

## Canada's part...

continued from page 15

Approximately 90 per cent of the soldiers fighting in Korea suffered from frostbite. In fact, much of the war was fought in extreme cold as Siberian winds whipped across the Asian peninsula.

516 names of war dead are inscribed in the Korean Book of Remembrance.

Facts about Peacemaking

Peacekeeping is an important aspect of Canada's national heritage and a reflection of our fundamental beliefs. Peacekeeping is also a significant component of Canada's foreign policy and our contribution to the multilateral security system.

Fifty years of experience in peacekeeping and participation in an overwhelming majority of peacekeeping missions mandated by the United Nations Security Council has established an international reputation for Canada. Although the United Nations deployed some observer missions in its early years, the term "peacekeeping" did not enter popular use until 1956. The eruption of conflict in the Middle East, specifically between Egypt and

Israel, prompted Lester B. Pearson, then Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs and later Prime Minister of Canada, to propose the deployment of an international peace force under the UN flag. Since that time there have been over 50 United Nations peacekeeping missions.

Canadian peace support efforts include such diverse groups as the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and their provincial and municipal partners, Elections Canada and Corrections Services Canada, and takes place not just through the United Nations but also through regional forums such as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), and the Organization of African Unity (OAU).

More than 100,000 Canadians have participated in United Nations (and NATO) peacekeeping duties throughout the world. Canada has deployed more Peacekeepers than any other country.

VETERANS' WEEK  
5 - 11 NOVEMBER  
**2003**  
CANADA REMEMBERS  
THE KOREAN WAR



## Canada helped repel Korean invaders

The following is an excerpted version of a speech delivered by the Honourable Dr. Rey D. Pagtakham, Minister of Veterans Affairs, to Korean War Veterans at a dinner on the eve of the unveiling of the Monument to Canadian Fallen on September 28 in Ottawa.

It is not until you hear the words of welcome and see the broad smiles of citizens whose land was occupied and whose freedom delivered back to them that you realize how truly blessed we are to call Canada our home.

More than 50 years ago, when the small nation of the Republic of Korea was invaded, and over-run by hostile forces, the United Nations asked its member nations for help. It was a desperate call. It was a call that you in this room answered. You volunteered, without hesitation.

Korea was a barren land then; a very poor land. Many of its hills and mountains looked the same. And were named by innocuous sounding numbers. But there was nothing innocuous about your fight to take them or defend them.

Your served valiantly in what seemed such a thankless cause! It was a cause for which

Canadians would fight and would die for, throughout three terrible years right up until the Armistice was signed on July 27, 1953.

All told, over 26,000 Canadians served in the Korean War, and another 7,000 served in the theatre between the cease-fire and the end of 1955, 516 Canadians would perish as a result of their service.

You served with such noble hearts ... to defend the principles of freedom and democracy, which prevailed so abundantly in our own land.

You took the freedom of this great land, Canada, and helped return it to a small nation in a very far-off land. In the doing, you endured terrible, terrible hardships ... the unimaginable cold of winter, the searing summers, the constant bursting of shells and bombs upon their positions.

But you did not fail, you did not flag.

Today, because of your sacrifice and that of your fallen comrades, along with your comrades in arms from other nations who also answered the call, the Republic of Korea is one of the most modern, most technologically advanced nations, on the face of the earth. In 50 short years it has risen from the chaos and destruction of war to be-

come the 12<sup>th</sup> largest economy in the world and you made that possible!

The Republic of Korea is a sparkling gem, and Korea has made its mark in every form of industry and commerce. It leads the world in some specialized branches of medicine, electronics, and heavy construction. And Korea undoubtedly leads the world, in remembering the brave sons of Canada who fought there and who made all of that wonderful transformation possible!

I know that Korea did not touch most Canadians in the way that the Second World War did. Our force was small and there was no great mobilization of industry. Canada itself was not threatened with direct attack. But had you not taken up arms, alongside our international allies, you knew then - and we know now - that the history of the world would have taken a very different course.

While we cannot turn back the hands of time, may you take some measure of comfort in knowing that today Canadians realize that far more gratitude is owing to you than anyone understood those 50 years ago.

So from the bottom of my heart, welcome home brave Canadians. We are so very proud of each and every one of you.

