



**NEWSLETTER OF THE 13TH ENGINEER (C) BN.ASSN.**

**AUGUST 2019**

**PRESIDENTS CORNER - ARLIE E. ELLIS**



## **Subject-2020 Reunion to be held in Indianapolis Indiana**

Cindy and I will leave for Indianapolis on Monday morning to tour Reunion sites for our next get together and celebration.

I hope that Gene, Marlene, Cindy and I can make good choices that everyone likes. Good choices for the board to approve also.

We will drive there in our car and return on Friday August 2, 2019. I want to take photo records to show everyone. Photos are always worth a thousand words.


Arlie E. Ellis

President


IN OMNIA PARATUS

13<sup>th</sup> Engineer (C) Battalion Association

## GOVERNING BOARD ELECTED OFFICERS

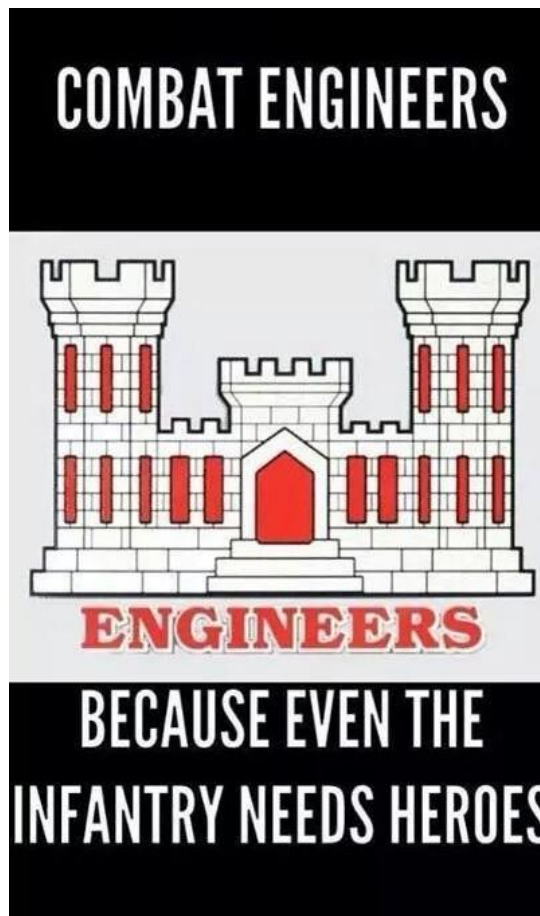
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*"Now that ya mention it, Joe, it does sound like th  
patter of rain on a tin roof."*

**VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER- HARRY E. (GENE) REED**

We as an association have had some challenges this year. Earl Shatzer our association web master has stepped up to get this newsletter out and done a great job. With that being said anyone that would like to help with the various matters it takes to keep the association going please contact any of us.

One of the biggest challenges we face is making sure that all our contact information for each member is up to date. This is especially important for Al Phetteplace so he can make sure members' dues are up to date, and Earl when mailing out the newsletter. For the members that have email address and would like their newsletter sent via email please contact Earl Shatzer to get that set up. Anyone that needs to change their mailing address please call any of the officers or Earl. Contact information for all of us is in the newsletter as well as being on the website.

And last but not least we can use help finding people who served with the 13<sup>th</sup>. The goal is to see if they would like to join the association. Any ideas on how to locate former buddies is welcome.

I pray that God will bless us and those like us and our great country

**(ENGINEERS CLEAR THE WAY)**

Gene Reed (317) 268-6455

Vice President

IN OMNIA PARATUS

13<sup>th</sup> Engineer (C) Battalion Association

**IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S CORNER- BILLY D.QUINTON SR  
& PAST NEWSLETTER EDITOR FOR LAST 15 YEARS**



HI ALL

Have you checked the Website lately ??, Earl has made some good changes and updates. I like the one where you do not have to be signed in with a password to visit the prior Newsletter tab, he has plans to add more prior Newsletters as time permits.

