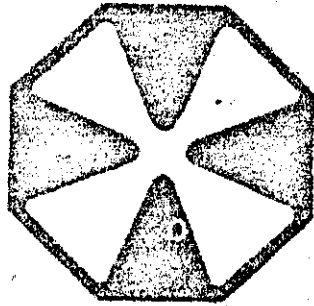


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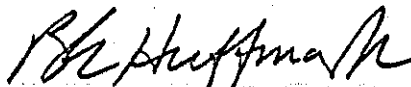
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FOREWORD

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EIGHTH UNITED STATES ARMY
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JULY

- 1 KMAG formally established 17 years ago this date with 482 personnel under the command of John J. Muccio, US Ambassador to Korea.
- 1 BG Roland M. Gleszer, ADC, 2d Inf Div, departs Korea for assignment as Director of Management, Office of the Comptroller, DA.
- 4 The Honorable David E. McGiffert, Under Secretary of the Army, arrives for 3-day tour of major US-ROK military installations.
- 5 GEN Dwight E. Beach, senior US commander in Korea, receives honorary Doctorate of Law from Chungang University.
- 6 The 16th Turkish Armed Forces Company, 262 officers and men, departs Korea leaving only US, ROK, and Thai combat troops remaining of the original United Nations Command which fought during the Korean War.
- 8 Secretary of State Dean Rusk, and party, arrive in Korea for 27-hour visit to complete SOFA negotiations.
- 9 US-ROK Status of Forces Agreement signed in Seoul. Signatories for the US are Secretary Rusk and Ambassador to Korea Winthrop G. Brown. Foreign Minister LEE Tong Won and Justice Minister MIN Bok Ki sign for the ROK. Agreement becomes effective 3 months after ratification by the host country's parliament.

JULY

- 9 BG F.C. Roecker, Jr., arrives for duty as ADC, 7th Inf Div. Roecker formerly served as Executive Officer, OPO, DA.
- 11 BG M. Paulick, outgoing ADC, 7th Div, leaves Korea. His new assignment is with the US Army Training Center, Fort Campbell, Ky.
- 12 MG Raymond B. Marlin, formerly Director of Plans and Programs, OERD, DA, arrives for assignment as Chief, PROVMAAG-K.
- 13 GEN John K. Waters, CINCUSARPAC, arrives for 3-day farewell visit to this command prior to his forthcoming retirement.
- 13 MG John H. Chiles, CG 2d Inf Div, departs for reassignment to Hq, Fifth Army in Chicago, as DCG. New 2d Div commander, MG George B. Pickett, formerly CofS, Army Combat Development Command, Fort Belvoir, Va., arrives this date.
- 15 MG Edwin H. Burba, outgoing Chief, PROVMAAG-K, departs Korea for assignment with USAMC, Washington, D.C.
- 15 32d ROKA Division authorized to come to full strength to replace, in the FROKA, the 9th ROKA Division scheduled for deployment to the RVN.
- 17 Summer monsoon rains which started on the 14th increase in intensity with some areas north of Seoul receiving as much as 15 inches in 24 hours.

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- 18 Heavy rains and flooding trigger landslides and cause widespread damage. US Army troops in all-out effort to combat flood disaster and assist local citizens.
- 20 ROK authorities place flood casualties at 18 dead, 32 injured, and 26,000 homeless. Damage estimated at 1.4 million dollars. (Last year's flood, the worst in 60 years, left 202 dead, 199 injured and 222,000 homeless.)
- 24 Anniversary of the United Nations Command. On this date, 16 years ago, 22 nations came to Korea's aid, 16 of which formed the UN fighting team, first international armed force in history. Today, US and ROK troops remain in force. Thailand maintains an infantry company attached to the US 7th Inf Div. A British Army contingent serves with the UNC Honor Guard. Of the remainder, Australia, Canada, Ethiopia, the Philippines, New Zealand, Thailand, Turkey, and the United Kingdom maintain liaison officers at UNC headquarters.
- 24 Mr. Thaddeous Holt, Deputy Under Secretary of the Army for International Affairs, visits Eighth US Army for 3-day discussion of AFAK Program and for general orientation.
- 25 ROKG announces that Korean troops in the RVN have killed 3,315 Viet Cong since they entered the war last October; captured 4,632 VC suspects; and seized 400 enemy weapons. Korean casualties: 367 dead, 2 MIA, 333 wounded, and 510 hospitalized for non-combat causes. The ROK has 25,000 troops serving in Vietnam under LTG CHAE Myung Shin.

