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Lest We Forget

The Korean war is nearly two years old.

It is not an old war as wars go—nor even a very big one. But in terms of human and material waste, it ranks as one of the most savage in history.

Statistics showed yesterday that more than 5,000,000 men, women and children have died or have been injured since the Communists lunged into South Korea June 25, 1950.

Korea itself has been maimed. Homes, crops, personal possessions, government buildings and schools have been destroyed. It is impossible to put a price on tragedy but officials estimate the damage at least \$2,000,000,000.

To wage this "little war," as it has been called, the United States alone has spent about \$15,000,000,000 or about 10 per cent of the total national budget for the past two years.

More than 4,000,000 Korean civilians have fled their homes to live in incredible misery in crowded hovels or open country. Reports indicate thousands of troops and civilians in North Korea are suffering or dying of cholera and the plague.

This is only part of the story. No statistics can measure the pain, the suffering, the heartbreak, the loss of time the war has meant for hundreds of thousands of troops on both sides.

Total Korean casualties are greater than Americans suffered in all the wars in which they engaged. Even in World War II, only Russia, Germany, Japan and Poland suffered greater losses.

American casualties so far total 107,965, including 18,930 DEAD, 761,675 wounded and 1,134 captured. South Korean forces have suffered 192,960 casualties, including 27,690 dead. Other Allied losses total 9,411 dead, wounding and missing.

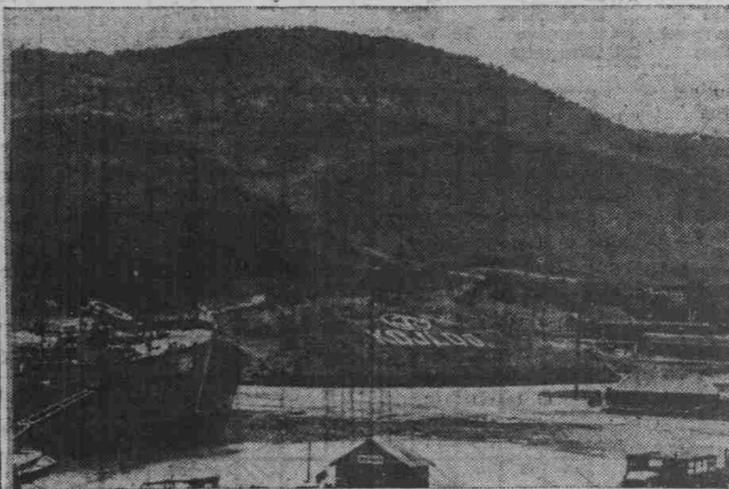
The Defense Department estimates Communist military casualties at 1,721,200. Civilian losses in North Korea are set at 1,500,000.

In South Korea, civilian war victims are estimated at more than 2,000,000. The Korean embassy here said this included 120,000 massacred by the Communists and another 240,000 who were killed by enemy fire or died of the hardships induced by war.

The Korean war goes on.



NEWLY-APPOINTED UN COMMANDER in the Far East, Gen Mark W. Clark (right) holds an informal conference at Munsan, Korea, shortly after UN truce delegate; Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway (left to right) are Vice Admiral C. Joy Turner, or he had flown from Tokyo. Pictured with him whom Clark is replacing and Gen. James A. Van Fleet, field commander in Korea. General Ridgway left by plane yesterday with his wife and three-year-old son for Europe.

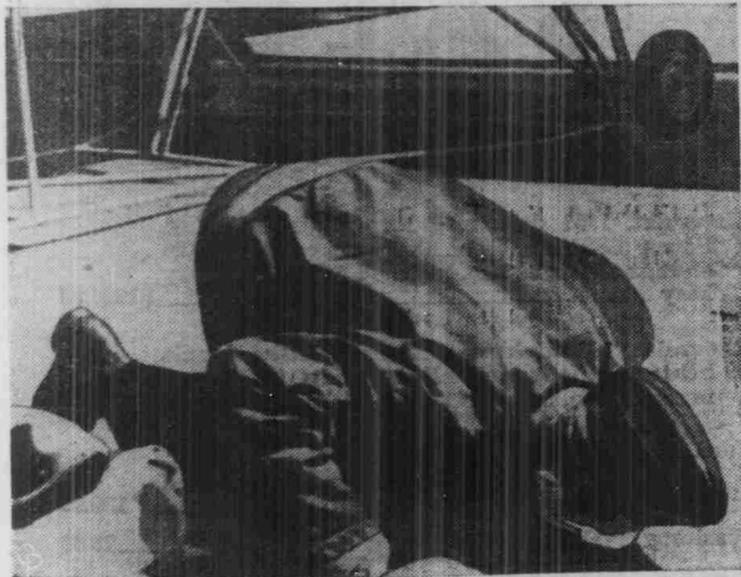


ADMITTEDLY SHOCKED AND SCARED, Betty Dodd, 21 (left), scans a news report in Seattle, Wash., for overseas dispatches concerning her father, Brig. Gen. Francis T. Dodd, UN camp commandant held hostage by Communist prisoners for four days. The General was released by the Reds Saturday. General Dodd said from Seoul yesterday that the Communists threatened to kill him and stage a mass break for freedom if 8th Army troops entered the camp where he was held. The UN had massed some 20 tanks in preparation for freeing the General when the Reds gave him up. In the first time he was permitted to tell his story of 78 hours spent as a hostage Dodd said, "They discussed with me the effects of the use of force. They informed me that if troops entered the compound, they would resist; that my life would be forfeited and that there would be a simultaneous break from all compounds on the island." Gen. Mark Clark, in a statement issued from Tokyo, accused the Communists of "unadulterated blackmail" in seizing Dodd. He said the whole incident was plotted for its propaganda effects. Clark disclosed that Gen. Charles F. Colson, who took Dodd's post, had to promise the prisoners "humane treatment" in the future and that he was forced to admit instances of "bloodshed where many prisoners of war have been killed or wounded by UN forces."

PW Drama



BRIG. GEN. Charles F. Colson who took over the command at Koje Island prisoner-of-war camp after the Reds captured and held Gen. Francis T. Dodd.



NEVER AGAIN to see the beauties of his native land. But so overjoyed at returning to his homeland is Pvt. A. Katsiotis, a Greek soldier, that he falls to his knees and kisses the soil of Athens. Pvt. Katsiotis was blinded while fighting in Korea.

CAPT. WILLIAM H. Gutches (photo on left) of Wallington, N. J., chalks up as he lands at a Korean airfield with 500 missions completed. At the end of World War II his total was 425.



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