I am going to include in this Corner some reports / forms we used between Ron, Jes and myself to keep all informed, Gene they could be helpful to you

**13<sup>th</sup> ENGR C BATTALION ASSOCIATION  
INCOME AND EXPENSE 1/1/18 THRU 8/31/18**

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$19,260.67
INCOME	
ACCOUNT INTEREST	\$11.64
COIN INCOME	10.00
DUES	598.00
NEWSLETTER FUND	1,049.00
REUNION 18 REGISTRATION	3,748.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,416.64</b>

**EXPENSE**

BATTALION EQUIPMENT	\$2,640.32
DEPOSITS	1450.00
IN MEMORY	500.00
NEWSLETTER EXPENSE	852.14
REUNION 18 EXPENSE	2,200.00
WEBSITE EXPENSE	796.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,438.46</b>

ENDING BALANCE 8/31/18 **\$16,238.85**

Note:

This ending balance includes a \$794.00 member care fund and \$1305.71 newsletter fund

**13<sup>TH</sup> ENGINEER (C) BATTALION ASSOCIATION  
INCOME AND EXPENSE FOR YEAR 2017**

INCOME	
ACCOUNT INTEREST	11.96
COIN INCOME	260.61
DUES	510.00
NEWSLETTER FUND	345.00
QUARTERMASTER SALE	190.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,318.07</b>

EXPENSE	
BAT COINS	672.00
COIN SALE EXPENSE	18.32
NEWSLETTER EXPENSE	1,475.42
QUARTERMASTER SUPPLIES	26.87
WEBSITE EXPENSE	5,930.99
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,123.60</b>

**ENDING BALANCE 19,260.67**

**13<sup>TH</sup> ENGINEER C BATTALION ASSOCIATION  
REUNION 16 FINANCIAL REPORT**

INCOME	
REUNION 16 REGISTRATION	\$3519.00
REUNION 16 ALBUMS	450.00
REUNION 16 50/50 RAFFLE	202.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4181.00</b>

**EXPENSE**

HOTEL	\$1843.00
BOAT TRIP	875.35
ALBUM PRINT & POSTAGE	311.19
HOSPITALITY ROOM SNACKS	173.33
FED EX EXPENSE	220.11
BAGPIPER	250.00
BOAT CREW TIP	50.00

**TOTAL 3723.18**

**GAIN \$457.82**

Hope these will be helpful to Gene and Arlie in future planning.

Billy D. Quinton Sr.

Immediate Past President

**SECRETARY CORNER - ALLEN G. PHETTEPLACE**

Greeting to all 13<sup>th</sup> Engineer Bn. Association member.

Since taking over the duties of your association secretary I have been dealing with some health issues and I am beginning to overcome them. This will allow me to review in detail our association roster for accuracy and provide a list of membership dues that are past due. This will allow us to keep your membership active and not let it lapse.

Some of you have relocated, do NOT forget to send me a note, e-mail, or call me to provide your current address. Please use my contact information listed below.

Please remit your dues and donations to:

Allen G. Phetteplace  
W9153 Port Arthur Road  
Ladysmith, WI 54848  
715-532-5972  
agphetteplace@gmail.com

Remember when you are submitting your dues, please consider sending a donation for the newsletter fund and Operating Expenses. Just identify how much you are donating. These donations are deeply appreciated. Printing of the Newsletter and mailing it out to all our members, is one of the major expenses of our association.

### Murphy's War Law

- Friendly fire - isn't.
- Recoilless rifles - aren't.
- You are not Superman; Marines and fighter pilots take note.
- If it's stupid but it works, it isn't stupid.
- Try to look unimportant; the enemy may be low on ammo and not want to waste a bullet on you.
- If at first you don't succeed, call in an air strike.
- If you are forward of your position, your artillery will fall short.
- There is no such thing as an atheist in a foxhole.
- Mines are equal opportunity weapons
- Never share a foxhole with anyone braver than yourself.
- Never forget that your weapon was made by the lowest bidder.
- If your attack is going really well, it's an ambush.
- The enemy diversion you're ignoring is their main attack.
- The enemy invariably attacks on two occasions: when they're ready. when you're not.
- There is no such thing as a perfect plan.
- Five second fuses always burn three seconds.

**TREASURE'S CORNER= HARRY (GENE) REED****Gene Reed Treasurer****13 Engineers Treasure Report 2018**

**Beginning Balance Starting 01-1-2018    \$19,260.67**

**Income**

ACCOUNT INTEREST:	\$11.64
Dues:	\$1092
Quarter Master:	\$453.66
2018 Reunion:	\$3,748.00
Donation:	\$1,311.00 (News Letter and General Donation)
<u>Refund:</u>	<u>\$491.86 (Branson Railway 2018 Reunion)</u>
Total-----	\$7,108.16

**Expenses**

2018 Reunion:	\$10,528.31
Equipment:	\$2,640.32
General Expense:	\$2,020.72 (News Letter & General Expense)
Web Site:	\$2,400.75
Business Checks:	\$67.19 (New Checking Account)
Total-----	\$17,657.29

**Ending Balance 12/31/2018                                    \$8,711.54**

## QUARTERMASTER - TOM COTTON



There may be some minor small changes coming to the Quartermaster operations. We will keep advised as to these changes.

