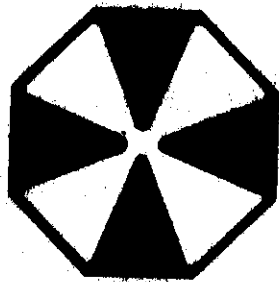


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FOREWORD

This semi-annual Chronology, an unclassified compendium of historic firsts, changes of command, anniversaries, command visits, and other significant events in Korea, is designed to serve as a reference to the day-by-day sequence of events relating to the history of Eighth US Army.

NOTE: For abbreviations, see Glossary inside back cover.

JANUARY

- 3 BG James K. Terry, formerly CG of USACDC, Combat Arms Group, Ft Leavenworth, Kansas, arrives to serve as 7th Inf Div ADC. He succeeds BG T. J. Camp, Jr, who was reassigned to duty with ACSFOR, DA.
- 7 Nine congressmen, members of both the House Committee on Government Operations and Appropriations and Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, arrive for orientation tour and briefings by Ambassador William J. Porter and CINCUNC.
- 7 ROK President PARK Chung Hee presides over emergency national security meeting at Wonju to coordinate a "pan-national" anti-communist effort involving military, police and civilian agencies. As a result, a "Central Coordination Office for Anti-Espionage Operations" is established to act as an advisory body to the President.
- 7 Chaplain (MG) Francis L. Sampson, US Army Chief of Chaplains, begins a four-day tour of chaplain activities in Korea.
- 10 ROK Foreign Minister CHOI Kyu Ha states in a TV interview that "no additional dispatch of Korean troops to Vietnam is being considered at the moment." Choi also indicated that discussions are under way among the nine free world allies in the RVN to select a site for a second summit conference to be held early this year.
- 11 LLT John D. Rock becomes the first US Army officer to be convicted in a Korean court since the ROK-US SOFA went into effect on 9 Feb 67. Convicted of attempting to illegally resell PX-purchased diamonds in violation of the Korean Customs Law, he is sentenced to six months imprisonment with the sentence being suspended with a year's probation, a 200,000 won (\$730) fine, and the loss of his three diamond rings valued at \$3,500. Lt Rock will appeal for a review of the sentence.
- 13 Dr. John R. McLaughlin, general secretary of the Commission on Chaplains of the Methodist Church, arrives to confer with Eighth Army methodist chaplains throughout Korea.
- 15 Twenty-second anniversary of the activation of the ROKA.
- 15 I US Corps begins CPX Capitol Hill under the direction of I Corps CG, LTG Harry H. Critz. The five-day exercise is designed to afford an opportunity for US and ROK commanders to effect liaison under operational conditions.

JANUARY

- 20 I US Corps, largest unit of its kind in the Army, marks its 50th anniversary of distinguished service which includes action in 20 campaigns and three wars.
- 21 Eighth Army announces approval of 208 AFAK projects totalling \$276,000 for FY 68. Included are 121 schools, 81 public buildings, two bridges, and three land reclamation projects.
- 21 A band of 31 armed Communist agents are intercepted by KNP in northern suburbs of Seoul. In firefights throughout the night, intruders suffer five dead, one captured. Friendly casualties, all civilians, are six dead, five wounded. The "suicide" team was dispatched from NK on 16 Jan to destroy the ROK Presidential Mansion and all its residents. Captured agent identifies commandos as officers of the 2,400-man 124th Army Unit, 283d NK Army Group, being trained in NK for guerrilla operations in the ROK. This marks the first time since the Korean War that NK armed agents have made terrorist raid inside the capitol city.
- 23 Figures released by Eighth Army Comptroller's Office show that 4,789 servicemen in Korea deposited over \$3.28 million in the Army Savings Program. The program, designed to stem the gold flow from the US, pays Korea-based servicemen 10% on amounts deposited not in excess of their monthly pay.
- 23 Freedom Day. ROKG officials preside at ceremonies marking the 14th anniversary of the release of 23,000 North Korean and Chinese POWs who opposed repatriation to choose freedom after the Korean War.
- 23 The Pentagon announces the capture of a US Electronic Intelligence ship with 83 crewmen aboard by four armed NK patrol boats and two MIG jets. The first American ship to be seized in 100 years, the USS Pueblo is boarded in international waters 25 miles from the Korean mainland and forced into the NK port of Wonsan.
- 24 RADM Walter L. Curtis, CINCPAC ACoS, J-5, visits USFK.
- 25 President Johnson activates more than 14,000 AF and Navy air reservists in view of the seriousness of far eastern developments, including the NK seizure of the USS Pueblo in international waters and the attempted guerrilla attack on the ROK Presidential Mansion. It is the first callup of American reserves since the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis.
- 26 Australian Ambassador R. A. Peachey cites progress in Australian-ROK relations on the occasion of this Australia Day.

FEBRUARY

- 1 Thai Ambassador to the ROK, Chote Klongvicha, presents his credentials to President PARK Chung Hee. The new ambassador was the adjutant of the 21st Thai RCT serving in Korea during 1950-51.
- 1 ROK CIA announces the arrest of a 32-man espionage ring which had been collecting and transmitting information since Oct 65 on allied forces as well as the political and economic situation in the ROK. The Communist spy network included a Korean National employee of Eighth Army.
- 1 Construction begins on a 430 km superhighway connecting Seoul and Pusan. When completed in 1970, it will become the ROK's principal transportation route and part of a nationwide superhighway system.
- 1 At the invitation of US naval authorities, VADM KIM Yong Kwan, ROK CNO, visits the US aircraft carrier Enterprise to exchange views on US-ROK naval coordination.
- 1 MG Walter M. Higgins, Eighth Army CofS, is promoted to his present rank in ceremony at Eighth Army Hqs.
- 1 Sergeants Major Carl W. Griffin, Eighth Army; George B. Williams, EASCOM; and Stanley R. Marlette, KMAG; are among the 192 SGMs selected from more than 5,700 Army SGMs to join the new elite group of Command SGMs. The new rank becomes effective today.
- 2 The Army Nurse Corps, including a professional staff of 108 throughout the Eighth Army, today celebrates 67 years of service.
- 2 The Voice of America broadcasting facilities begin a daily Korean language short-wave broadcast.
- 4 Freshman CHAE Un Muk of the Korean Military Academy is chosen from four candidates to enter the US Military Academy for two years of study. Under a US program, one cadet is invited every year to West Point from each of the allied nations in the Vietnam War.
- 4 United Service Organization celebrates its 27th year as a soldier welfare organization and its 12th anniversary in Korea.
- 5 Massive rallies and demonstrations assailing NK raid on Seoul and seizure of the USS Pueblo go into the 11th straight day throughout the ROK.

