

# ***Despatches***

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## **REMEMBERING OUR FAMILY**

*On behalf of the 32 Signal Regiment Family, our most sincere condolences are offered to the families and friends of those we remember here.*

### **Corporal Hugh Patterson**

Despatch Rider  
2 Div Sigs  
Second World War Veteran



### **Mr. Kanaan Sha'ath**

Father of Major Sha'ath

# Mrs. Lisa Klara Singh

Mother of Captain Michael Singh



**KUDOS!!**

***Congratulations MCpl KV!***



“I’ve heard nothing but good things from various people around the camp (about) KV...”

Some of the comments made by Colonel John McEwan, Commander, 32 Canadian Brigade Group, accompanied by Chief Warrant Officer Frank Atyeo, as he presents the Brigade Coin to our very own Master Corporal Krebs-Vanderloosdrecht (known as KV to her colleagues) for her outstanding efforts in support of EXERCISE CAMP WORTHY in Petawawa.

Cpl Rayala and Cpl Chen show their own special recognition of MCpl KV’s award.

## IN THE FIELD

Between 18 – 27 August 2023 members of 32 Signal Regiment supported **EXERCISE CAMP WORTHY** in beautiful CFB Petawawa during the annual Armoured Concentration for the 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Division.

Of course, like with any Exercise, things don’t always go 100% to plan, which in its self can be a demonstration on how our soldiers adapt and overcome to meet the circumstances and complete the mission at hand. Capt Briggs said that he “had the A Team on hand” when an unexpected power outage struck on Base and with the Admin Cell for EXERCISE CAMP WORTHY was quickly moved into the field with Camp Worthy. Cpl Chen lead a team of Signallers in quickly setting up a DWAN link in a tent with nine laptops, thus keeping the Admin Cell operational.

HCol Lloyd would later lament about the first time the Regt put DWAN into the field was during EXERCISE TRILLIUM PHOENIX. Capt Briggs added that on that occasion the computers “got fried” when struck by lightning! Well remembered, smiles all around!





Cpl Chen, Cpl Rayala, HCol Lloyd, MCpl Krebs-Vandeloosdrecht; Capt Briggs

During the Exercise there was a vehicle rollover. Thankfully, the vehicle occupants sustained only minor injuries. Capt Briggs praised Cpl Chen for controlling the Radio Net during the emergency, providing a calm presence during the incident. He also noted that Cpl Rayala was quick to correct the grid reference to the incident scene, which enabled emergency responders to rapidly and accurately arrive at the incident scene.

**BRAVO ZULO Cpls Chen and Rayala!**

## FROM THE BETTER LATE THAN NEVER FILES...

### *VINTAGE SIGNALS TEAM SHOW OFF AT 31 & 32 SIGNAL REGIMENTS*

The Vintage Signals Team (VST) provided a history of Signals in their display for 32 Signal Regiment Gala Dinner at the Canadian Forces Staff College, Toronto, then again for the 31 Signal Regiment Gala Dinner at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum in Hamilton.

LCol John Moore of 32 Sigs, and LCol Lisa Smid of 31 Sigs, complimented the VST members and the quality of the presentations. There were interesting questions put to the VST members by guests, who enjoyed the event.



During each of the dinners HCol Lloyd provided a short talk on “Jimmy, do Signals still need the trickster?”, using examples from our history where “tricks” proved to be very useful.





## EXERCISE JAVELIN TITAN III



Members of 32 Signal Regiment participated in the Personal Weapons Test (PWT) Level 2 with the C7A2 service rifle and Level 1 with the Browning Hi-Power 9mm pistol during EXERCISE JAVELIN TITAN III on 26 – 28 May at CFB Borden.

This annual Exercise is part of the mandatory shooting requalification requirements to fulfill the Battle Task Standards to remain [#StrongProudReady](#).