We are continuing to make changes that will allow you to purchase items utilizing the website and for those that would rather send in hard copies to order products.

Our Webmaster is in the process of implementing the ability to pay online and this should be completed soon. Currently the only option is sending in a check for any merchandise that is ordered.

With the cost of shipping, it may be necessary to increase the price of items or add shipping cost for orders. Since we purchase small quantities of the product, we are unable to get a price break that could be passed on to our member.

I am evaluating our inventory to identify items that we have an excess of, to determine the best method to reduce inventory. The membership will be notified of the final decision which may include a sale of these items.

### Our Quartermaster in Korea



**NEWSLETTER EDITOR - EARL C. SHATZER**

Well this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> newsletter since I have taken over this position and I am working on ways to live up to the great prior newsletter editors in making it interesting and informative. I always welcome ideas, suggestions and comments in order to improve.

If you have any feedback in response to any items within this newsletter, feel free to respond. Please respond tastefully, we will be happy to include it in the next newsletter. If you want to submit ideas, criticisms, etc. that you do not want printed, we will honor that.

Mail your feedback to the newsletter editor at 1962 Tanglewood LN. Vacaville, CA 95687 or E-mail it to: [eshatzer@13thengineerbn.com](mailto:eshatzer@13thengineerbn.com), or phone it in to (707) 689-0874. Whichever way you choose, we welcome your input.

We are thankful for all members of the 13<sup>th</sup> Engineer (C) Battalion Association and would like to feature a member spotlight section. Stories of your time in the 13<sup>th</sup> Engineer Bn., what you experienced, funny things that happened, anything that you would like to share. If so, please contact me and we can do whatever it takes to get your story printed for the newsletter.

I need input from you members. I am looking for letters, people seeking other military buddies and remembrance materials to include into the upcoming newsletters. So, if you have anything you would like to share with the membership, please send it to me.

If you see any errors that need correcting, please contact me. I research what is published to make sure it is factual and correct.

We are asking that you please do your best to find new members for our Association. Any ideas on recruitment are welcome.

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IN OMNIA PARATUS (In All Things Prepared)  
Newsletter Editor 13<sup>th</sup> Engineer (C) Battalion Association

**Receive Your Newsletter Electronically via Email**

To help save printing and mailing costs, members may now receive their Newsletter via email. Email versions will arrive prior to members receive it in the mail. The newsletter via email is in color as the printed version will be in black and white.

If you are interested in this option, please email or write our Newsletter Editor, Earl Shatzer, 1962 Tanglewood Ln. Vacaville, CA 95687, [eshatzer@13thengineerbn.com](mailto:eshatzer@13thengineerbn.com)

You can change your mind any time and go back to receiving your newsletter by regular mail.

**WEBMASTER - EARL C. SHATZER**

I want to continue to encourage all members to send in any photos, comments, stories or anything else that you may think our brothers will enjoy seeing or hearing about.

I have obtained several of the past newsletters and will be working on putting them on the website. Currently you are able to the current newsletter and some of the past newsletters on the website without logging into the membership area.

If you have any photos and you would like to upload from your computer, please contact me and I will send you an upload link.

The implementation of the ability to pay for products, dues, and donations via credit card and debit card online has been a little slow. I am working through the process to make sure that everything works properly.

Any suggestions on what you would like to see in the website please email or call me.

Thank you all for your service to our country and the many sacrifices that you have made.

Earl Shatzer (707) 689-0874

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IN OMNIA PARATUS (In All Things Prepared)

Webmaster 13<sup>th</sup> Engineer (C) Battalion Association



**GUESTBOOK ENTRIES**

These are past guestbook entries from association members and family members. Some are looking for information. If you would like to contact the writer of the entry please contact the Webmaster at [webmaster@13thengineerbn.com](mailto:webmaster@13thengineerbn.com) and I will forward your message on to the writer.

**Robert Dumas** wrote on 07/26/2019 at 1:45 PM: Served with B Company 13 Engineers from Jan 1980 through Sept 1983 at Fort Ord

**Gene Reed** wrote on 07/19/2019 at 3:35 PM: Looking for anyone who served with the 13th at Fort Ore

**Glade Wittwer** wrote on 07/15/2019 at 12:40 PM: My father, CPT Glade Wittwer, was B company commander in the 13th ECB, approximate dates: September 1948 until February 1949. He was stationed at Seoul. I have many of his letters from that era, and am willing to share them. Some of his fellow officers: LT Gayhart, LT Hatch, LT Ardrnet. MAJ Hammerly, Bass, CPT Brant, MAJ Miller, CPT Westfall, & LT Blohm.

