

Saturday June 24, 1950 (Day -1)



Sun Rise 0511 1953

Moon Rise 1337 0041

Moon Phase 68% 9 days

Weather

Korean Climate

Mean Temp 20.9°C 69.62°F at Taegu

Heavy Overcast

1950 Pacific Typhoon Season

Korea Temps - 1950-1953 - Station 143 (Daegu)

Overview



A U.N. commission today reported after checking the ROK's disposition along the parallel, that they were engaged:

"in rounding up guerrillas and were, in any case, entirely lacking in the armor, heavy artillery, and air support necessary to carry off an invasion of North Korea."

It is rather too bad that the UN did not have any observers on the other side of the parallel, because the NKPA were not passing time as innocently as the Southerners.



The 8th Bombardment Squadron (Light) was stationed at Yokota Air Base, outside Tokyo, but today was at Ashiya Kyushu Japan for a FEAF air-defense readiness test.



The squadron flew B-26's and would soon put its testing to the test.

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During the period 15-24 June the North Korean Command moved all Regular Army divisions to the close vicinity of the 38th Parallel, and deployed them along their respective planned lines of departure for the attack on South Korea. Some of these units came from the distant north. Altogether, approximately 80,000 men with their equipment joined those already along the Parallel.

They succeeded in taking their positions for the assault without being detected. The attack units included 7 infantry divisions, 1 armored brigade, 1 separate infantry regiment, 1 motorcycle regiment, and 1 Border Constabulary brigade. This force numbered approximately 90,000 men supported by 150 [T34 tanks](#).

[General Chai Ung Jun](#) commanded it. All the thrusts were to follow major roads. In an arc of forty miles stretching from [Kaesŏng](#) on the west to [Ch'ŏrwŏn](#) on the east the North Koreans concentrated more than half their infantry and artillery and most of their tanks for a converging attack on Sŏul. The main attack was to follow the Uijŏngbu Corridor, an ancient invasion route leading straight south to Sŏul. [03-2]

[\[note\]](#)



by 24 June, [the attack units] were poised at their lines of departure for attack. Officers told their men that they were on maneuvers but most of the latter realized by 23-24 June that it was war. [03-6]

[\[note\]](#)



By late June 1950 [Darrigo](#) had been at the 38th Parallel for almost six months, a "record" tour in the revolving door [KMAG](#).

He rightly believed that he had become an expert on the ROK Army and the opposing NKPA.

Darrigo's perception of the situation was starkly clear. The NKPA was without any doubt preparing for invasion at any moment. His war warnings had made no discernible impression on [KMAG](#) or Sŏul. Despite all his tactful prodding, his outfit - and the ROK Army - was still not properly alerted and disposed for battle. There was still no sense of alarm or urgency.

Half or more of the [1st Division](#) troops were on pass or furlough; only one rifle company of Darrigo's [12th Regiment](#) was deployed at the parallel.[2-74]

[\[note\]](#)



By this time [Capt. Joseph R. Darrigo](#) was sharing his house with his young, newly arrived [K MAG](#) assistant, [Lieutenant William E. Hamilton](#).

On Saturday afternoon, June 24 (Korean time), Hamilton decided he would drive down to Söul to "pick up supplies" and, perhaps, enjoy a night on the town.

When Darrigo went to bed that night he felt distinctly lonely; he was the only American Army officer at the 38th Parallel.[2-77]

[\[note\]](#)



On 24 June 1950 a [U.N. commission](#), having made observations along the 38th parallel, could find no evidence that the ROK was using its military force for illegitimate ends; it reported that ROK troops thereabouts were engaged solely

"in rounding up guerrillas and were, in any case, entirely lacking in the armor, heavy artillery, and air support necessary to carry off an invasion of North Korea."



Unfortunately, [China](#) and [Russia](#) had been preparing the North Korean regime for an offensive war. For its basic combat strength the North Korean People's Army (NKPA) had raised three regular infantry divisions (10,970 men each), an independent mixed brigade approaching division strength, and five constabulary brigades. The divisions had been formed around seasoned officers and noncommissioned officers who had fought with the Chinese Communist Forces ([CCF](#)); the commanding general of the [NKPA 3rd Division](#), for example, had been a member of the [CCF Eighth Route Army](#).



The battle-wise cadres were made up of Koreans who, during the Japanese occupation of their country, had fled to China where, in the [Yan'an region](#), they had been organized into a [Korean Volunteer Army](#) for service with the CCF against the [Chinese Nationalists](#).

Many had been in the [Korean Volunteer Army](#) for service with the CCF against the Chinese Nationalists.

