



HISTORY OF SIGNALLING IN 100 OBJECTS

THE ROYAL SIGNALS BLANDFORD MEMORIAL HAWKE SQUARE BLANDFORD CAMP



The Blandford Camp Royal Signals Memorial is beside Hawke Square and commemorates all those Royal Signals soldiers who have died in conflicts since the formation of the Royal Corps of Signals in 1920. It is surrounded by plaques that commemorate each of these conflicts, from North West Iraq in 1920, through World War 2, Korea, Malaya, Cyprus, Northern Ireland, Iraq and Afghanistan and many others, which are all listed around this memorial. Adjacent to it is the WW2 memorial to the Royal Canadian Signals that was moved to this site from Farnborough in May 1975. The names of those who have died are listed in the Royal Signals Books of Remembrance held in Catterick Garrison Church and Blandford Garrison Church.

Memorials exist throughout the UK and overseas, but there are always personal items that are held, that remind us of friends and loved ones who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Some of these items can be found in the Royal Signals Museum, which is also located at Blandford Camp - the current home of the Royal Corps of Signals. Here is an example of an item that reminds us of those of the Corps who were killed during the Falklands Conflict of 1982. It is the personal watch belonging to Major Mike Forge, who was the Officer Commanding 5th Infantry Brigade Headquarters and Signal Squadron. He and S/Sgt Joe Baker died in a helicopter that was shot down on the 5th June 1982, whilst travelling to fix a rebroadcast station. Their names and those of the others who died in that conflict are recorded both in the UK and the Falkland Islands, and they will be remembered along with the many others who lost their lives in conflicts since the formation of the Corps in 1920. *Certa Cito!*