**Dean Diehl** wrote on 07/06/2019 at 8:25 PM: 1967-68 HHQ, S-2 & ADM platoon

**Adam Burke** wrote on 05/09/2019 at 7:42 PM: 89-91

**Roy Cutler** wrote on 04/27/2019 at 1:03 PM: I was CO of HHC from 75-76 and S2 in 77 at Ft Ord. CPT Buck was CO B Co and CPT Lawler was CO of A Co.

**Larry Smith** wrote on 04/20/2019 at 12:28 PM: Served 1965 to 1966 track vehicle mech

**Alfred Martinez** wrote on 04/18/2019 at 2:24 PM: Just saying hello

**Michael A Horman** wrote on 03/26/2019 at 3:06 PM: Served 1973 - 1976 D company

**George E Cooper** wrote on 03/13/2019 at 1:54 PM: George E Cooper served 1967-68. Camp Casey HHC, stayed TDY on DMZ grader operator road called 2zulu and through Chinese Tunnel and up to Big Gun sites.

**George E Cooper** wrote on 03/13/2019 at 1:39 PM: Served 1967-68 headquarters company engineer platoon stayed TDY mostly on DMZ grader operator then sent TDY to Vietnam end of my Tour

**Marcolina Cuebas** wrote on 03/07/2019 at 4:29 PM: I wish to have more information as to when my father was a veteran in Korea. His name was Federico Arroyo Castellanos

**Edmund Garrard** wrote on 02/23/2019 at 10:23 PM: Was assigned to the 13th from May 1977 thru June 1980 with b company

**Adrian Eichhorn** wrote on 02/09/2019 at 12:21 PM: Served in the 13th from 1981-1885. Battalion Maintenance Officer; B CO XO; HHC CO. Tel 703-731-8262

**robert e. stofft** wrote on 02/06/2019 at 5:00 PM: Was 2nd. Lt., platoon leader, D company, July 1962 to December 1962. Company commanded by Captain Jerry Kolb, Engineer Army Aviator, fixed and rotary wing qualified. Looking for information on Captain Kolb.

**Walter Scott Jr** wrote on 01/29/2019 at 1:29 PM: 1960 to 1961

**Michael D Todryk** wrote on 01/27/2019 at 5:06 AM: Sapper Light - wish I could have done more.

**carmine fico** wrote on 01/16/2019 at 11:32 AM: B company 1979-1981 Fort Ord

**r sprau** wrote on 01/15/2019 at 5:58 PM: I was one of NCO's who help reactivate the 13th Engineers in 1975. Anyone from period HHC?

**Michael Antonovich** wrote on 01/03/2019 at 4:15 PM: I serviced April 66-67 C Company.

**Frederic C Gray** wrote on 12/22/2018 at 3:06 PM:

I joined the battalion as a new second lieutenant in 1965. I served as a platoon leader and Assistant S3.

**Charles Burnette** wrote on 12/14/2018 at 9:34 PM:

I think my father-in-law was in this unit around 1960 his name was spec 5 Henry Harris. I think he started out guarding a rock crusher and left a clerk in HQ company.

**Ted Langan** wrote on 11/30/2018 at 11:07 AM: Remember the Pueblo!

**Erv Werner** wrote on 11/25/2018 at 7:57 PM: Served 1951-52

**Billy Quinton Sr** wrote on 11/22/2018 at 1:58 PM:

Good start on first opening page of site. Bill

**Gerald Miller** wrote on 11/12/2018 at 2:34 PM:

Attached to 17th regiment attached to 7th division. July 1951-May 1952

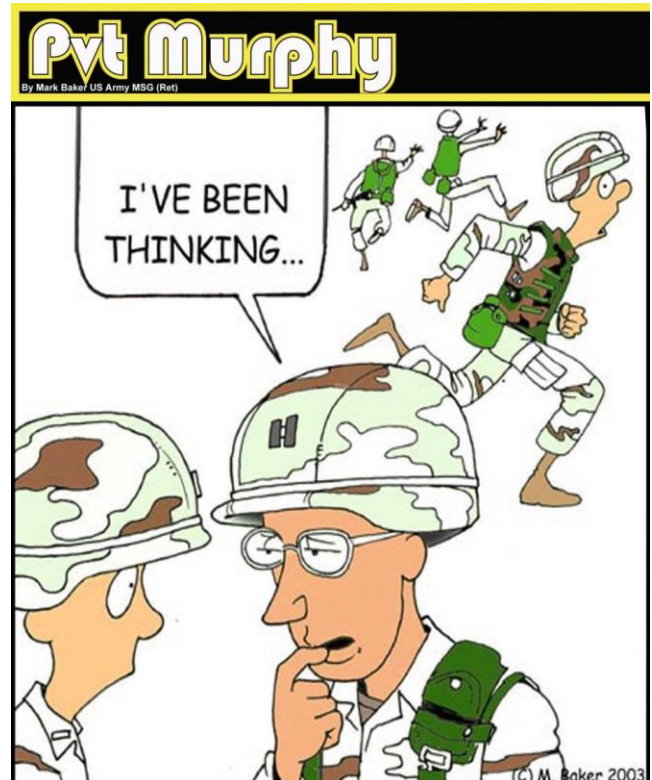
**Terry Baldwin** wrote on 10/26/2018 at 2:27 PM: Served 70 to 71 in HQ motor pool. Left Korea after 6 months and went to Vietnam 71 to 72. I was in Camp Kaiser when it closed and went to Camp Casey