JULY

- 27 MG Chester L. Johnson, CG, 7th Inf Div, departs for reassignment as Deputy CofS, Army Intelligence, DA.
- 27 Armistice Agreement signed at Panmunjom 13 years ago today putting an end to 37 months of bloody fighting. The longest truce negotiations in history--225 meetings spread over 2 years and 17 days--was signed at 1000 hrs and became effective at 2200 hrs. The official cease-fire document bears the signature of Generals Mark W. Clark and William K. Harrison, Jr., for the UNC; Marshal KIM IL Sung and GEN NAM IL for the NKPA; and Commander PENG Pek-huai for the CPV.
- 27 Monsoon rains continue. Eighth Army's Flood Control Center announces that 5,250 persons were evacuated from flood-stricken areas by US Army helicopters and boats. US military personnel at unit level credited with the rescue of an additional 4,730 stranded Koreans.
- 27 Authorities place flood disaster toll at 59 dead, 16 missing, and 60,000 homeless. Total flood damage estimated at \$6.3 million.
- 27 LTG Seth J. McKee assumes command of US Forces Japan and Fifth Air Force units based in Japan, Okinawa, and Korea.
- 29 An 11-man Turkish Honor Guard team arrives for 1-year rotation tour with the UNC Honor Guard.
- 29 New 7th Inf Div. CG is MG Frederick W. Boye, Jr., formerly Chief, Legislative Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Army.

JULY

- 30 7th Inf Div, in Korea since 16 Sep 50, celebrates its 7,000th day of continuous service in the ROK.
- 31 { A Nike-Hercules Missile Battalion, at an initial cost of \$32-34 million, is integrated into the ROK Air Defense System, adding a higher altitude air defense capability. This is one of a large number of MAP modernization actions taken or planned during 1966 to insure a high level of combat readiness in the ROKA.

AUGUST

- 1 Eighth US Army Depot Command/Eighth US Army Rear celebrates its second anniversary.
- 3 A 16-man contingent of the British Army, based in Hong Kong, BCC, arrives for replacement tour with the UNC Honor Guard.
- 5 COL Alan G. Baker arrives to assume command of Eighth US Army Depot Command/Eighth US Army Rear. His former assignment was Chief, Program Control Division, USAMC, Washington D.C.
- 6 First group of Korean combat troops, 1,788 officers and men, return from the RVN after a 9-month tour and are welcomed at Pusan by a crowd of more than 10,000 relatives, friends, and dignitaries.
- 8 MG Byron L. Steger, Chief Surgeon, USARPAC, arrives for 5-day visit to military medical installations throughout the ROK.

