

## **Lt Col George Pettifar- First Winter in Korea**

“... In the Winter, it was so cold that the vehicles had to be moved every half an hour. Just moved a bit and back again because the wheels froze to the ground. And before we did that (we weren't used to the Winter) when the first really hard frost came, someone tried to drive away a Jeep and it left behind his tyres on the ground, just stripped the tyres off because of the cold.

We used to live in dug-outs, rather like the First World War if you've seen the trenches, like that. If you were on duty on the front line as a sentry, the Platoon Commander, or in my case the Platoon Sergeant, would come around with a tot of rum halfway through. You did one hour on [duty] and that's all, and halfway through someone would bring you a tot of rum, it was so freezing cold. Terribly cold.

Then, of course, there was the fact that you'd be patrolling in the valley against Chinese soldiers, who were very, very good indeed. Absolutely incredible soldiers...”