### SAUNDERS BAKERY

Quality Home Baking (since 1914)



104 Main St. Rockwood,  
Ont. N0B 2K0

Phone:  
519-856-9561

### JIM'S REPAIR SHOP

105 ALMA ST., ROCKWOOD, ONTARIO N0B 2K0

LAWN & GARDEN EQUIPMENT  
Sales and Service

"Remember Those Who Served"

POULAN DEALER &

AUTHORIZED WARRANTY DEALER FOR

BRIGGS & STRATTON • KOHLER • HONDA

• TECUMSEH • M.T.D. • NOMA/MURRAY

• HYDRO-GEAR

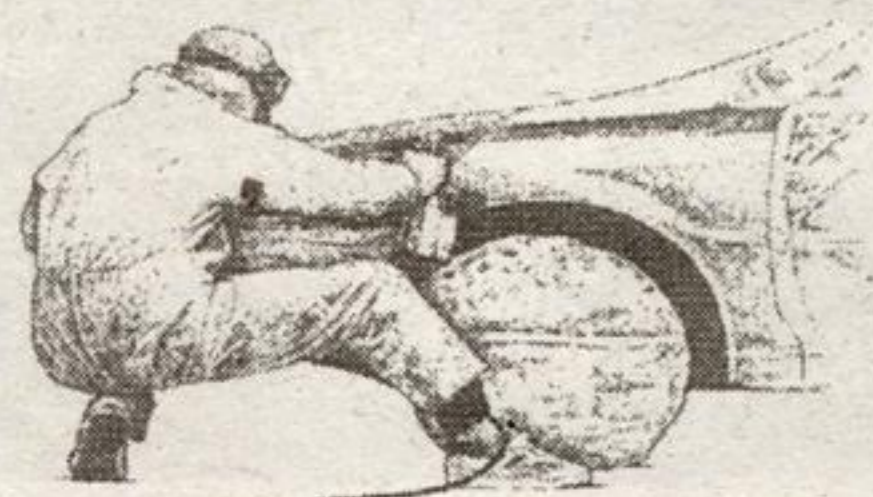
TEL: 519-856-2564  
888-537-7953

FAX: 519-856-9657

www.jimsrepairshop.com

### Pete's Auto Paint Ltd.

◆ Custom Paint & Bodywork ◆



◆ Restoration  
◆ Sandblasting

519-856-9356

4923 7th Line, Eramosa RR# 4 Rockwood ON N0B 2K0

### FISHERMAN'S LANDING

Rockwood

Phone: 856-4950

"The BEST Fish & Chips"

in Rockwood and all surrounding areas.

HOURS: Wed, Thurs. & Sat. 11:00 - 7:30 Fri. 11:00 - 8:30



**PRO**  
Hardware

Rockwood Pro Hardware

273 Alma Street, Rockwood, Ont

(519)856-9551

Always Remember

From your Friends

Rockwood Pro Hardware

Drop in and see us for your hardware needs.

The Wilson Family.

### TED CHUDLEIGH, M.P.P.

Halton



Constituency Office:

192 Main St. East, Suite 200

Milton, Ontario L9T 1N8

Tel: (905) 878-1729

Fax: (905) 878-5144



### Glenlea Beauty Salon



Bev & Brenda

853-3150

298 Queen St. Acton  
(upstairs)

**TOTH MOTORS**

Est. 1951

Class A Mechanic

12 Guelph St., Acton

519-853-1840

Serving Acton and Community  
motorists since 1951

### "Seventh Heaven"

Aesthetics

21 Mill St. W. Acton, Ontario

519-853-0077



Aesthetics By Lori Harnden,  
Massage & Aesthetics by Jennifer Black

Gift Certificates Available

### BEATON ROOFING

FREE  
ESTIMATES  
with  
Written  
Guarantee



- Residential
- Commercial
- Industrial • AGR
- Air Conditioner
- Curb Installations
- Tar & Gravel
- Shingles
- Steel Roofing

serving: Wellington County  
& Halton Hills

(519) 856-9784

**Home**  
hardware

ACTON HOME  
HARDWARE

362 Queen St. E.  
519-853-1730



Mon., Tues., Wed., 8-7  
Thur-Fri., 8-8

Sat. 8-6  
Sun. 10-4

### METRO PAVEMENT MARKINGS LTD.

Lest we forget

69 Commerce Cres. Acton, ON L7J 2M1

Ph: (519) 853-3650 1-800-563-6656

Fax: (519) 853-1036 Truck: (416) 579-7228