FEBRUARY

- 8 **EG Ross R. Condit, Jr., Deputy Director, J-4, Office of JCS, arrives in the ROK for a four-day logistics orientation.**
- 8 **President Johnson asks Congress for \$3 billion in foreign aid, including a special \$100 million in immediate military assistance in addition to the \$160 million already promised the ROK under the MAP. Saying threats against South Korea from the North call for strengthened defenses of "this steadfast ally," the President notes that the money would be used for planes, anti-aircraft equipment, naval radar, patrol craft, ammunition and other supplies.**
- 9 **SGM Ivan R. Steele receives a "promotion in position" from the 2d Inf Div's 1st Brigade SGM to SGM of Eighth Army.**
- 9 **First anniversary of the SOFA between the ROK and US marks one year of cooperation and effective relationships.**
- 9 **Effectuation of a new claims provision of the SOFA calls for the referral of all claims for injury or property damage, in areas other than Seoul, to ROK Claims Compensation Committee in the province where the accident occurred.**
- 9 **President Johnson sends a letter to President PARK Chung Hee to assure the ROK of continued US assistance for the security and defense of Korea.**
- 10 **Over 300 Buddhists hold memorial services for the 34 soldiers, policemen and civilians killed by the Communist guerrilla team.**
- 10 **The UNC identifies the two crewmen of the RF-4C reconnaissance plane missing over the Taegu area since 8 Feb as AF Captains Robert J. Hanneken and Donald V. H. Lee.**
- 11 **President Johnson's special envoy, Cyrus R. Vance, arrives to discuss with ROK President PARK Chung Hee the "current situation brought about by the actions of North Korea." He is accompanied by John P. Walsh, Deputy Executive Secretary of the State Department, Daniel O'Donohue, an officer of the State Department Secretariat, and COL Abbott Greenleaf, Military Assistant to the Deputy SECDEF.**
- 14 **A USAF F-4D Phantom jet fighter operating out of Kunsan AFB crashes in a village near Yongan-myon, Ilesan-gun, Cholla Pukto, killing three villagers and injuring another. The pilot and navigator ejected from the falling craft and are in good condition.**

FEBRUARY

- 29 BG Burt L. Mitchell Jr, former 5th Inf Div (Mech) ADC, arrives to become 7th Inf Div ADC for Support.
- 29 Military experts Stuart P. French, Samuel R. Shaw and LTC James F. Senechal, employed by Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee, arrive for an eight-day tour of US units and briefings with US officials.
- 29 LTG Jean E. Engler, DCSLOG, DA, arrives in Korea for a three-day logistical orientation and staff visit.

MARCH

- 1 The former Eighth Army Support Command is henceforth to be known as Eighth Field Army Support Command (Eighth FASCOM).
- 1 Host nation celebrates 49th anniversary of the 1919 independence movement against the Japanese colonial rule.
- 2 ROK CNO VADM KIM Yong Kwan departs for the US at the invitation of US CNO ADM Thomas H. Moorer for discussions and tours of naval installations.
- 7 BG William A. Hamrick, Chief, MSC, OTSG, DA, and COL Mary Hamrick, ANC, Chief, AMSC, begin a four-day visit of medical facilities in the ROK.
- 7 Eighth Army officials announce that leaves of absence, suspended as a result of recent NK provocations, are once again authorized.
- 7 BG Jefferson J. Irvin, former USARPAC ACofS, G 1, arrives to become I Corps CofS. He succeeds BG Charles T. Horner Jr who departed in Feb to command the 2d Logistics Command in Okinawa.
- 7 ROK Ambassador to the US, KIM Dong Jo, confers with US Secretary of State Dean Rusk on matters of mutual interest.
- 8 Casualty figures compiled today show 136,993 Americans have been killed or wounded in Vietnam, 80 more than the total US casualties in the Korean War. In Vietnam there have been 19,313 KIA and 117,680 WIA while in Korea there were 33,629 KIA and 103,284 WIA.
- 8 LTG Edgar C. Doleman, Deputy CINCUSARPAC, begins a four-day tour of ROK and US military facilities which will include briefings by US and ROK military leaders.

MARCH

- 16 ROKF-V troops, now numbering some 48,000, mark the 3d anniversary of the arrival of the original ROK contingent, the "Dove" unit, in the RVN.
- 19 GEN PRAPASS Charusathara, visiting Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand, confers with ROK and US military leaders as part of his five-day goodwill tour.
- 19 MAJ John E. J. Lane, incoming UK assistant liaison officer to UNCG, arrives to replace MAJ John S. D. Sergeant as UK member of the UNCMAC Advisory Group.
- 19 GEN IM Chung Sik, Chairman of ROK JCS, receives the LOM for his efforts in dispatching ROK troops to the RVN at a ceremony in Washington. He is visiting the US to confer with DOD officials on US Military Assistance Program for Korea.
- 21 RADM Nils E. Oedman, incoming Swedish alternate member of the NNSC, arrives in the ROK to replace MG Carl G. Smedmark, outgoing Swedish member.
- 22 The deployment of 318th Fighter Interceptor Squadron to Osan AFB, marks the first time in history that Aerospace Defense Command F-106 fighter interceptors have flown to a critical overseas area, using inflight refueling along with tactical air units.
- 25 The seventh anniversary of the reactivation of the 38th Artillery Brigade (AD) is celebrated today.
- 26 2d Inf Div's full scale FTX, Oppressive Dragon, begins as mock "aggressor forces" attempt to penetrate main battle positions of field units. The three-day exercise is designed to test the Division's ability to deter and repulse a surprise attack.
- 27 ROKA COL CHOE Myong Jae, formerly CO of the 28th Regiment, White Horse Division, and now Chief, Mobilization Section of ROKA G 3, receives US Silver Star from GEN Charles H. Bonesteel, CINCUNC, for gallantry in action in the RVN.
- 27 Three NK infiltrators are thwarted in their attempt to penetrate the ROK by guards from the 25th ROK Div and a QRF from the 2d US Div.
- 27 GEN Graves B. Erskine (Ret), former commander of the USMC and presently a consultant to the Northrop Corporation, arrives for a 10-day inspection tour of military communications facilities. *Healy?*

