

British Korean War Veterans Association



Your Royal Highness
Prince Richard Duke of Gloucester
Korean War Memorial
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Your Royal Highness

My sincere apologies to you as representative of Her Gracious Majesty the Queen and also to all the distinguished guests especially their excellences the Korean Ambassador Mr. Lim Sungnam together with Mr Yun Byung-se the Korean Minister of Foreign Affairs and all assembled Korean War Veterans, for not being with you in person today.

Sixty years ago the war on the Korean peninsula came to an end, you are all present today, to proudly witness the dedication of the gift of a magnificent memorial, to those British servicemen and women who fought and served under the flag of the United Nations all those years ago.

The Veterans here today will remember their comrades who paid the ultimate price and they will remember Korean names that are no longer strange to them; Pusan, Inchon, Seoul, Pyongyang and Taegon but, to Korean Veterans they mean so much more, for these were the hills over which they fought, in a land that many had not even heard of.

The dedication of this memorial is symbolic of the gratitude of the Korean Government and the continued appreciation by the people of the Republic of South Korea, a people which the British Veterans hold in great esteem and who I personally have come to love, a people who have not wasted the sacrifice paid all those years ago.

On behalf of all the British Korean veterans here today and those who cannot be with you, I thank the Korean People for this impressive and splendid memorial which greatly assists us all, to treasure the affection and splendid collaboration which exists between our peoples today and into the future.

May God bless you all.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'William Speakman VC. JP.' The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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