



Passing of Maj (Retd) Murray Campbell Edwards

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To all who are present,

I learned with great sadness of the death of Murray Edwards. He was an important surviving combatant of the 2PPCLI contingent which performed so magnificently in Korea, particularly at Kapyong. And equally as important, he was a dedicated friend and fellow soldier to his comrade Patrician, Major Mike Levy.

I will never forget how Murray approached me when I was Governor General and Commander-in-Chief to tell me that Major Levy was on his death bed. Murray informed me that he had been making enormous efforts to rally support for the recognition of Levy's actions during the battle of Kapyong and he told me the story of how Levy had been unjustly denied appropriate recognition for his heroism. Murray was determined that Levy would get recognition from Canada, even 50 years later.

We decided we could present Major Mike Levy with a coat of arms signifying his nobility in bearing arms for Canada in fighting for the Korean cause. This coat of arms signified his heroic actions once and for all.

Not only was Murray persistent and courageous but he knew that this wrong must be righted. He pursued it. I have always continued to admire him for this. Thanks to him, I and many others are deeply grateful to learn of Major Levy's contribution to the Korean War and to the Battle of Kapyong in particular. Murray Edwards was heroic on the battlefield and also in the way that truly matters – in moral courage.

Please accept my sincerest condolences for this loss of a principled Canadian and a fine soldier.

Yours faithfully,

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Colonel-in-Chief
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