APRIL

- 13 USAF Secretary Harold Brown arrives for a day of talks with leading ROK and US officials.
- 14 NK Communists ambush and kill four UNC soldiers, two Americans and two KATUSAs, and wound two others 800 yards south of the JSA. The soldiers were aboard a truck making a routine trip in the headquarters area of the MAC, taking UNC guards to the JSA, when the attack came at 1100 hours.
- 16 Two escort patrol craft, turned over by the USN to the ROKN, join the ROK fleet in ceremonies at Chinhae Naval Base.
- 17 President Johnson meets with ROK President PARK Chung Hee in a one-day summit session held in Honolulu. They discussed the conduct of the Vietnam war and Johnson's bid for peace talks with Hanoi, as well as mounting pressure by Communist NK against the ROK.
- 18 GEN Charles H. Bonesteel, EA CG, congratulates members of the 4th US Army Missile Command on their 10th anniversary.
- 18 The two US soldiers slain in ambush by NK raiders, SGT James L. Anderson and SP4 Larry M. Wood, both of the US Army Support Group, Joint Security Area, receive full military funeral at Yoido (K-16) airfield. Wounded in the same attack south of Pannunjom were SP4 John L. Sharpeta and PFC Leroy R. Jacks Jr.
- 19 The ROK celebrates the eighth anniversary of the April 1960 student uprising which brought about the abdication of Syngman Rhee.
- 21 A US patrol and a NK force of 50-75 men clash in the southern portion of the DMZ, leaving one American dead and three wounded, and four Communists dead. The incident brings the total number of US casualties caused by Communist provocations since 1 Jan 68 to five killed and 20 wounded.
- 21 BG George C. Fogle, formerly DCG of the Army Training Center at Fort Dix, New Jersey, is welcomed upon his arrival in the ROK. BG Fogle will become the Eighth Army ACoFS G 3, replacing BG Burnside E. Huffman Jr, who departs for an assignment as ADC of the 82d Airborne Division.
- 22 MG Gilbert H. Woodward arrives in the ROK for assignment as the 32d Senior Member of the UNC component of the MAC, replacing RADM John V. Smith.

MAY

- 1 A chain explosion ignited by a gasoline fire at Camp McIntyre causes minor injuries to two I Corps (Gp) personnel. The blaze destroyed the vehicle and ignited its cargo of eight-inch howitzer shells and other explosives.
- 6 British Brigadier Alexander D. R. G. Wilson, MBE, arrives to take over as Chief of the Commonwealth Liaison Mission, UNC. He succeeds Brigadier Donald R. J. Bancroft, OBE.
- 6 US Defense Communications Agency announces the expansion of its worldwide communications network to include the ROK.
- 8 The Korean Prosecutor General's Office issues a directive subjecting civilian components of the US Armed Forces, invited contractors and dependents to ROK summary court actions for minor legal violations. The summary court judge, similar to US police traffic magistrates, may impose fines and confiscate goods by summary order without the usual trial proceedings.
- 10 US Seventh Fleet Commander VADM William F. Bringle begins a tour of the ROK with a visit to Chinhae Naval Base with his flagship, the guided missile light cruiser USS Providence.
- 11 BG Robert D. Terry, USARPAC ACoFS C-E, arrives for a seven-day visit to signal sites and communication centers throughout the ROK.
- 11 MAJ KETEMA Sima and CPT SAHLE Selassie Mangesha arrive to replace MAJ ALEMAYEHU Desta and 1LT KESSETEBERHAN Ghebrehiwot as the Ethiopian Liaison Group to the UNC.
- 15 The 2d Bn, 31st Inf, 7th Inf Div, returns to Camp Casey after a four-month tour of duty guarding a portion of the US sector of the DMZ, thus completing the 2d cycle of the new rotation system under which units of the 7th Div augment the 2d Div in its defensive mission.
- 18 Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie I and party arrive in Seoul for a four-day state visit at the invitation of the ROK President.
- 18 Eighth US Army and USFK commemorate US Armed Forces Day.
- 19 Emperor Selassie, the first African head of state to visit Korea, takes part in the unveiling of a monument near Chunchon honoring his countrymen who came to the aid of the ROK during the Korean War. The Kagnev Bn, part of the Emperor's imperial bodyguard, is credited with 253 successful battles in the Korean War, winning ROK and US Presidential citations and suffering 121 killed and 536 wounded in these engagements.

JUNE

- 3 MG Livingston N. Taylor Jr, former DCSOPS NORAD/CONAD, arrives in Korea to replace MG Raymond B. Marlin as Chief, PROVMAAG-K. MG Marlin will become Director of Military Assistance, EUCOM.
- 4 The Seoul District Court sentences SSG David O. Foreman, 3d Bn, 23d Inf, 2d Inf Div, to one and one-half years in prison but suspends the sentence for three years probation. Foreman was accused in January of homicide after having run over a Korean man in Munsan while operating a motor vehicle.
- 5 Repeated sightings of suspected NK armed agents occur in the 2d US Inf Div area during search operations but without establishing contact. Intensified operations continue with the expected increase of NK hostile activities during spring and summer.
- 5 US Ambassador to Korea William J. Porter relays an invitation to ROK cadets to study at US military academies. CHAE To Son will enroll at USMA, and CHOE Myong Ja will study at the Air Academy in Colorado under a US program to train military cadets of allied nations serving in the RVN.
- 6 ROK mourns the dead of two wars during ceremonies observing their 13th Memorial Day.
- 9 US Atomic Energy Commission team, headed by Commissioner Gerald F. Tape, arrive in Korea to discuss aspects of introducing nuclear power plants into the ROK.
- 10 In ceremonies honoring its anniversary, members of Eighth US Army look back on its 24 years of service in the Pacific Islands, Japan and Korea, and reaffirm their pledge to deter Communist aggression in the ROK.
- 11 A change of command ceremony for the Thailand component of the UNC is held at Knight Field honoring the outgoing 19th Royal Thai Rotation Company and presenting the colors to the incoming 20th Royal Thai Rotation Company. The 19th RTC is given the ROK Presidential Unit Citation.
- 11 The Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Armed Services releases a report based on visits by staff members to the 2d and 7th US Inf Divs earlier this year. The report reveals shortages of major items of equipment and of personnel in the two ROK-based Divisions.

