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Edward Joseph Michael Knight

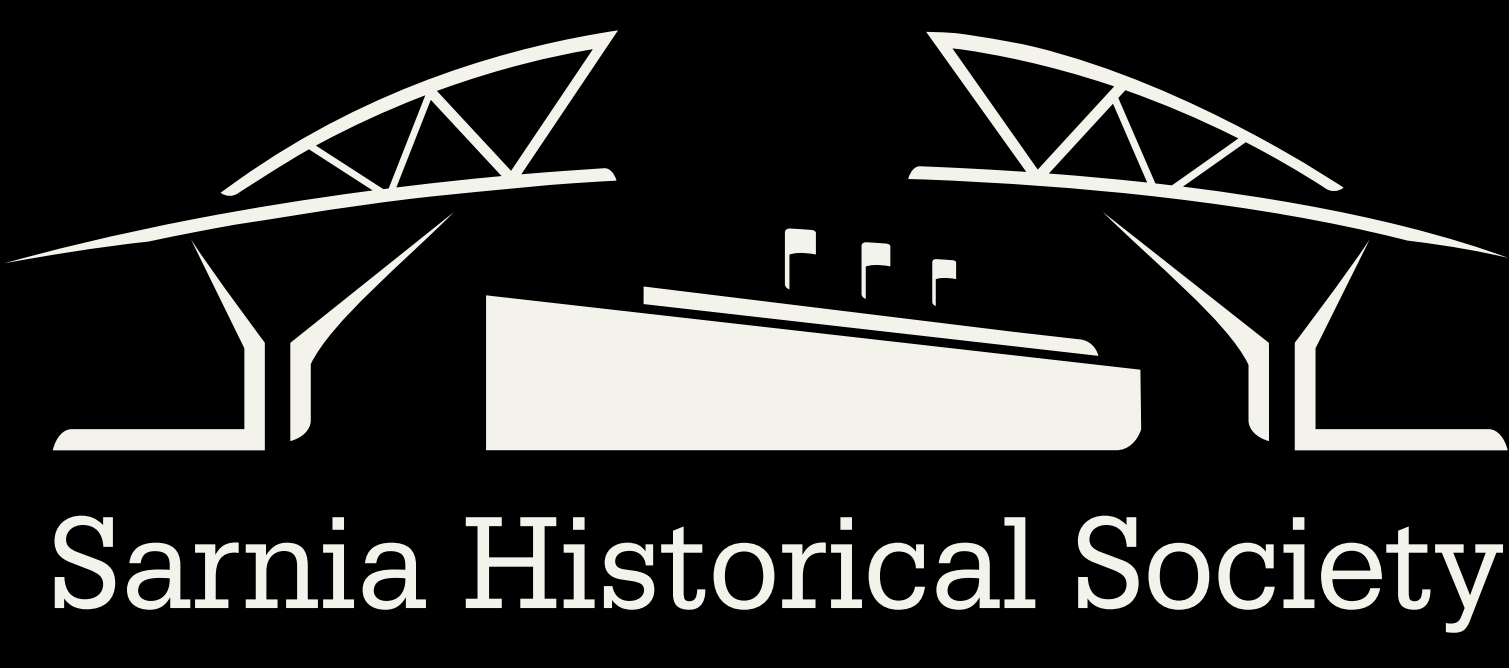
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THE KOREAN WAR

Army: The Royal Canadian Regiment, 1st Battalion

Edward was born in 1931 in Sarnia, the son of William Knight and Violet Winnifred Wynne. William and Violet had seven children together. Raised and educated in Sarnia, Edward, 20 and single, enlisted in the Canadian Army in London in October 1951. Five months later, he was deployed to the Korean theatre as a member of the Royal Canadian Regiment (RCR), 1st Battalion. Through the course of the war, the Canadians were often deployed on or near Hill 355, known as "Kowang San" to the Koreans, "Little Gibraltar" to UN troops and simply "Three-five-five" to the Canadians. The RCRs were there in the summer of 1952 and beginning in late September, the enemy gradually became more aggressive; for instance, they attacked patrols; raided positions with increased fire; and unleashed more powerful concentrations of mortar and artillery fire.

For days in mid-October, RCR positions were bombarded heavily by enemy artillery. Dawn on October 23 saw no let up in the heavy shelling that was repeated in the early evening. Soon after, with bugles blowing and soldiers yelling and screaming, the Chinese launched their large assault force in waves and a firefight ensued. Through the chaos, the Canadians counterattacked and succeeded in regaining control of Hill 355 by the early morning. The casualties sustained by the Royal Canadian Regiment on October 23 and 24 were eighteen killed, thirty-five wounded, and fourteen prisoners of war. Private Edward Knight was one of those killed during fighting at Hill 355 on October 23, 1952. Edward Knight, 21, is buried in the United Nations Cemetery in Busan, South Korea.



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