AUGUST

- 13 Former Vice President Richard M. Nixon arrives for 1-day visit and meets with highest ranking ROK and US officials.
- 15 51st ROKA Ready Reserve Division activated to replace the 32nd Div, thus preserving the ready reserve structure of the ROKA.
- 15 Today marks 21st anniversary of Korea's liberation from Japanese rule. Also the 18th anniversary of the founding of Korea's first republic with Syngman Rhee as president. (Rhee was inaugurated on 15 Aug 48 after winning election in May of same year.)
- 26 Ministry of Health reports 141 new cases of encephalitis and more deaths from the dread summer disease. New victims bring the toll for the year to 768 cases with 130 dead.
- 26 GEN Dwight E. Beach, CINCUNC/Commander, USFK/CG, Eighth US Army, leaves Korea to become CINCUSARPAC. Receives highest acclimation and citations from host nation government for outstanding accomplishments in furtherance of the US-ROK military team and in promoting friendly relations between the two allies.
- 31 GEN Charles H. Bonesteel, III, arrives to succeed GEN Beach. The new triple-hat commander, who receives his fourth star concurrently with this assignment, was formerly Director of Special Studies in the Office of the Army Chief of Staff.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Encephalitis epidemic subsides. A total of 1,608 persons in all parts of Korea were afflicted.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Initial elements of the 9th ROKA (White Horse) Div embark for the RVN. Early in April the 26th ROKA Regiment was transported to Qui Nhon to join the Capital (Tiger) Division deployed in 1965. A few weeks later an entire logistical support battalion was dispatched in an airlift. Replacement personnel continue to leave Korea by air and ship for Vietnam.
- 1 Exercise DOKSOORI FY67, a combined ROK-US Special Warfare field training exercise, gets underway. DOKSOORI (Eagle) being conducted in the eight southern provinces of the ROK and will continue until the 28th.
- 3 LTG C. W. G. Rich, outgoing DCG, Eighth US Army, departs Korea to become Chief, Reserve Components, DA.
- 7 GEN William C. Westmoreland, Commander US MAC-V, arrives in Korea for 3-day briefing/orientation visit at the invitation of Defense Minister KIM Sung-eun.
- 8 Twenty-first anniversary of arrival of first US troops in Korea.
- 11 LTG L. J. Lincoln, DCSLOG, DA, arrives for 3-day working visit on logistic matters generated by implementation of COSMIC II concept within this command.
- 13 LTG Seth J. McKee, Commander USFJ-Fifth Air Force, arrives for 3-day visit of military installations in the ROK.

SEPTEMBER

- 16 Foreign Affairs Committee, ROKG National Assembly, passes the bill for ratification of the ROK-US SOFA.
- 17 US Peace Corps volunteers, the first to come to Korea, arrive for 21-month tour. The 98-member contingent, including 10 women and 8 married couples, will teach English, physical education, and science in various schools and colleges located in 43 cities and towns from Seoul to Cheju-do.
- 22 MG LEE Dong So, CG ROKA 9th (White Horse) Div, and his major staff officers leave for their posts in the RVN. Balance of division to follow.
- 23 Eighth Army-ROKA Commander's Conference. Semi-annual meeting of the commanders of all major army commands in the ROK, held each year in March and September for discussions on subjects of mutual interest and for fellowship. This session attended by 52 senior officers.
- 30 LTG Vernon P. Mock arrives to succeed LTG Rich as DCG, Eighth US Army. Mock's previous assignment was Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations, DA.
- 30 Arrival of BG Samuel M. Goodwin, incoming Chief, Det L, KMAG. Goodwin, who will also serve as Senior Adviser to the FROKA, comes to Korea from HQ, USARPAC where he was Assistant Chief of Staff, G1.

OCTOBER

1

Select units of the ROK's 600,000-man armed forces march in celebration of the ROK's 18th Armed Forces Day, a 3-day event climaxed by an impressive air show. This annual display of military strength commemorates the historic day when UNC forces first crossed the 38th parallel in the course of pursuing the retreating NKPA following the Inchon landing and the recapture of Seoul.

2

Admiral Nyudhaya, Deputy CofS, Thailand Supreme Command, visiting Korea to attend ROK Armed Forces ceremonies, states that his country will not withdraw its company of troops from the UNC, thus squelching press speculations concerning a rumored pull-out.

2

Philippine President Ferdinand E. Marcos announced plans for a 7-nation Vietnam summit conference of Free World leaders to be held in Manila later this month. ROK President PARK Chung Hee invites President Johnson to visit the ROK after the conference.

3

RADM Donald G. Irvine, formerly Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Flotilla Three, arrives for duty as COMNAVFORKCOM. Vice RADM McCrory who departs to head Amphibious Training Command, US Atlantic Fleet.

4

UNC initiates CPX STRONGSHIELD FY67, an annual testing of defensive plans featuring participation by UN, US, and ROK tactical forces and command and staff personnel.