JUNE

- 16 RADM Spencer R. Smith, Deputy Commander, US Naval Facilities in the South Asia Engineering Command, arrives for three days of visits with ROK military officials.
- 17 An Eighth Army Honor Guard ceremony is conducted for BG Charles W. Ryder, Jr, visiting ACofS G1, USARPAC.
- 17 ROK Defense Minister CHOI Yong Hi announces that five fortified defense lines will be set up between the Imjin River close to the DMZ and the Han River running through Seoul as part of a major change from the defense concept of "mobile defense" to "zone defense." Also, underground fortifications along the 155-mile armistice line are planned to be completed before the end of the year.
- 17 In the first appeal of a SOFA case to be acted upon by the Seoul Appellate Court, 1LT John D. Rock, 65th Medical Gp, is acquitted of violation of Korean customs laws but given a six-month suspended sentence for obstructing ROK law enforcement officers. Rock had been found guilty by a lower court of attempting to sell PX-purchased diamonds without paying duties.
- 17 GEN Charles H. Bonesteel contributes to Army Emergency Relief/Army Relief Society Joint Fund Campaign to begin the 1967 campaign which will be conducted throughout Eighth Army until 31 July.
- 19 BG William R. Lynch, Jr, arrives to become new 7th Inf Div ADC for Maneuvers.
- 19 GEN Dwight E. Beach, CINCUSARPAC, pays visit to Eighth Army for conferences with GEN Charles H. Bonesteel.
- 22 The Vietnam War becomes the longest war in American history-- six years, six months, one day since the first American soldier was KIA. The American War of Independence lasted six years, six months; the Civil War lasted four years; WWII, three years, nine months; the Korean War, three years and one month.
- 23 BG George P. Holm, formerly ACofS G4, US Continental Army Command, arrives to replace BG John K. McCormick as CG, FASCOM. BG McCormick will depart Korea 28 June for reassignment as Assistant DCS for Plans, NORAD, Ent AFB, Colo.
- 24 LTG Thomas Pearson, Army Commander, Far East Land Forces, UK, arrives to begin a five-day visit with military leaders in the ROK.

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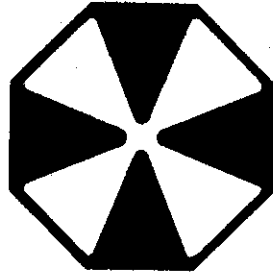
ACofS:	Assistant Chief of Staff	Btry:	Battery
ACSFOR:	Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development	C-E:	Communications-Electronics
ACSI:	Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence	CG:	Commanding General
AD:	Air Defense	CIA:	Central Intelligence Agency
ADA:	Air Defense Artillery	CID:	Criminal Investigation Detachment
ADC:	Assistant Division Commander	CINCPAC:	Commander in Chief, Pacific Command
ADM:	Admiral	CINCUNC:	Commander in Chief, United Nations Command
AF:	Air Force	CINCUSARPAC:	Commander in Chief, US Army Pacific
AFAK:	Armed Forces Assistance in Korea	CNO:	Chief of Naval Operations
AFB:	Air Force Base	CO:	Commanding Officer
AGI:	Annual General Inspection	Co:	Company
AID:	Agency for International Development	CofS:	Chief of Staff
AMSC:	Army Medical Specialist Corps	COL:	Colonel
ANC:	Army Nurse Corps	COMUSFK:	Commander, US Forces, Korea
ALC:	Airman First Class	CONAD:	Continental Air Defense Command
ARTY:	Artillery	CPL:	Corporal
ARC:	American Red Cross	CPX:	Command Post Exercise
Bde:	Brigade	DA:	Department of the Army
BG:	Brigadier General	DCG:	Deputy Commanding General
Bn:	Battalion		

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POW:	Prisoner of War	SP4:	Specialist Four
PROVMAAG-K:	Joint Military Assistance Advisory Group-Korea (Prov)	SSG:	Staff Sergeant
PVT:	Private	UK:	United Kingdom
PX:	Post Exchange	UN:	United Nations
QRF:	Quick Reaction Force	UNC:	United Nations Command
RADM:	Rear Admiral	UNCMAC:	United Nations Command Mil- itary Armistice Commission
RCT:	Regimental Combat Team	UPI:	United Press International
Rep:	Representative	USACDC:	United States Army Combat Developments Command
Ret:	Retired	USAF:	United States Air Force
ROK:	Republic of Korea	USAINTC:	US Army Intelligence Command
ROKA:	Republic of Korea Army	USARPAC:	United States Army, Pacific
ROKAF:	Republic of Korea Air Force	USARV:	United States Army, Vietnam
ROKF:	Republic of Korea Forces	USATECOM:	US Army Test and Evaluation Command
ROKF-V:	Republic of Korea Forces- Vietnam	USFK:	United States Forces, Korea
ROKG:	Republic of Korea Government	USMA:	United States Military Academy
ROK MJ:	Republic of Korea Ministry of Justice	USMC:	United States Marine Corps
ROKN:	Republic of Korea Navy	USO:	United Services Organization
RTC:	Royal Thai Company	USN:	United States Navy
RVN:	Republic of Vietnam	USS:	United States Ship
SECDEF:	Secretary of Defense	VADM:	Vice Admiral
SECSTATE:	Secretary of State	WIA:	Wounded in action
SGM:	Sergeant Major	Won:	Korean money (274 = \$1.00)
SOPA:	Status of Forces Agreement		

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3. Comments by users pertaining to the improvement and utility of this compendium are welcomed.