## LIBERATION OF HOLLAND BATTLEFIELD TOUR

Between 28 April – 07 May 2023, three members of 32 Signal Regiment were amongst a group of serving soldiers of the Communications & Electronics Branch (C&E) who had the honour of representing their respective Units at the 78<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Of The Liberation Of The Netherlands. This tour included the Netherlands and Germany, including activities and events, such as visiting the Airborne Museum at Arnhem; and overview of the Canadian role in significant operations like OPERATION VERITABLE and OPERATION BLOCKBUSTER.



Participants also took part in Liberation Day ceremonies in Apeldoorn, and also paid respects at two Commonwealth Cemeteries significant to Canada – Groesbeek and Holten.

The courage, initiative and sacrifice by those who fought throughout the Second World War can only reinforce the commitment and motivation of today's Signallers.

Cpl Cardenas, MCpl Lacroix and Sgt MacDonald represented 32 Sigs in the tour, with funding support from the 32 Signal Regiment Advisory Council.



## TORONTO SIGNALS BAND

Warriors Day 2023 at the Canadian National Exhibition was another successful event! As always, members of the 32 Signal Regiment Family Council were part of the planning team that ably delivered another remarkable parade filled with marching units and bands.

The Toronto Signals Band added to its long list of awards at the CNE Warriors Day Parade, this year being named “The Best In All Marching Units”, “The Frank Jamieson Memorial Trophy” and “The Parade Champions” The Band has won the latter 24 times previously, and our Colour Guard has won it twice!



Rosa Ann Kelly, Capt Kelly & HLCol (Retd) Lee



The Band has also won the “Elwood Hughes Trophy Brass Trumpet or Bugle Band”, adding to the previous 38 times! This year, our Band moved the Royal Regiment Band to second place, and the Governor General’s Horse Guards Band into third place.

These awards add to the John Labatt Ltd Trophy for Colour Party, which has been won 1 times!

Congratulations to Drum Major Burke Gerhardt and all of the members of the Band!

## WANTED

*Your stories, photos and items of interest for the next Despatches!*

*Please send your submissions to HCol Ken Lloyd at*

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## CORPORAL HUGH PATTERSON DESPATCH RIDER



*75<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary of D-Day, Normandy, France, 2019*

*Despatch Rider training in Kingston, 1942*

Corporal (Retd) Hugh Patterson peacefully passed away on the afternoon, Thursday 21 September 2023, surrounded by his loving family. Known for his mischievous sense of humor, Hugh was also known for his life long love of being a wartime Despatch Rider, and for his service during the Second World War, serving through D-Day and into Germany.

From the beaches of Normandy to the Falaise Pocket, he undertook risky missions delivering despatch messages. He would recount delivering despatches to hidden headquarters, at times having to crawl forward to feel the treads of vehicles parked. If the tyre tread was German, he would crawl back to find the right headquarters.

On Wednesday 27 September 2023 in Caledonia, Hugh received military and Royal Canadian Legion honours from 31 Signal Regiment and Royal Canadian Legion Branch 154. LCol Smid and CWO Spinosa read messages of condolences from the Communications & Electronics Branch leadership. 32 Signal Regiment was represented by HCol Lloyd and Mrs Lloyd. A condolence message from the CO and Regiment was received by the Patterson family.





## VST GOES BACK TO SCHOOL



*Students from Laura Secord School*

Between 18 – 23 September 2023 the Vintage Signals Team joined Royal Canadian Legion Branch 11 (Danforth) to conduct presentations during Legion Week. Signals military history was presented to a new generation of Canadians, all of whom seemed to truly enjoy the presentations.



The Heliograph booming through the construction zone fascinated the visitors. The display provided a window into the communications before iPhones and smart phones. The magneto phones were a new experience for most of our visitors.

If you would like to know more, please contact Terri McGillvary of the VST, or HCol Ken Lloyd and HLCol Shanon Regan at the 32 Signal Regiment Family Council.