OCTOBER

- 14 The ROK National Assembly, after 4 days of deliberations, votes 67 to 23 with four abstentions to ratify the ROK-US SOFA. The agreement becomes effective 3 months after the ROKG notifies the US government of parliamentary ratification.
- 15 Balance of ROKA 9th Div troops begins leaving for Vietnam, bringing to a successful conclusion the massive US/ROK effort to train and equip deploying forces. This year's deployment of 23,500 officers and men, coupled with the ROK's earlier deployment, brings total ROK Forces in the RVN to approximately 45,000--the equivalent of a corps.
- 16 Bill D. Moyers, the President's Press Secretary, winds up 24-hour visit to the ROK to lay groundwork for the scheduled 31 Oct - 2 Nov state visit by President Johnson.
- 18 LTG Edgar C. Doleman, Deputy CINCUSARPAC, arrives for 5-day visit to confer with leading military commanders throughout the ROK.
- 22 President PARK Chung Hee flies to the RVN to inspect the ROKF there and to talk with Vietnamese leaders before heading for Manila to attend the 7-nation conference. This marks first time a ROK president has visited his troops outside Korea.
- 22 The ROK Capital (Tiger) Inf Div in the RVN marks first anniversary of its arrival in Vietnam. During these 12 months the Tiger unit has been credited with 9,568 enemy casualties, while suffering 294 KIA, 742 wounded and 1 MIA.

OCTOBER

- 23 Eighth Army-ROKA commence week-long marksmanship match. Competition features 350-man platoon, squad, and troop participation with individual and crew weapons; i. e., M-1 and M-14 rifles, 106mm recoilless rifles, and 81mm mortars.
- 24 Ceremonies in Seoul and Pusan commemorate 21st anniversary of the United Nations. Some 2,267 Korean War dead from the nations which provided fighting men for the first UN force in history are still interred at the UN Memorial Cemetery near Pusan.
- 25 Army MG Richard G. Ciccolella arrives from HQ, US Army Strike Command to succeed MG Joseph O. Butcher as Senior Member, UNCMAC--a 6-month assignment. Butcher will become CG of the Marine Base at Camp Lejeune, N. C. Ciccolella is 11th Army general to fill the UNCMAC position.
- 26 Forty-ninth anniversary of the 2d Inf Div, activated in Bourmount, France, on 26 October 1917.
- 27 Chaplain (BG) Francis L. Sampson, Deputy Chief of Chaplains, visits Korea at the invitation of the ROKA Chief of Chaplains to dedicate new ROKA Chapel at the Command & General Staff College, Chinhae.

OCTOBER

31

President Lyndon B. Johnson, accompanied by a party of nearly 500, arrives in ROK for 44-hour visit, marking the second visit of an American President to the Republic. (Pres Eisenhower visited the ROK on 19 June 1960.) The LBJ stopover climaxes a 27,000-mile Asian journey which included participation in the 24 Oct Manila summit conference and side-trips to a number of Free World countries including the RVN. President and Mrs. Johnson given rousing welcome in ROK. US military, other members of the official US community, and the ROK hosts, expend every effort to make the visit a highly successful one.

NOVEMBER

1

US and ROK Presidents visit typical ROKA unit, the 26th Inf Div, under control of I Corps (Group). Before departing, LBJ presents citations to members of the ROK forces or their survivors for heroic actions in Vietnam. US President follows with visit to Camp Stanley, location of the US Army's 36th Engineer Group where he has lunch with members of the Group's 11th Engineer Battalion, witnesses a performance by the UNC Honor Guard, and greets representatives of many of the US units currently serving in the ROK.

2

Six US soldiers and one KATUSA of the 2d Division's 1st Bn, 23d Inf, killed in ambush by North Korean infiltrators half-mile south of DMZ. The only survivor of the eight man patrol, a US soldier, was wounded in the grenade attack. The Communist attack, the most serious involving American servicemen since the Armistice, came 8 hours before President Johnson left Korea for the US.