**Dennis Krajniak** wrote on 10/17/2018 at 1:45 AM: 6/84 - 10/85 A.co. 3rd plt.

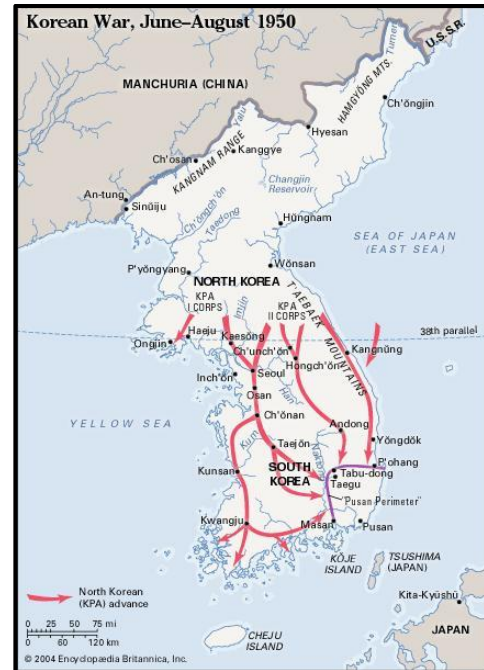
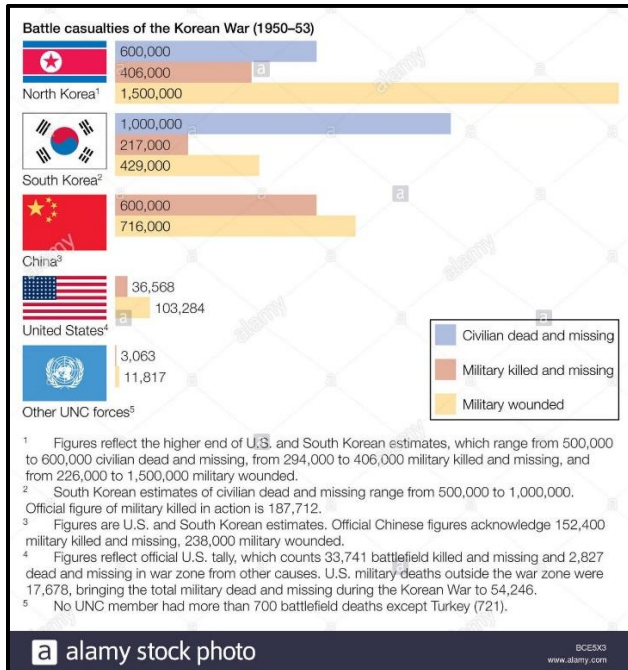
**Dominic Petrore** wrote on 10/03/2018 at 4:50 AM: S3 Operations 1969 1970

**Ted Langan** wrote on 08/24/2018 at 9:58 AM: HHC - March, 1967 through April, 1968. I was the Company clerk (probably the best job in the Army). Best wishes to all

**Rich Lindsay** wrote on 08/16/2018 at 8:53 PM: Served with the 13th engineers from April 1985 - September 1988, some great leadership there. People I miss the most include SSG Dennis Jones, SFC Henry Hardesty, Red Dennis Hartshorn, Michael Tillman, Herb Taylor, Captain Billy mac



# KOREAN WAR



**Korean War**, conflict between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea and the Republic of Korea (South Korea) in which at least 2.5 million persons lost their lives. The war reached international proportions in June 1950 when North Korea, supplied and advised by the Soviet Union, invaded the South. The United Nations with the United States as the principal participant, joined the war on the side of the South Koreans, and the People's Republic of China came to North Korea's aid. After more than a million combat casualties had been suffered on both sides, the fighting ended in July 1953 with Korea still divided into two hostile states. Negotiations in 1954 produced no further agreement, and the front line has been accepted ever since as the DeFacto boundary between North and South Korea.

