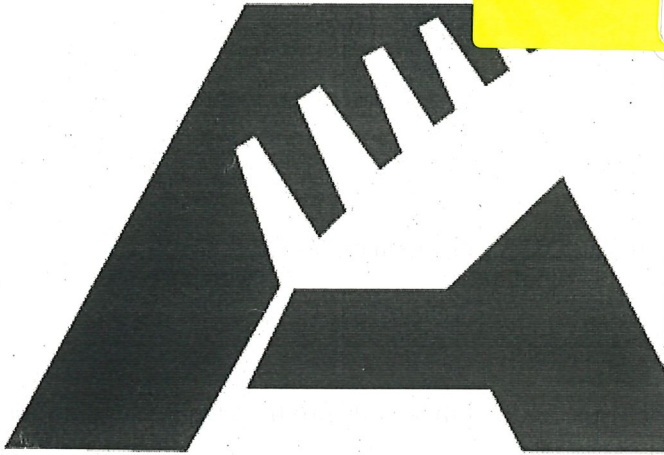


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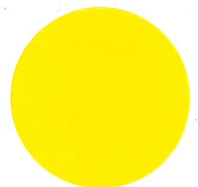
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1947 - 1953 Korean War





1948

7 May

New Zealand

On 7 May 1948 the Army peacetime establishment was 333 officers and 2722 other ranks.

1950

25 June

South Korea

Troops of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea invaded their southern neighbour, the Republic of Korea.

1950

26 July

New Zealand

The Government announced its decision to send Kayforce to serve with the United Nations ground forces in Korea. In nine days some 5982 men had volunteered for service.

1950

1 November

New Zealand

The *New Zealand Army Act 1950* received Royal assent. Among other things, the country's army was officially entitled for the first time "The New Zealand Army".

1950

31 December

South Korea

Kayforce arrived by sea at Pusan, South Korea on 31 December 1950. The original composition of the force was the 16th Field Regiment, RNZA; a signals troop, a transport platoon, a light aid detachment, and a small reinforcement training unit at a total strength of 70 officers and 974 other ranks.

1951

29 January

South Korea

On 29 January 1951 16th Field Regiment, RNZA; part of the 27 British Commonwealth Infantry Brigade, fired its first round in anger – the first of the more than 750,000 the unit fired during the Korean War.

1951

March

New Zealand

The Army, Navy, and Air Force supplied personnel to work on New Zealand's wharves as a result of the watersiders' industrial dispute.

1951

24 April

South Korea

16th Field Regiment, RNZA fought at the Battle of Kap'young in support of the Australians, helping to halt a Chinese advance. The New Zealanders were awarded a South Korean Presidential Citation for their efforts.

1951

July

South Korea

In July 1951 the New Zealand units in Korea were amalgamated to become part of the 1st (Commonwealth) Division.

1951

December

India and Pakistan

NZ provides three military observers to UNIMOGIP (United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan).

1952

January

Kashmir

Three officers of the Territorial Force were seconded to the United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan supervising the cease-fire between India and Pakistan. Officers, including many members of the Territorial Force on short-service commissions, were seconded to this force until 1976.

1953

27 July

North Korea

On 27 July 1953 an armistice was signed in North Korea at 1000 hours and came into effect 12 hours later. The last elements of Kayforce returned to New Zealand in 1957. 3,794 soldiers served in Korea during the war; 33 died on active service; 79 were wounded, and one was taken prisoner.

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