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A friend of Broadmead: Mr. Murray Edwards

Murray Edwards has been a long-time friend and donor to Broadmead Care. As a veteran, he would visit a number of friends and colleagues at the Veterans Memorial Lodge at Broadmead. "I was very impressed with the positive remarks about Broadmead Care and especially the staff" says Mr. Edwards, "Never thinking that a time would come when I would be echoing those same sentiments." Following a stroke at the age of 95, Mr. Edwards moved to the Lodge. And despite some mobility loss, he is still very active and an avid writer spending many hours reading and writing in one of our libraries.

Major Murray Edwards military career goes back to the bombing of Pearl Harbour. It was then his American born brothers joined the service in the United States, but being born in England during his father's service in WWI, Murray ended up coming across the border to Canada and joined the Queen's Own Rifles.

In 1950, he became part of Canada's Special Force for service in Korea. Thinking back on his time in service he remembers with great detail the Korean Battle of Kapyong in April of 1951. It is said that the Battle of Kapyong is one of Canada's greatest, yet least-known military achievements. Approximately 700 Canadian Troops defended a crucial hill in the front lines of the Korean War against about 5000 Chinese soldiers.

The American Command considered this the turning point in the war and awarded Mr. Edwards battalion along with his sister battalion, Australian's and two units in their other Brigade the United States Presidential Unit Citation, the first and only time non-American units have been so honoured.

The current Make Room Campaign is a project supported by Mr. Edwards. The Lodge is his home, and the staff and volunteers at Broadmead Care work hard every day to ensure Every Moment Matters for Mr. Edwards and all our residents. Your support today will ensure for years to come that our resident have a home they will take great pride and comfort in.