## REVOLUTION, DIVISION, AND PARTISAN WARFARE, 1945-50

The Korean War had its immediate origins in the collapse of the Japanese empire at the end of World War II in September 1945. Unlike China, Manchuria, and the former Western colonies seized by Japan in 1941-42, Korea, annexed to Japan since 1910, did not have a native government or a colonial regime waiting to return after hostilities ceased. Most claimants to power were harried exiles in China, Manchuria, Japan the U.S.S.R., and the United States. They fell into two broad categories. The rest was made up of committed Marxist revolutionaries who had fought the Japanese as part of the Chinese dominated guerrilla armies in Manchuria and China. One of these exiles was a minor but successful guerrilla leader named Kim Il-sung, who had received some training in Russia and had been made a major in the Soviet army. The other Korean nationalist movement, no less revolutionary, drew its inspiration from the best of science, education, and industrialism in Europe, Japan and America. These ultranationalists were split into rival factions, one of which centered on Syngman

**REVOLUTION, DIVISION, AND PARTISAN WARFARE, 1945-50 (cont)**

Rhee, educated in the United States and at one time the president of a dissident Korean Provisional Government in exile. In their hurried effort to disarm the Japanese army and repatriate the Japanese population in Korea (estimated at 700,000), the United States and the Soviet Union agreed in August 1945 to divide the country for administrative purposes at the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel (latitude 38 degrees N). At least from the American perspective, this geographic division was a temporary expedient; however, the Soviets began a short-lived reign of terror in northern Korea that quickly politicized the division by driving thousands of refugees south. The two sides could not agree on a formula that would produce a united Korea, and in 1947 U.S. President Harry S. Truman persuaded the United Nations (UN) to assume responsibility for the country, though the U.S. military remained nominally in control of the South until 1948. Both the South Korean national police and the constabulary doubled in size, providing a southern security force of about 80,000 by 1947. In the meantime, Kim Il-sung strengthened his control over the Communist Party as well as the northern administrative structure and military forces. In 1948 the North Korean military and police numbered about 100,000, reinforced by a group of southern Korean guerrillas based at Haeju in western Korea.

The creation of an independent South Korea became UN policy in early 1948. Southern communists opposed this, and by autumn partisan warfare had engulfed parts of every Korean province below the 38th parallel. The fighting expanded into a limited border war between the South's newly formed Republic of Korea Army (ROKA) and the North Korean border constabulary as well as the North's Korean People's Army (KPA). The North launched 10 cross-border guerrilla incursions in order to draw ROKA units away from their guerrilla-suppression campaign in the South.

In its larger purpose the partisan uprising failed: the Republic of Korea (ROK) was formed in August 1948, with Syngman Rhee as president. Nevertheless, almost 8,000 members of the South Korean security forces and at least 30,000 other Koreans lost their lives. Many of the victims were not security forces or armed guerrillas at all but simply people identified as "rightists" or "reds" by the belligerents. Small-scale atrocities became a way of life.

The partisan war also delayed the training of the South Korean army. In early 1950, American advisers judged that fewer than half of the ROKA's infantry battalions were even marginally ready for war. U.S. military assistance consisted largely of surplus light weapons and supplies.

Indeed, General Douglas MacArthur, commander of the United States' Far East Command(FECOM), argued that his Eighth Army, consisting of four weak divisions in Japan, required more support than the Koreans.

## VA NEWS

### Free Talking Books Program for Eligible Veterans



Talking books, audio magazines, and the digital talking-book players needed to use them are provided free of charge, by mail, for as long as you're in the program. Any honorably discharged Veteran who is blind, has low vision, or a disability preventing the reading of traditional materials is eligible.

Whether escaping into a great novel or staying current with popular magazines, the freedom and independence of reading are only a few steps away. This program, from the National Library Service (NLS) and the Library of Congress, provides talking books, audio magazines, and digital talking-book players free of charge.

Any honorably discharged Veteran who is blind, has low vision, or a disability preventing the reading of traditional materials is eligible. Participants choose whether their selected reading materials are delivered by mail, downloaded from the web-based service BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download) or through the BARD mobile app for smartphones and tablets. NLS maintains a vast catalog of titles and publications from the latest best-sellers to timeless classics. Plus, Veterans have preferential status in the lending of materials and equipment.