NOVEMBER

- 4 UNC registers strong protest with the Communists at 232d meeting of the MAC. Senior Member, UNCMAC, delivers verbal message to Communist counterpart to be relayed to Marshal KIM IL Sung. Message charges that 12 violent, unprovoked attacks have been made on UNC military personnel since 15 Oct 66 in flagrant violation of the Agreement and contains stern warning against continued Communist infiltration and attacks on UN personnel.
- 4 MG F.K. Mearns, Director of Enlisted Personnel, OPO, arrives for 4-day briefing/orientation visit on all aspects of the enlisted strength posture within Eighth Army.
- 5 GEN Bonesteel receives personal letter from President Johnson expressing appreciation for the outstanding support provided for his successful visit to the ROK. The COMUSKOREA adds his commendations to all concerned within the command for the magnificent manner in which every detail pertaining to the Presidential visit was handled.
- 9 ROKG formally notifies the US Government of the ratification of the bi-national SOFA. Agreement, which defines rights and obligations of US forces in Korea, becomes effective 9 Feb 67. US commanders immediately intensify efforts through all media to explain SOFA ramifications to the military and civilian members of the USFK and their dependents.

NOVEMBER

12

A 4-man team representing the Senate Armed Forces Committee (commonly known as the Stennis Committee) arrives for 4-day visit to investigate preparedness to fulfill US world-wide commitments. Visit here part of PACOM-wide trip by subcommittee staff comprised of Mr. B. Gilleas, Chief Investigator; Mr. S. P. French, Minority Counsel; and Messrs. S.H. Shaw and R.M. Neal, Professional Staff Members.

12

Equipment for a second Hawk Missile Battalion arrives in Pusan. The addition of two SAM units to ROKA's air defense system (plus US battalions here) make the ROK's air defense one of the most modern systems in the Free World.

14

MG Leonard D. Heaton, Surgeon General of the US Army, accompanied by BG Wm. A. Hamrick, Chief, MSC, arrive for a 3-day inspection of US Army hospital facilities and equipment, an evaluation of military medical services in Korea, and a visit with the ROKA Surgeon General.

16

BG George M. Seignious, II, formerly with the P&P office of the Secretary of Defense, arrives for duty as ADC, 2d Inf Div.

16

BG James A. Hebbeler, new Director of the ^{Under Chem Brd.} NUC-CBR Directorate, ACSFOR, DA, arrives for 3-day orientation visit on last leg of trip to all USARPAC areas.

20

ADM Roy L. Johnson, US Pacific Fleet commander, arrives for talks with ROK Ministry of Defense officials concerning the ROK Navy and Marine Corps.

NOVEMBER

- 22 GEN Bonesteel departs Korea for a 10-day visit to CONUS to attend the Commanders' Conference to be held in Washington, D. C.
- 27 Eighth Army's week-long Rifle and Pistol Matches begin. Winners in each event will compete in the USARPAC eliminations to be held in Hawaii during Apr 67.
- 28 Eighth US Army inaugurates command-wide Zero Defects Program designed to improve individual job performance. Program was adopted here under a DA directive after being successfully tested in private firms and Army units in CONUS.

DECEMBER

- 1 Senator Strom Thurmond (R-S. C.), a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, arrives for brief visit to key US and ROK military installations.
- 10 Ceremonies at the UN Memorial Cemetery in Pusan honor the 516 Canadians who gave their lives fighting in the Korean War. Paying homage to the war dead, 378 of whom lie at rest in the Cemetery, was a party of 60 Canadians who made a special 7,000-mile pilgrimage to honor their countrymen who fought and died in Asia.
- 15 Eighth Army Support Command (EASCOM) commemorates fourth anniversary of its activation.

DECEMBER

17

President PARK Chung Hee declares that his government will abide by any workable UN resolution toward reunification but will never accept a two-Korea policy or a Communist formula for unification.

19

ROK health officials receive a donation of 2 million doses of Salk polio vaccine to immunize 660,000 children with a 3-shot series. The million-dollar shipment was prepared specifically for Korea by the Eli Lilly Co. through the good offices of the American-Korean Foundation and is expected to "break the back" of the disease in this country.

19

GEN Hunter Harris, Jr., PACAF Commander, arrives for 2-day farewell visit to the UNC and Korea. GEN Harris is scheduled to retire o/a 31 Jan 67.

