

KOREA DMZ UNITS OFFICIAL REPORTS

2ND I.D.

Operational Report – Lessons Learned*

Figure 9. – from Leavenworth Papers Number 19 – Scenes from an Unfinished War

American maneuver battalion deployment as of 30 April 1969 (typical after 21 March 1968)

A. 2nd Infantry Division

On the DMZ

- ROK 99th Regimental Combat Team¹
 - 1-99 Infantry
 - 2-99 Infantry
 - 3-99 Infantry
- 4th Brigade, U.S. 2d Infantry Division²
 - 1-38 Infantry
 - 3-23 Infantry
- 3d Brigade, U.S. 2d Infantry Division
 - 2-38 Infantry
 - 2-9 Infantry (Mechanized)
 - 3-32 Infantry³

South of the Imjin River

- 2d Brigade, U.S. 2d Infantry Division
 - 1-9 Infantry
 - 2-23 Infantry (Mechanized)
 - 1-72 Armor
- 1st Brigade, U.S. 2d Infantry Division
 - 1-23 Infantry
 - 2-72 Armor
- Division Reaction Force
 - 4-7 Cavalry
 - Counter Agent Company

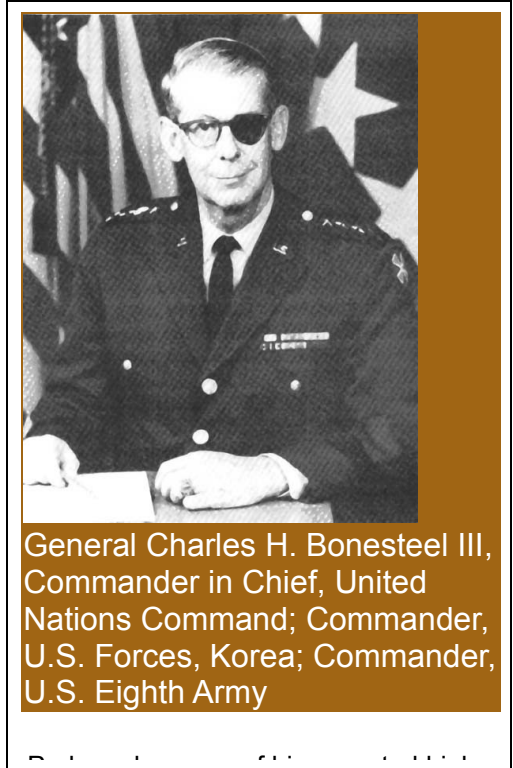
Unit *omitted* by DoD and VA that was actually on the DMZ per official reports

2nd Infantry Division
Units Listed by DoD and VA as “on the DMZ”

1/38th Infantry
2/38th Infantry
1/23rd Infantry
2/23rd Infantry
3/23rd Infantry
3/32nd Infantry*
1/9th Infantry
2/9th Infantry
2/31st Infantry*
1/72nd Armor
2/72nd Armor
4/7th Cavalry

The Second Korean Conflict flared up in November 1966. By the time it sputtered to an ill-defined end more than three years later, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea had challenged the allies in every category of low-intensity conflict and failed. One would think that this case might merit a great deal of study-if only as a possible counterpoint to the usual litany of lessons about Vietnam.

Thus, the Second Korean Conflict has drifted into obscurity, a curious episode, a footnote to the Vietnam era.



B. 7th Infantry Division

Chorwon Valley

- 3d Brigade, U.S. 7th Infantry Division

- 1-31 Infantry
- 2-31 Infantry
- 1-32 Infantry
- 2-32 Infantry

Units *omitted* by DoD and VA that were actually on the DMZ, per official reports

- 1st Brigade, U.S. 7th Infantry Division

- 1-17 infantry (Mechanized)
- 2-17 Infantry (Mechanized)
- 1-73 Armor
- 2-10 Cavalry

- 22d Royal Thai Company

7th Infantry Division
Units Listed by DoD and VA as "on the DMZ"

1/17th Infantry
2/17th Infantry
2/31st Infantry*
3/32nd Infantry*
1/73rd Armor
2/10th Cavalry

¹Under the operational control of the U.S. 2d Infantry Division.

²Actually, the 2d Brigade, U.S. 7th Infantry Division, under operational control of the U.S. 2d Infantry Division.

³From the U.S. 7th Infantry Division, under operational control of 3d Brigade, U.S. 2d Infantry Division.

***Source: 2d ID. "operational Report-Lessons Learned. Headquarters, 2d Infantry Division. Period Ending 30 April 1969 (U)," UNCLASSIFIED, Inclosure 1**

Strategic objective:

- Defend the Republic of Korea against aggression by the Democratic Republic of Korea (North Korea)

Operational objectives:

- Defend against conventional invasion.
- Defend against unconventional operations/ insurgencies.
- Anti-infiltration (DMZ/coast).
- Counterinsurgency (interior).

Strategic objectives:

- Restrain Republic of Korea actions.
- Conduct operations in an economy-of-force role (do not dilute the U.S. Vietnam War effort).

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