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JULY

- 1 The 5th USAF Advance Command at Osan AFB announces a rotation of one of its new tactical fighter/interceptor units in the ROK. AF build-up in the ROK began with the Blue House/Pueblo crises in Jan 68.
- 1 USARPAC and PACAF celebrate their 11th anniversary. In Korea, the 7th US Infantry Division recognizes the 28th anniversary of its reactivation, and KMAC observes its 19th anniversary.
- 1 BG Arthur W. Holderness arrives in Korea from an assignment at Fairchild AFB, Wash, to become Commander of the 314th Air Div. He replaces BG John W. Harrell Jr, who is named Vice Commander of the Military Airlift Command's 21st AF at McGuire AFB, N. J.
- 2 SP4 H. K. Smallwood Jr, SPASCOM, is found guilty of murdering a Korean woman on 28 Feb 68 and sentenced to 15 years imprisonment by the Seoul District Court. The prison term, the severest sentence handed down to date under the SOFA, will be appealed.
- 3 A 10-man Pentagon team, led by Asst SECDEF for Installations and Logistics Thomas D. Morris and composed of assistant and deputy assistant secretaries of the US Departments of Defense, Army, Navy, and Air Force, arrive in the ROK for a four-day fact-finding mission concerning adequacy of US military installations in Korea and SEA.
- 3 One American soldier is slightly wounded when a UNC patrol is fired upon by an unknown number of NKs in that portion of the DMZ guarded by the 2d US Inf Div.
- 3 The UNC announces that US and ROK soldiers guarding the DMZ have been using a new sophisticated starlight scope attached to their rifles to detect NK infiltrators. The device, costing nearly \$3,000 intensifies faint moonlight, starlight, or sky glow up to 40,000 times so the rifleman can observe enemy movement from 300 to 400 yards without disclosing his position.
- 4 Independence Day is celebrated by the traditional "Salute to the States" on Yongsan's Knight Field. The firing of one artillery round for each of the 50 states is viewed by American, Korean, and allied dignitaries.
- 5 The 150 American soldiers of the 21st Regiment, 24th Inf Div-- designated Task Force Smith--who were killed in a valiant holding action are honored in ceremonies at the battle site. A monument in memory of this first US ground force to meet the spearhead of the NK invasion on this date in 1950 stands on a hilltop at Chukmi-Ryung near Osan.

JULY

- 17 RADM George P. Steele II takes command of US Naval Forces, Korea, and will also serve as Senior Adviser to the ROKN. Formerly with the office of the CNO, Steele replaces RADM Donald G. Irvine, who is reassigned to the Washington Naval District.
- 17 Assistant USAF Secretary for Installations and Logistics, Robert H. Charles, arrives in Seoul for talks with ROK and US military officials on the strengthening of air defense capabilities here.
- 17 ROK Constitution Day. Host nation commemorates acceptance of its constitution on this date, 1948.
- 18 SP4 Edward L. Basset, 2d Bn, 23d Inf, 2d Inf Div, is seriously wounded by a NK intruder in his defensive position south of the Imjin River.
- 19 The second US destroyer to be turned over to the ROKN, the former USS Halsey Powell, is christened the Seoul-Ham in ceremonies at Chinhae. The new destroyer, equipped with electronic submarine detection devices, will be used to strengthen ROKN defense capabilities and to deter rising Communist infiltration by sea.
- 20 ROK CIA announces the arrest of 27 local agents who had been operating a NK-directed spy ring and guerrilla base in the ROK since 1961. The objective of the organization was to "reconstruct the totally ruined Communist Party in the South and prepare for a possible armed uprising paving the way for Communist seizure of the ROK in the 1970's."
- 20 In two separate incidents near the DMZ, 2LT James L. Weeks of the 2d Inf Div is killed by NK infiltrators while leading a patrol, and SP4 Jan S. Holmdahl of the 7th Inf Div is killed by automatic weapon fire from enemy intruders hidden in foxholes.
- 21 A US soldier and a KATUSA of 2d Bn, 38th Inf, 2d US Inf Div, are wounded in a firefight between a 2d Div patrol and a band of NK infiltrators. Enemy casualties are unknown. PFC Vearnell Morelett is saved from serious injuries by his ROKA comrade, PFC B. J. HWANG, who shielded him from a grenade's fragmentation. As a result of his heroic action, PFC Hwang becomes the first KATUSA to be recommended for the Bronze Star since the Korean War.
- 22 William P. Bundy, US Assistant SECSTATE for East Asian Affairs arrives in Seoul for two days of talks with ROK and US officials on the Asian situation.
- 22 GEN Tem Homsestee, Assistant Commander in Chief, Royal Thai Army, is honored by ceremonies on Eighth Army's Knight Field during his goodwill visit to the ROK.

AUGUST

- 1 Eighth US Army Depot Command/Eighth US Army Rear celebrates its fourth anniversary.
- 2 Secretary of the Army Stanley R. Resor arrives for a four-day visit with US and ROK military officials.
- 3 The 12th Tactical Fighter Squadron, headquartered at Kadena AFB, Okinawa, arrives in Korea to replace the 33rd Tactical Fighter Squadron which rotated to CONUS. The 300-pilot 12th Tactical Fighter Squadron flies F-105 Thunderchiefs.
- 5 NK infiltrators kill PFC Terrance A. Peterson, 1st Bn, 38th Inf, 2d Inf Div, and wound four other members of his UNC patrol while MG Gilbert H. Woodward, Senior UNC Member of the MAC is denouncing such NK truce violations at Panmunjom. Preliminary investigation reveals that one NK soldier was killed in the firefight less than one mile south of the truce site.
- 5 ROK President PARK Chung Hee accepts the resignation of Defense Minister CHOI Young Hi and replaces him with GEN YIM Chung Sik, former Chairman of the JCS. LTG MUN Hyong Tae, SROKA Commander, is promoted to General and appointed to succeed YIM as JCS chairman.
- 6 UNC/USFK ceremonies are conducted to honor LTG KIM Sung Yong, newly appointed CofS ROKAF.
- 7 GEN CHEN Ta Ching, CG of the Republic of China Army, begins goodwill visit to the ROK.
- 13 MG Joseph J. Kruzel, Vice Commander, 5th AF, arrives for a two-day tour of USAF installations in Korea.
- 14 Under a five-year plan to strengthen maritime counterespionage operations, the KNP launch nine specially equipped patrol boats during ceremonies at Pusan.
- 15 The ROK celebrates the 23d anniversary of the Korean liberation from Japanese colonial rule and the 20th anniversary of the Republic's birth. Congratulatory messages from Free World leaders recognize the unprecedented economic advancement and notable political stability apparent in South Korea today.
- 18 SSG Joseph A. Bass and SGT Jerry L. Hopkins of the 7th Infantry Division are killed when eight NK intruders clash with a UNC patrol south of the DMZ. Enemy casualties are not known.