[The Braille and Talking Books Program](#) is accomplished through a nationwide network of libraries to serve citizens and Veterans living inside the U.S. or abroad. Applying for this service is easy. Call the National Library Service at 1-888-NLS-READ (1-888-657-7323) or visit them on the web at [www.loc.gov/ThatAllMayRead](http://www.loc.gov/ThatAllMayRead)

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#### Korean War MIAs Recently Identified

Here is the up-to-date list of the remains of Korean War MIAs/KIAs identified by the DPAA as of May 15, 2019. All MIAs listed are members of the U.S. Army.

**Pfc. Sterling Geary, Jr.**, Co. B, 1st Bn., 35th Inf. Rgmt., 25th Inf. Div. 11/27/1950 NK

**SFC Elden C. Justus**, HQ Battery, 57th Field Artillery Bn., 7th Inf. Div. 12/6/1950 NK

**Cpl. Charles S. Lawler**, Co. M, 3rd Bn., 8th Cav. Rgmt., 1st Cav. Div., 11/2/1950 NK

**Pfc. Herschel M. Riggs**, HQ Co., 19th Inf. Rgmt., 24th Inf. Div. 7/16/1950 SK

NOTE: We have obtained several photos of previously identified MIAs. They were all included in the March/April 2019 issue. (Source: <https://www.dpaa.mil/>)



Captain Rufus J. Hyman



M/Sgt. Charlie Mares



Cpl. Benjamin W. Scott



Cpl. James Rix



Cpl. Carlos (Buddy) Ferguson



LEGEND:  
NK = North Korea  
SK = South Korea  
SFC = Sgt. 1st Class

## **Guestbook entry from Mr. Glade “Witt” Wittwer, Jr.**

My father, CPT Glade Wittwer, was B company commander in the 13th ECB, approximate dates: September 1948 until February 1949. He was stationed at Seoul. I have many of his letters from that era and am willing to share them. Some of his fellow officers: LT Gayhart, LT Hatch, LT Arndt. MAJ Hammerly, Bass, CPT Brant, MAJ Miller, CPT Westfall, & LT Blohm.

My father, Glade S Wittwer was born in Washington County, Utah, in 1922. In 1939, at age 17, he joined the Utah National Guard. Because he had some college, he quickly rose from PVT to SSGT.

WWII was already being fought in Europe when the National Guard was Nationalized & called into Federal Service. Pappy was training with the recently reactivated 40th Division at San Luis Obispo by at least August of 1940. While he was training, he wrote frequently to his college sweetheart, Phyllis Lightner. He married her on Sept 26, 1942.

She saved all or nearly all the letters he wrote & collected other items in several scrapbooks. In all, I have transcribed or copied more than 640 items related to Pappy's service & his marriage.

I acquired the letters after Pappy's death in 2012; Mom died in 2015. The letters were stored in a large cardboard box, which had been stored in the basement of their home. At one point the basement flooded, causing humidity-related and water damage to the letters.

I began transcribing the letters late in 2012, but I was still working at the time, so my progress was slow. I have finished the job.

I am attaching examples of some of the transcribed letters for your examination.

Credit is given to Mr. Glade “Witt” Wittwer JR for the work he has done to restore and publish the letters.

The letters are copyrighted, the 13th Engineer Bn. Association has permission to publish his work. Permission to republish must have Glade Wittwer JR written approval. Will provide contact information upon request.

**LETTER FROM GLADE WITTWER TO HIS WIFE**

Seoul, Korea  
3 November 1948  
[Wednesday]

My Darling,

This is going to be another one of those short notes.

We have finally solved the light situation. We located a kerosene lamp and sent Lee downtown to buy a chimney for it. It works fine and we are now out of the dark.

Went pheasant hunting this afternoon. Really had a wonderful time. I got two birds and was I thrilled! All of the shots were very difficult. I think my shooting has improved. Out of twelve shots we had seven hits and actually got three of the birds. [Moe?] and I think we are heap big hunters.

Will be moving to a new area next wed, but I will still keep my present quarters. Will make things much handier as the outfit will only be about 2½ min walk from here. The[re] will also be a better theater, and the outfit will be nearer town. I think we will like it much better.

Would like to have had a letter from you today but no such luck.

Hope to do better tomorrow. Now that we have a [sane?] way of having light I hope to be more punctual about writing to you.

I'm still not rid of my stinking cold, but I'm trying desperately to be rid of it by the time I see you in Japan.

If I sounded discouraged or unhappy last night It was because of my cold, and the fact that the PX's have all closed.

Have decided against sending another package home as I think you may not be there long enough to get it.

Be sure and let me know when you are alerted, and I will make every effort to meet you when you come down the gangway. That is going to be the day!

I love you so very much darling, I can hardly wait until I see you again. if it wasn't so necessary, I wouldn't wait either.

I love you with all my heart.