19

Nearly 27 tons of clothing from Hawaii arrive at Pusan for distribution to the needy in the ROK. "Operation Hula," an island-wide clothing drive, partly sponsored by Mrs. Dwight E. Beach, wife of the CINCUSARPAC, produced the largest collection of clothing since the annual drive began in 1958.

24

Annual Service Practice (ASP) which began on 26 Aug completed this date. In this training exercise all US and ROKA Nike-Hercules and Hawk missile batteries fire live surface-to-air missiles. During the ASP, ROKA Nike-Hercules batteries fire their missiles in Korea for the first time.

DECEMBER

26

ROKF-V announces that during 1966 Korean troops killed 5,559 of the enemy; captured 1,529; detained 3,748 VC suspects and confiscated 1,550 weapons, 3,575 hand grenades, and 295,157 rounds of small arms ammunition. ROK losses were 539 KIA and 1,442 wounded. The annual summary on civic action lists 303,551 patients treated in Korean medical facilities; 85 miles of road repaired; and 63 construction projects completed.

31

Year-end report on the Whole Blood Program for Vietnam reveals that the donor drive gained momentum during latter half of CY66. Mobile collection teams from the 121st Evac Hospital, making scheduled visits to all Korea-based US units, shipped 24,638 pints (exceeding the USARPAC quota of 19,500 pints) bringing Eighth Army's contribution for the year to 35,418 units.

31

Command statistics show that during 1966 approximately 32.6 billion won (121 million dollars) was expended by US Forces in Korea with breakdown as follows: Payment of wages to Korean employees, 8.3 billion won or \$31 million; individual expenditures by US military/civilian personnel and their dependents, 7.8 billion won or \$29 million; and purchase of goods and services from Korean contractors, 16.5 billion won or \$61 million. Foregoing represents a 37% increase (8.8 billion won or \$33 million) over the amount spent in Korea in 1965.

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GLOSSARY

ACSFOR:	Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development	DCSLOG:	Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics
ADC:	Assistant Division Commander	DMZ:	demilitarized zone
ADM:	Admiral	EVAC:	Evacuation
AFAK:	Armed Forces Assistance to Korea	FROKA:	First Republic of Korea Army
BCC:	British Crown Colony	FY:	Fiscal year
BG:	Brigadier General	GEN:	General
CG:	Commanding General	KATUSA:	Korean Augmentation to the US Army
CINCUNC:	Commander in Chief, United Nations Command	KIA:	killed in action
CINCUSARPAC:	Commander in Chief, US Army, Pacific	KMAG:	US Army Advisory Group, Korea
CofS:	Chief of Staff	LTC:	Lieutenant General
COMNAVFORKOREA:	Commander, Naval Forces Korea	MAC:	Military Armistice Commission
COMUSKOREA:	Commander, US Forces, Korea	MAC-V:	Military Assistance Command, Vietnam
CONUS:	Continental United States	MAP:	military assistance program
COSTAR:	Combat support of the army	MG:	Major General
CPV:	Chinese People's Volunteers	MIA:	missing in action
CPX:	Command post exercise	MSC:	Medical Service Corps
CY:	Calendar year	NKPA:	North Korean People's Army
DCG:	Deputy Commanding General	NUC-CBR:	Nuclear-Chemical, Biological & Radiological
		OCRD:	Office, Chief of Research & Development
		OPO:	Office of Personnel Operations

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PACAF: Pacific Air Forces

P&P: Plans and Programs

PROVMAAG-K:

Military Assistance and Advisory
Group, Korea (Provisional)

RADM: Rear Admiral

ROKA: Republic of Korea Army

ROKF: Republic of Korea Forces

ROKF-V: Republic of Korea Forces,
Vietnam

ROKG: Republic of Korea Government

RVN: Republic of Vietnam

SAM: surface-to-air missiles

SOFA: Status of Forces Agreement

UNC: United Nations Command

USAMC: US Army Materiel Command

USFJ: United States Forces, Japan

USFK: United States Forces, Korea

VC: Viet Cong