CANADA AND THE KOREAN WAR

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After the surrender of Japan, the Korean Peninsula divided into North and South Korea due to a power struggle between the U.S.A. and the communist Soviet Union. Canada was in the Commonwealth of Nations so we entered the war. The Korean War took place between 1950-1953. In December of 1950, 26,000 Canadians arrived in Pusan, Korea.

Battle of Gapyeong

The battle of Gapyeong was the most fierce and greatest combat in the Korean War which Canada participated in. On April 23, 1951, a defensive operation against the communist Chinese army broke through the front of defences in the Sachang-ri area. They stopped the communist Chinese operations which had five times more soldiers. This was a great victory. Canada lost 10 soldiers (out of allied losses of 47) and 23 were wounded at this battle.

After the war, Canadian troops remained for three years as military observers.

516 Canadians died and 312 of these deaths were from combat. Canada is the third country to deploy troops (thank you:)! to the Korean War. (1st is U.S.A. and 2nd is U.K.)

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