AUGUST

- 29 ADM John S. McCain Jr, newly appointed CINGPAC, arrives in the ROK for a two-day visit with ranking US and Korean leaders.
- 29 In the 20th firefight this month in the ROK sector of the DMZ, seven NK infiltrators are killed by ROK troops who intercepted them on their way south. So far this year 155 of the enemy have been KIA by the ROKA, who suffered only one fourth as many fatalities in the same period.
- 30 South Korea's first two strategic reconstruction villages are dedicated in the central sector of the forward area. The two villages, part of a five-year government plan to open areas near the DMZ to farmers, were built by the ROK Home Ministry and the 6th ROKA Corps.
- 31 The ROKA and ROKMC fighting in the RVN have killed 19,175 enemy troops during their three-year combat service there, for a death ratio of one to 10, according to MND/JCS statistics released this date. In addition, a total of 3,651 enemy personnel have been captured along with 7,993 individual weapons and 687 crew-served weapons.

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Three US officers are assaulted in the JSA at Panmunjom by 15 to 20 members of a NKPA work crew after the US officers attempted to return a dropped hat to a NK guard. The officers were able to drive away from the melee, escaping serious injury.
- 5 The ROKG reveals a comprehensive civil air defense plan to protect citizens and industrial establishments from possible enemy attack. The plan calls for varied types of air raid shelters, underground communications complexes, and dispersal of industry throughout suburban areas.
- 6 Eighth Army announces the authorization of the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for wear by US Army personnel who have been stationed in Korea for 30 consecutive days since 1 Oct 66.
- 6 The 9th Co, 1st Cav Regt of the famed ROKA Capital Division becomes the second Korean unit to win the US Presidential Citation for valor in the RVN. The 11th Company of the ROK Marine Blue Dragon Unit was the first to win this coveted award.
- 6 The ROK Ministry of Justice notifies USFK that it will exercise jurisdiction over PFC Charles P. Lafleur, 51st Signal Bn, I Corps (Gp), who is charged with rape.

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19 Army MG Gilbert H. Woodward, Senior UNO delegate to the MAC, warns NK that if it continues its infiltration into the South, it will "pay the price for its senseless aggression." The UNO noted 27 NK attacks on UNO positions and patrols south of the MDL since the last MAC meeting on 5 Sep.

19 Four armed NK infiltrators are killed in a firefight in the 2d US Inf Div area that claimed the life of a KATUSA soldier of the Division. The clash, in which seven KATUSAs were also wounded, took place shortly before the opening of the 278th meeting of the MAC at Panmunjom.

20 The Otago, a Royal New Zealand Navy fast frigate, arrives at Inchon for a four-day goodwill stay. The visit, the first for a New Zealand warship since the Korean War, is timed to coincide with ROK President PARK's five-day state visit to New Zealand.

23 President Johnson signs a bill providing hostile fire pay of \$65 a month extra for each of the military members of the crew of the USS Pueblo interned by NK since 23 Jan this year.

23 MG John A. Goshorn, CG, USARJ, is honored by an Eighth Army ceremony during his visit to the ROK.

24 The US delivers an undisclosed number of high-speed boats to the ROKN in a ceremony at Chinhae Naval Base. The boats will be used in naval counterespionage operations and will be assigned to defend strategic coastal areas from increasing NK infiltration from the sea.

24 ROK soldiers kill seven of a large band of NK intruders on the western front south of the MDL in a series of three engagements without sustaining a casualty. This is the largest number of land-route infiltrators intercepted since the 21 Jan 68 armed attack in Seoul by 31 Communist guerrillas.

25 The 1968 Friendship Mission, an annual exchange program co-sponsored by CG, Eighth Army and CINCUSARPAC, gets underway as four prominent Korean-born Americans arrive from Hawaii to visit the ROK for a week of cultural exchanges.

25 At 7 A.M. today, the 7th US Inf Div celebrates its 7,777th day in the ROK.

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- 30 In the month's 16th major incident between NK and ROK troops along the DMZ, four enemy intruders are killed bringing to 36 the number of armed infiltrators reported slain during September.
- 30 ADM John S. McCain, Jr, CINCPAC; LTG Thomas K. McGehee, Commander, 5th USAF, and MG Richard G. Ciccolella, Chief of the US Army Advisory Group to the ROC, arrive in Korea to attend ceremonies marking the 20th ROK Armed Forces Day. Other dignitaries in-country for the event are: LTG Thomas Daly, Australian Chief of the General Staff; ADM MA Chi-chuang, Chinese Deputy Minister of National Defense; LTG Kebede Gebrie, Ethiopian Minister of National Defense; GEN MUTA Hirokuni, Japanese Chairman of JCS; MG Soemitro, Deputy for Operations to the CINC of the Indonesian Army; and GEN Tanom Putmanonda, DCS, Thai Supreme Command.

OCTOBER

- 1 Select units of the ROK's 600,000-man armed forces march in the 20th observation of the nation's Armed Forces Day. This annual display of military strength commemorates the historic day when UNC forces crossed the 38th parallel in the course of pursuing the retreating NKPA following the Inchon landing and the recapture of Seoul.
- 1 The 65th Medical Group, until now a subordinate unit of Eighth FASCOM, becomes the Medical Command headquarters of Eighth Army and is elevated to the status of a major subordinate command. COL Harold G. Stacy, the present EA Surgeon, is designated the CO of the new organization with additional duty as EA Surgeon.
- 1 The V ROKA Corps marks the 15th anniversary of its activation.
- 1 In a SOFA development, the ROKG takes over from Eighth Army the authority to handle registration, inspection and issuance of vehicle licenses for POVs owned by accredited US civilians and military dependents.
- 2 The ROKAF holds an impressive one hour and 40 minute air show over the Han River as a climax to two days of military events marking the 20th ROK Armed Forces Day.
- 2 LTG Arthur S. Collins Jr, ACSFOR DA, arrives for a three-day visit to major elements of the Eighth US Army and the ROK Army.
- 3 LTG Kebede Gebrie, Ethiopian Minister of National Defense visits the war monument constructed near Chunchon for the Ethiopian soldiers who gave their lives during the Korean War.

