



BATTLE OF KAPYONG

Two Commonwealth battalions (Bn) occupy the hills astride the south end of the river valley: 3rd Bn Royal Australians and 2nd Bn PPCLI.

They anxiously watch the Korean army stream southward in chaotic retreat. The Chinese are coming in force. They hit the Australians first, eventually forcing them to retreat. Next up for the Chinese are the Canadians.



Credit: Library and Archives PA-171228

Lieutenant Colonel Jim Stone has carefully positioned his four rifle companies with commanding fields of fire but the Chinese attack at night and outnumber the Canadians 10 to 1. The fighting is intense: close quarters, grenades, bren guns and bayonets.

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200 Chinese break the Canadian line but are stopped with heavy losses by heavy machine guns mounted on ten "half tracks". Lieutenant Mike Levy's platoon was being overrun when he coolly called in artillery fire on his own position. Hundreds of shells rained down and the Chinese were blasted back. By morning it is over and miraculously, Canadian losses are few. Result: The Chinese drive is blunted and the PPCLI receive a US Presidential citation. Five PPCLI soldiers received bravery medals but not Levy.

Hub Grey was also an officer at Kapyong and years later still wondered why his good friend (Levy) did not receive a medal for his bravery that day. He would find what might be the reason when he stumbled across an ugly



Canadians at Kapyong (Credit: Radio Canada International)



Lt. Mike Levy and the 2nd PPCLI on patrol (Credit: WordPress)

secret while writing a book on the subject. Levy was Jewish, and Stone had been overheard saying that "I will not award a medal to a Jew".

In 2003 Levy's bravery was recognized by Governor General Clarkson with a special award. Levy said he considered Stone an excellent leader and held no grudge.

Mike Levy passed away in 2007, a true Canadian hero.

To learn more about Kapyong, check out the [National Defence website](#).

For more articles like this - please visit our [online military history library](#).

THE KOREAN WAR



July 27th, 2020, marks the 67th anniversary of the Armistice Agreement in Korea.

This ceasefire agreement ended Canadian participation as combatants in the Korean War, one of the most significant chapters in Canada's military history. Over 26,000 Canadians served in the Navy, Army, and Air Force in Korea from 1950 to 1953.

After the Second World War, the Soviet Union deployed troops into the north of the liberated Korean Peninsula, while American soldiers occupied the south. A boundary at the 38th parallel of latitude marked the occupation zones. A communist government formed in the north while a democratic government formed in the south, and rising tensions between the two systems culminated on June 25th, 1950, when North Korean troops invaded South Korea.

The United Nations voted to send troops to diffuse the conflict, and Canada was one of the UN member nations which would contribute to the cause. Initial contributions came by sea and air. Three Royal Canadian Navy destroyers, the HMCS Sioux, HMCS Cayuga, and HMCS Athabaskan were deployed in July of 1950 alongside the

Royal Canadian Air Force's No. 426 Transport Squadron. The Canadian Army Special Force was established August 1950 for service in the Korean War, and fought gallantly across the hilly country in extreme weather.

After over three years, the armistice was signed. Around 7,000 Canadian troops would continue to serve in Korea in a peacekeeping role until 1967. Five hundred sixteen Canadians lost their lives in service during the Korean War. Valour Canada would like to commemorate the Canadian men and women who served in the Korean war and their bravery and sacrifice.



2nd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in Korea
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JULY 2020 WORD PUZZLE



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Can you find these words in the puzzle?

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| 1. Ceasefire | 5. United Nation | 9. MacArthur | 13. Prisoner of War | 16. Athabaskan |
| 2. Pyongyang | 6. Destroyer | 10. Yalu River | 14. Sioux | 17. Democracy |
| 3. Seoul | 7. Train Busting | 11. Pacific | 15. Cayuga | 18. Flank |
| 4. Peninsula | 8. Pearson | 12. Kapyong | 19. Foulkes | |

BONUS: Fill in the blanks using the words in the puzzle above.

- _____ is the capital of North Korea, and _____ is the capital of south korea.
- Three Canadian _____ warships were initially deployed to Korea in 1950: The HMCS _____, HMCS _____, and HMCS _____.
- Lester B. _____, Canada's Secretary of State for External Affairs, desired Canadian response through the UN under the command of the US General Douglas _____.
- Lieutenant General Charles _____, the Chief of General Staff at the time, advocated for the creation of a Special Force for the Korean War.
- In April 1951, Canadian troops came face-to-face with Chinese forces of the 118th division in _____.



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UPCOMING EVENTS



VALOUR CANADA EVENTS. All events have been postponed due to the current pandemic. Stay tuned for more information in the coming months.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Due to the current pandemic, Valour Canada will be delaying their Annual General Meeting until the fall. We will contact the membership when a new date/location has been confirmed.

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