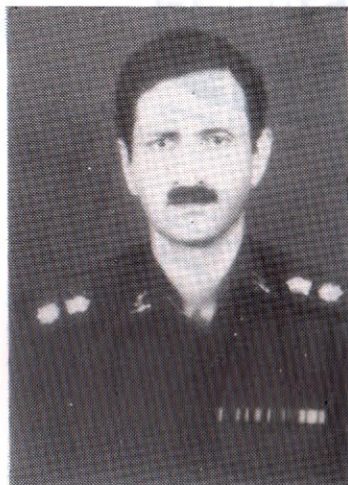
During these long years the Association has done all what it could to help the needy and necessitous members and their families. This was done with a sincere feeling of love and dedication and we hope to do so as best as we can in the future.

To celebrate the occasion the Executive Committee has organised a Get-Together of the members and their families on 14th December 1985. We look forward to this occasion when we can meet our old friends and colleagues.

I extend a warm welcome to all and wish everyone a happy time while requesting everyone to remember with love and affection those who are not with us.

May God bless us all and give us Peace, Love and Harmony in the New Year.





*Message*

*From*

**Lt. Col. F. C. J. de Silva**

**The Officiating Commanding officer**

**1st Signal Regiment**

On behalf of 1st Signal Regiment Sri Lanka Signal Corps I take this opportunity to convey our good wishes to the Signals Association of Sri Lanka on its 30th Anniversary. The Signal Regiment has grown from strength to strength and it is with a deep sense of gratitude that we recall the services rendered by its past members. Some of these members are no more and some of them have left seeking greener pastures, and some remain to strive on in the Signals Association for the betterment of the Signaller. In conclusion we wish the Signals Association a bright future and may the Association prosper and continue to remain dedicated to its cause. Good luck to you all.

*The Old Brigade*  
*No 3 Signal Company*      *Fifty Years Ago*



Many of these gallant soldiers have faded away; Others have gone abroad; a few still remain;  
Can you remember them?



## *Signals Association*

Contributes to

### **National Defence Fund**

*The Picture below was taken on the occasion of  
the presentation of the proceeds of  
Member's Night '84 to*

**Hon Mr. LALITH ATHULATHMUDALI**

Minister of National Security



From left to Right:- Mr D.C. Pereira, Lt M.C. de S A. Wijenayake J. P.  
Mr. Oliver Swaris J. P. U. M. Lt. Col A. E. Jayasekera, Col. A. M M. Fareed  
and Hon. Mr. LALITH ATHULATHMUDALI



# THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 1985



Standing (Left to right) W. G. Crusz, Lt. (QM) K. T. G. T. de Silva, P. B. Wijesinghe, A. R. Vethamanickam, G. W. W. Perera, Oliver Swaris J. P. U. M., Capt. P. D. S. Rajapakse E. D ; Seated (left to right) D. C. Pereira Lt. M. C de S. A Wijenayake J. P., Col. A. M M. Fareed MBIM., Major Tudor Perera, Lt. Col. A. E. Jayasekera



## *Signalling Over The Years*

Signalling in its primitive form was sending a column of smoke into the air. Inhabitants of an area signalled others their presence in a locality in this way. However primitive this method was, this is still used in jungle warfare. A column of white smoke is sent up into the air to indicate to pilots the presence of troops and where air supplies should be dropped.

Signalling with flags and blinking lights is still used. Ship to ship and ship to shore signalling is still being done, using codes.

With the advent of electronics, radio waves have been used for signalling. The waves carry codes like Morse and Murray codes.

The latest is the LASER - an ultra high frequency ray of light, capable of signalling and triggering off mechanism. This ray can even burn up a given area. This ray has already been experimented by America in their "Star war".

With the onward march of time still other methods of signalling will come to being.

*K. A. Ruparatne*



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## Signals Association of Sri Lanka

The history of the Signals Association of Sri Lanka has been ably recorded by Mr. Winston Cruz up to the 25th Anniversary Celebrations in December 1980.

Since 1980 we are proud to record certain noteworthy matters which have brought credit to the Association and its members:-

In 1981 Major Tudor Perera was elected to the Board of Trustees of the SLESA. This was the first such appointment from our Association.

In the same year Major M. J. F. R. Perera as Vice President of the SLESA had the privilege of meeting His Highness The Duke of Edinburgh at Presidents House during the visit of Her Majesty The Queen and of presenting to him two Souvenir Signal Plates on behalf of the Signals Association.

The Association was nominated to organise the 3rd Annual Ex-Servicemen's Association Dance. It is a tribute to the Committee which was headed by Major M. J. F. R. Perera that this dance was a tremendous success and was voted the best Dance organised by the SLESA.

In 1982 the first ever University Scholarship Award offered by the SLESA was won by the son of a Member of the Signals Association. The Second Award in 1984 was also won by the daughter of a Member of the Signals Association.

A significant event in 1983 was the establishment of the Chairman's Fund for assisting needy and deserving members. Thanks to generous contributions there is now a sum of Rs. 14,739/72 to the credit of the Fund.

In 1984 a Get-Together was held for the added purpose of making a donation to the National Defence Fund. With the co-operation of the entire committee spearheaded by the indefatigable Mr. Oliver Swaris, we had a very successful Get-Together and collected a sum of Rs. 15,000/-.

The select Committee which met the Hon. Mr. Lalith Athulathmudali on 1st March 1985 to present the Donation of Rs. 15,000/- to the National Defence Fund, also presented to him a petition requesting the re-organisation of the 2nd Volunteer Signal Squadron. We have now received very encouraging news both from the Commander of the Army and the Ministry of Defence that a nucleus of the Squadron has already been formed and that a build up progressively of this Squadron to Regimental strength has been strongly recommended.

In 1984 we organised the first ever Snooker Tournament to be held in the history of the SLESA. This tournament was for the "Signals Trophy". The finals were held in grand style with a touch of professionalism. Encouraged by this success, this year we had a Billiard Tournament in addition to the Snooker Tournament. The success has been phenomenal. We have now decided to present a Signal Trophy for the Snooker Tournament dedicated to the memory of the late Mr. M. W. A. Doray, who was himself an outstanding sportsman.

The following Members have been appointed to high offices in Sri Lanka;  
Brig. L. J. I. Fernando — Appointed Secretary, Ministry of Internal Security.  
Mr. B. K. Cooray — Appointed Working Director, Ceylon Shipping Corporation.  
Col. A. M. M. Fareed — selected to the Board of Trustees of the SLESA for a period of 4 years from 1985.  
Lt Col. A. E. Jayasekera appointed Commanding Officer 2nd Recce Regiment Sri Lanka Armoured Corps.  
Lt Col. F. C. J. de Silva has taken over command of 1 Regiment Signals

It is with profound grief that we refer to the passing away since 1980 of Mr. L. B. de Silva, Capt. S. L. V. A. Perera, Mr. K. A. Romis, Mr. Frank de Silva, Mr. E. D. Klyne, Mr. H. L. Perera, Capt. N. D. B. Delgoda, Col. D. S. W. Kuruppu, Mr. D. R. Francis, RS M. H. P. White, Mr. M. C. B. Croner, WO II A. N. George, Mr. C. M. G. (Bob) Dias, Mr. G. G. B. J. Gunsekara, WO II C. M. Nugera, WO II B. R. Saheed and WO II M. W. A. Doray.

DALTON C. PEREIRA  
Hony Secretary