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- 11 A patrol from the 2d Inf Div kills two NK infiltrators in the southern half of the DMZ as they are attempting to exfiltrate the ADL.
- 12 The USARPAC Command Sergeants Major open a conference in Hawaii with guest ROKA SGM JON Won Kun presenting a talk on the ROKA and its NCO Corps.
- 15 The ROK reaffirms its acceptance of UN authority in an official letter issued as a UN document. The statement, signed by Foreign Minister CHOI Kyo Hah, says the ROKG "continues to accept unequivocally the competence and authority of the UN within the terms of the charter to take action on the Korean question."
- 17 The UNC announces the start of CPX FOCUS LENS. Units participating in the eight-day annual Korea-wide defense readiness test are HQ Eighth Army; US Naval Forces, Korea; and the ROK Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps. This exercise tests plans for the defense of the ROK against a simulated large-scale enemy invasion from the north by air, land and sea routes.
- 18 New Zealand Prime Minister Keith Holyoake arrives for a seven-day state visit at the invitation of ROK President PARK Chung Hee.
- 18 A Joint ROK/US planning staff is formulated to provide for increased ROK military participation in UNC operational matters. The Chief of Intelligence, ROK JCS, is named as the senior ROK member; his US counterpart is the ACoS, J3. Previously, Korean officers had been assigned to the UNC/USFK only for liaison purposes.
- 18 BG Lloyd L. Leech Jr. arrives to assume duties as CG, 38th Arty Bde, replacing BG John W. Dean Jr. who was reassigned as CG, 31st Arty Bde, Oakdale, Pa, Leech's previous assignment.
- 21 According to latest residence registration figures released today, the population of the capital city of Seoul has reached 4.3 million, making it the ninth largest city in the world.
- 21 The ROKG submits a 37-page position paper to all 125 UN member nations charging that NK has built up its military establishment and increased its threats, and asking the UN for continued military support to meet these threats. The document states that "serious military incidents along the DMZ increased 11-fold in 1967, bringing Communist violations of the 1953 Armistice Agreement to a total of 6,337 proven cases by land, sea and air. The NKs are steadily modernizing their ground force of 20 divisions, five reinforced infantry brigades, five tank regiments and an air force of over 500 jet aircraft." The memorandum warns "...today, the NK Communists are more militant, more extreme, more adventurous and more dangerous than ever before."

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- 28 The ROKA announces the organization of its first ski-troop unit which will operate in the mountainous frontline areas during winter. The ROKA skiers will serve as a quick reaction force against NK intrusions.
- 28 Secretary of the Army, Stanley R. Resor, warns that "North Korea will persist in provocative actions aimed at taking over South Korea." The Secretary's remarks come at the annual meeting of AUSA.
- 29 GEN Charles H. Bonesteel III says in an address to the AUSA convention in Washington that NK is "more openly belligerent and ready to cause trouble than at any time since 1953." The UNC commander adds that fire is exchanged along the DMZ "almost every day or night. ...More than 100 US and ROK troops have been killed and 200 wounded in over 200 firefights so far this year."
- 29 GEN John P. McConnell, USAF CofS, arrives in the ROK for a three-day visit to AF installations.
- 30 MG Kenneth J. Hodson, US Army Judge Advocate General, arrives in Korea. His four-day visit is part of a Far East tour of US installations.
- 31 The ROK Ministry of Justice notifies US authorities that it will exercise jurisdiction over PFC Gary Willard and PFC Stanley M. MacDonald, both of 44th Arty, 38th Arty Bde, on charges of rape of a 37-year old Korean woman and attempted rape of her 19-year old daughter.

NOVEMBER

- 2 The week-long 1968 Eighth Army Rifle and Pistol Matches, hosted by the 7th Inf Div, ends with the 2d Div winning the pistol (.22 & .45) honors, and the 7th Inf Div winning the rifle (ML4) championship. Winners will make up the Eighth Army entry in USARPAC-wide competition.
- 3 Intense search operations begin for an estimated 30-man NK guerrilla team which killed three civilians, kidnaped three other villagers, and fled into the mountains, after landing at Ulchin on the east coast of the ROK. In initial firefights three of the enemy and one ROKA soldier are killed.
- 3 Nine NK intruders are killed during separate attacks on three ROKA outposts in the central and eastern sectors of the DMZ. Three ROK troops are killed and one is wounded in the engagements. For the first time since the 1953 Armistice, the Communists fire mortars from north of the DMZ to cover the flight of their agents.

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- 16) The ROK GEOH announces the capture of two officers, both members of the 124th NK Army Unit, during east coast search operations. Both men were reported by villagers after they had sought food and shelter in two separate locations. Their capture brings to 32 the number of Communist commandos neutralized.
- 18 The Eighth US Army Honor Guard and the Eighth Army Band simultaneously celebrate the 18th anniversary of their activation.
- 18 BG George Sammet Jr. arrives to assume the dual post of Commander, Det 1, KMAQ, and Senior Adviser to FROKA. Formerly Deputy Director of Development, USAMC, he replaces BG Melvin A. Goers who will be transferred to CONARC.
- 20 GEN Theodore J. Conway, CINC, US Strike Command, begins a four-day visit to the ROK. GEN Conway was Eighth Army DCG in 1963, and Senior Adviser to ROKA in 1959.
- 21 LTG Michael S. Davison, Deputy CINCUSARPAC, arrives for a three-day orientation tour of the ROK.
- 22 US Senator Allen J. Ellender (D-La) arrives for a three-day visit with US officials and ROK military and government leaders.
- 22 US Representatives William G. Bray (R-Ind) and Harvey G. Machen (D-Md) arrive in Seoul to discuss military aid to Korea in the wake of unrelenting NK acts of provocation.
- 25 GEN LIU Yu Chang, CINC of Taiwan Garrison General Hq, arrives in the ROK for a five-day visit with US and ROK military officials.
- 25 MG Osmund A. Leahy, CG, 7th Inf Div, returns to CONUS for compassionate reasons (illness in immediate family) and is reassigned to USACDC's Institute of Land Combat. BG Terry, ADC of the 7th, assumes temporary command.
- 26) All field units of FROKA begin OPERATION FLYING TIGER, a five-day exercise to test combat readiness in the event of enemy attack. This maneuver is the largest since the 1949 formation of the ROKA.
- 27 A US Army UH1D helicopter with five Americans aboard is reported missing after failing to return from a routine service mission over the eastern coast of the ROK.
- 28 US military personnel in Korea pause to observe Thanksgiving Day.