Yours always,  
Whit

[ED: I have made edits in brackets. I have no idea who "Moe or Mac" is (if I have interpreted it correctly).]

GLADE WITTWER-PAPPY



PHYLLIS WITTWER-MOM



13TH ENGINEER BATTALION CREST



There was no envelope with this letter. It was folded into the one for the previous day, 2<sup>nd</sup> November (& that envelope is lost).

## **MAJOR BATTLES OF KOREAN WAR**

### **The Battle of Inchon:**

The Battle of Inchon was an amphibious invasion and battle of the Korean War that resulted in a decisive victory and strategic reversal in favor of the United Nations (UN). The operation involved some 75,000 troops and 261 naval vessels, and led to the recapture of the South Korean capital Seoul two weeks later.

The battle began on September 15, 1950, and ended September 19. Through a surprise amphibious assault far from the Pusan Perimeter that UN and South Korean forces were desperately defending, the largely undefended city of Incheon was secured after being bombed by UN forces. The battle ended a string of victories by the invading North Korean People's Army (NKPA). The subsequent UN recapture of Seoul partially severed NKPA's supply lines in South Korea.

The majority of United Nations ground forces involved were U.S. Marines, commanded by General of the Army Douglas MacArthur. MacArthur was the driving force behind the operation, overcoming the strong misgivings of more cautious generals to a risky assault over extremely unfavorable terrain.

### **Battle of Chosin Reservoir:**

On October 25, 1950, with General Douglas MacArthur's United Nations forces closing in a victorious end to the Korean War, Communist Chinese forces began pouring across the border. Striking the spread out UN troops with overwhelming force, they compelled them to retreat all across the front. In northeastern Korea, the US X Corps, led by Major General Ned Almond, was strung out with its units unable to support each other. Those units near the Chosin (Changjin) Reservoir included the 1st Marine Division and elements of the 7th Infantry Division.

### **Battle of Bloody Ridge:**

The Battle of Bloody Ridge was a military engagement fought between the United Nations forces and the communist army of North Korea, from August 18 to September 5, 1951, in Gangwon province, about 10 miles north of the 38th parallel, during the Korean War. The UN forces were composed of the US 2nd Infantry Division (8th Army), under the command of General Ruffner, and South Korean troops. On the morning of August 18, 1951, the 36th Regiment of the 2nd Division launched an assault on one of the peaks of Bloody Ridge to destroy enemy observation posts, from which the enemy directed artillery fire on UN positions.

### **Battle of Heartbreak Ridge:**

The Battle of Heartbreak Ridge was a month-long battle in the Korean War fought between September 13 and October 15, 1951. The Battle of Heartbreak Ridge was one of several major engagements in an area known as "The Punchbowl", which served as an important Communist staging area. The United Nations first initiated limited operations to seize the high ground surrounding the Punchbowl in late July.

The battle site is located in the hills of North Korea a few miles north of the 38th parallel north (the prewar boundary between North and South Korea), near Chorwon.

**Battle of the Pusan Perimeter:**

The Battle of Pusan Perimeter was a long and extensive military engagement between the United Nations forces and the communist army of North Korea, from August 4 to September 16, 1950, in Pusan and its surrounding area, South Korea, during the Korean War. This battle marked the end of Operation Pokpoong, which was the code-name for the North Korean invasion of South Korea, which had begun on June 25, 1950. The Pusan Perimeter was the furthest reach of this communist invasion and from which the tide of the aggression would be reverted by the Allies.

The UN forces that defended the Pusan Perimeter was composed of the 1st Cavalry Division, 24th Infantry Division, and the 25th Infantry Division, the three units belonging to the US Eighth Army, under General Walton Walker; fighting alongside the US forces against the communists were 56,000 South Korean troops. By September 10, these forces had been reinforced by other US and British units, such as the 1st Provisional Marine Brigade and the 27th Commonwealth Brigade.

**Operation Killer:**

The primary objective of Operation Killer was to annihilate enemy forces below the Arizona line. However, the enemy had begun a general withdrawal, offering only scant resistance in the area and immediately on the end of this Operation Ridgway initiated Operation Ripper, which was basically to advance and secure positions suitable for staging a general assault to recapture Seoul and again reach the 38th Parallel.

**Implications:**

These major battles of the Korean War were significant in the war because they allowed certain countries a heads up in the war. All the battles included the United States. South Korea was never alone. The United States fought in almost every battle against North Korea or Communist China. The United States was a fighting country and never gave up. They defended every boundary in the war which helped them to victory.



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Those who served with us  
Those who served after us  
**AND ESPECIALLY**  
Those who gave their lives