[\[note\]](#)

0000 Korean Time

Central	East Coast	Zulu	Korea
07/30/50 9:00 AM	07/30/50 10:00 AM	07/30/50 3:00 PM	07/31/50 12:00 AM

0100 Korean Time

Central	East Coast	Zulu	Korea
07/30/50 10:00 AM	07/30/50 11:00 AM	07/30/50 4:00 PM	07/31/50 1:00 AM

0200 Korean Time

Central	East Coast	Zulu	Korea
07/30/50 11:00 AM	07/30/50 12:00 PM	07/30/50 5:00 PM	07/31/50 2:00 AM

0300 Korean Time

Central	East Coast	Zulu	Korea
07/30/50 12:00 PM	07/30/50 1:00 PM	07/30/50 6:00 PM	07/31/50 3:00 AM

0400 Korean Time

Central	East Coast	Zulu	Korea
07/30/50 1:00 PM	07/30/50 2:00 PM	07/30/50 7:00 PM	07/31/50 4:00 AM

0500 Korean Time

Central	East Coast	Zulu	Korea
07/30/50 2:00 PM	07/30/50 3:00 PM	07/30/50 8:00 PM	07/31/50 5:00 AM

0511 Sunrise

0600 Korean Time

Central	East Coast	Zulu	Korea
07/30/50 3:00 PM	07/30/50 4:00 PM	07/30/50 9:00 PM	07/31/50 6:00 AM

0700 Korean Time

Central	East Coast	Zulu	Korea
07/30/50 4:00 PM	07/30/50 5:00 PM	07/30/50 10:00 PM	07/31/50 7:00 AM

0800 Korean Time

Central	East Coast	Zulu	Korea
07/30/50 5:00 PM	07/30/50 6:00 PM	07/30/50 11:00 PM	07/31/50 8:00 AM

0900 Korean Time

Central	East Coast	Zulu	Korea
07/30/50 6:00 PM	07/30/50 7:00 PM	07/31/50 12:00 AM	07/31/50 9:00 AM

1000 Korean Time

Central	East Coast	Zulu	Korea
07/30/50 7:00 PM	07/30/50 8:00 PM	07/31/50 1:00 AM	07/31/50 10:00 AM

1100 Korean Time

Central	East Coast	Zulu	Korea
07/30/50 8:00 PM	07/30/50 9:00 PM	07/30/50 2:00 AM	07/31/50 11:00 AM

1200 Korean Time

Central	East Coast	Zulu	Korea
07/30/50 9:00 PM	07/30/50 10:00 PM	07/31/50 3:00 AM	07/31/50 12:00 PM

1300 Korean Time

Central	East Coast	Zulu	Korea
07/30/50 10:00 PM	07/30/50 11:00 PM	07/31/50 4:00 AM	07/31/50 1:00 PM

1400 Korean Time

Central	East Coast	Zulu	Korea
07/30/50 11:00 PM	07/31/50 12:00 AM	07/31/50 5:00 AM	07/31/50 2:00 PM

1500 Korean Time

Central	East Coast	Zulu	Korea
07/31/50 12:00 AM	07/31/50 1:00 AM	07/31/50 6:00 AM	07/31/50 3:00 PM

1600 Korean Time

Central	East Coast	Zulu	Korea
07/31/50 1:00 AM	07/31/50 2:00 AM	07/31/50 7:00 AM	07/31/50 4:00 PM

1700 Korean Time

Central	East Coast	Zulu	Korea
07/31/50	07/31/50	07/31/50	07/31/50
2:00 AM	3:00 AM	8:00 AM	5:00 PM

1800 Korean Time

Central	East Coast	Zulu	Korea
07/31/50	07/31/50	07/31/50	07/31/50
3:00 AM	4:00 AM	9:00 AM	6:00 PM

1900 Korean Time

Central	East Coast	Zulu	Korea
07/31/50	07/31/50	07/31/50	07/31/50
4:00 AM	5:00 AM	10:00 AM	7:00 PM

1953 Sunset

2000 Korean Time

Central	East Coast	Zulu	Korea
07/31/50	07/31/50	07/31/50	07/31/50
5:00 AM	6:00 AM	11:00 AM	8:00 PM

2100 Korean Time

Central	East Coast	Zulu	Korea
07/31/50	07/31/50	07/31/50	07/31/50
6:00 AM	7:00 AM	12:00 PM	9:00 PM

2200 Korean Time

Central	East Coast	Zulu	Korea
07/31/50	07/31/50	07/31/50	07/31/50
7:00 AM	8:00 AM	1:00 PM	10:00 PM

2300 Korean Time

Central	East Coast	Zulu	Korea
07/31/50	07/31/50	07/31/50	07/31/50
8:00 AM	9:00 AM	2:00 PM	11:00 PM

Casualties

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Date	USAF	FUSA	USMC	CUSN	Other	Total
Previous						
Losses						
To Date						

Aircraft Losses Today 000

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