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- 12 Six UH1H "Huey" helicopters and an undisclosed number of M16 rifles are presented to the ROK Army by the US in ceremonies at Yoido (K-16) Airfield presided over by GEN C. H. Bonesteel, COMUSK, and GEN KIM Kae Won, ROKA CofS.
- 12 The ROKA activates its first tactical helicopter company with US jet-powered Hueys, making ROKA, the world's fourth largest Army, even more effective in counterinfiltration operations.
- 13 Representatives Frank Annunzio (D-Ill) and Lester L. Wolff (D-NY), members of the House Banking and Currency Committee, arrive in Seoul to study credit facilities for US soldiers.
- 14 1LT CHO Eung Taek, one of the NK infiltrators who landed on the east coast early last month, voluntarily surrenders to a ROKA unit engaged in the manhunt for remnants of the Communist marauders, now believed to number over one hundred.
- 14 GEN Guy S. Meloy Jr. (Ret), CINCUNC 1961-63, and a member of the American-Korean Cultural and Freedom Foundation, dies of cancer in Terrell Hills, Texas.
- 16 USAF BG James D. Kemp arrives to become UNC ACofS for Plans and Training, and also Director of the recently formed Joint US-ROK Planning Board. GEN Kemp served in Korea in 1951, first as Chief of Inspection for 5th AF, and later, as commander of the 452d and 17th Light Bombardment Groups successively, he flew 61 night combat missions over NK.
- 17 A total of 1,071 NK Communists have attempted to infiltrate the ROK so far this year, an increase of 301 over 1967, according to ROKG figures released today. Approximately 83 percent came overland while the remaining 17 percent took sea routes.
- 17 The USAF Aerospace Defense Command deploys its 71st Fighter Interceptor Squadron from Malmstrom AFB, Mont, to Osan AFB for approximately six months. The 71st FIS, using F106 fighters armed with supersonic air-to-air missiles, replaces the 48th FIS which is returning to Langley AFB, Va.
- 20 The UN General Assembly approves a resolution upholding the UN's aims for a democratic, unified Korea by a vote of 71 to 25 with 20 abstentions, and rejects overwhelmingly a Communist demand for the withdrawal of all UN armed forces. The resolution also calls for an easing of tensions between North and South Korea with reference to NK acts of sabotage and terrorism in the ROK.

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- 30 The UNC, at the 283d MAC meeting, charges the NK Communists with 543 incidents along the DMZ, resulting in the death of 320 NK intruders (120 more than 1967), during a violent 1968. The NK were also charged with the abduction of a total of 104 South Korean fishing boats with 820 fishermen in 1968.
- 30 Archbishop Terence Cooke, military vicar to Catholic personnel in the armed forces, arrives for a four-day visit with Korea-based US troops.
- 31 The ROK Joint Staff announces that during 1968, ROKF-V mounted 175 major operations and 789 small sized operations in which ROK troops killed 8,746 of the enemy; captured 655 enemy personnel; and confiscated 3,151 individual and 329 crew-served weapons. ROKF-V losses were 527 KIA and 1,356 wounded. Throughout the year, ROK military personnel intensified their civic action programs, completing 251 rehabilitation projects, including 25 bridges, 68 classrooms, 29 dispensaries, and 129 public installations, and opening 75.11 km of road. (Cumulative figures from same source indicates that, since their mid-1965 involvement, ROKF in the RVN have killed 21,753 enemy, captured 3,873 enemy personnel and suffered 1,896 personnel losses. They have captured 9,041 small arms and 697 crew served weapons. Their civic action programs included the construction and maintenance of 98 bridges, 132 classrooms, 75 dispensaries and 228 public installations, for a total of 533 rehabilitation projects while 287.81 km of roads were opened through their efforts.)
- 31 The Eighth Army Whole Blood Program for Vietnam completes the year with an impressive collection of 24,225 units. Mobile collection teams from the 121st Evacuation Hospital, through scheduled visits to all troop areas, averaged 2,019 units per month to meet quotas established by USARJ-based laboratories.
- 31 A year-end review of criminal cases allegedly involving Korea-based US personnel reveals following data: Under the ROK/US SOFA, the Ministry of Justice exercised jurisdiction over 43 Americans--16 military, 22 civilian employees, and 5 dependents. Of this number, four were returned to US military control, 12 are pending trial, two are pending appeal, and 25 proceedings have been completed. There were no acquittals; however, the punishment level was generally reasonable.

GLOSSARY

ACofS:	Assistant Chief of Staff	CIA:	Central Intelligence Agency
ACSFOR:	Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development	CINC:	Commander in Chief
ACSINT:	Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence	CINCPAC:	Commander in Chief, Pacific
AD:	Air Defense	CINCUNC:	Commander in Chief, United Nations Command
ADC:	Assistant Division Commander	CINCUSARPAC:	Commander in Chief, US Army Pacific
ADM:	Admiral	CNO:	Chief of Naval Operations
AF:	Air Force	CO:	Commanding Officer
AFB:	Air Force Base	Co:	Company
AID:	Agency for International Development	CofS:	Chief of Staff
AIC:	Airman First Class	COL:	Colonel
Arty:	Artillery	COMUSK:	Commander, US Forces, Korea
AUSA:	Association of the United States Army	CONARC:	US Continental Army Command
Bde:	Brigade	CONUS:	Continental United States
BG:	Brigadier General	CPX:	Command Post Exercise
Bn:	Battalion	DA:	Department of the Army
Btry:	Battery	DCG:	Deputy Commanding General
Cav:	Cavalry	DCS:	Deputy Chief of Staff
C-E:	Communications-Electronics	Det:	Detachment
CEOH:	Counterespionage Operations Headquarters	Div:	Division
CG:	Commanding General	DMZ:	Demilitarized Zone

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SAM: Surface-to-Air Missile
SEA: South East Asia
SECDEF: Secretary of Defense
2LT: Second Lieutenant
SECSTATE: Secretary of State
SGM: Sergeant Major
SGT: Sergeant
SOFA: Status of Forces Agreement
SP4: Specialist Four
SP5: Specialist Five
SSG: Staff Sergeant
Sqdn: Squadron
UN: United Nations
UNC: United Nations Command

UNCMAC: United Nations Command
Military Armistice Commission
USACDC: United States Army Combat
Developments Command
USAF: United States Air Force
USAMC: United States Army Materiel
Command
USARJ: United States Army, Japan
USARPAC: United States Army, Pacific
USFK: United States Forces, Korea
USS: United States Ship
VADM: Vice Admiral
VFW: Veterans of Foreign Wars
WIA: Wounded in action
Won (W): Korean money (280 = \$1.00)