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Happy New Year and welcome back. The end of 2022 brought our latest news items



Henderson award for Philanthropy presented to Margaret Catto

In October 2022, the C&E Branch Henderson Award for charitable donations to the Branch was presented to Margaret Catto, wife of HCol John Catto (deceased). The Catto family also made a generous donation to our Regiment to initiate the JOHN CATTO AWARD for sustained and extended service to the Regiment. Also, the "JIMMY AWARD" for Serving members for exceptional service to the Regiment.



L/Cpl Doug Ricard, has been honoured with a street banner in the City of Burlington. L/Cpl Ricard is a Dieppe Signaller; when his LCT was damaged he swam the last part of the journey back to England. LCol Moore presented a copy of the Branch history to L/Cpl

Doug Ricard, honouring L/Cpl Doug Ricard's 104th birthday.



L/Cpl Signaller Patrick Lance was formally presented his WWII medals on his 100th birthday at Welland in December 2022. Maj Dyson of the Lincoln and Welland Regiment and LCpl Lance's family arranged the celebration. LCpl Lance landed on D-Day plus 3, with 2nd Div

Sigs then with the 5th Armd Div Sigs. If any members wish to become a Pen Pal with our veterans please contact WO Sevan Mardirossian. Capt (ret'd) Rick Little of the Vintage Signals Team provided a 19 Set and digital ENIGMA machine for the participants.



Visual Signaller Jenny Umpherson used Semaphore flags to guide LCT and other craft into loading bays for the invasion on D-Day and beyond. Her story had a place in the Remembrance Ceremony speeches in Oakville and Bronte where she lived. The photos show Jenny as a Wren and on duty at the loading bays. Jenny moved to Victoria B.C where we learned she passed in 2022.



It was good to be 'in person' again with the Engineers for the York Cemetery Remembrance. The service with the Band, Cadets and (at the last minute) included guests After the past years of limited and masked participation it was good to have the act of remembrance together. More news in our next 'Despatches'