

Why Forgotten? The Korean War

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How can a war be “forgotten”? This question kept haunting me following the presentation by the Korean War Veterans of Lake County. How can a war not be a war when soldiers fight for a country's freedom? How can people in our country not know a war was going on? Why was the Korean war so different? Was it important? How could any war not be important. I wanted to know.

In my notes I circled information I had, such as; police action, Russian tanks, drafted not knowing why, China was going to attack, many soldiers died, freezing mud and snow, -20o, didn't defeat the enemy, communism is not freedom, families and houses a mess, so many pieces of information about a war I did not know. A war that must have been important for the United States to send soldiers. I needed to know more.

On the KWVA website I found my answers. In the information section I read about why we went to war. I read the North Koreans and the Russian Army invaded the South Koreans and wanted to make the whole country communist. We had an agreement with Russia that each section would remain divided and they broke the agreement. The United States sent troops to stop them and we had help from our allies to hold them off. I also read the United States almost went to war with China, but we were able to negotiate a treaty to put everything back to normal. All this was in three years. but many soldiers died. Today South Korea is strong and beautiful because the United States came to help keep their freedom.

I know now that the Korean War was very important. I am very proud as an American that we helped keep South Korea free. This war, and the soldiers who served and died should never be forgotten.

the sudden they were on a train. (Korea)

- 18 weeks base training.
- ~~Worst~~ Worst and best of times.
- One of the men training them was a Korean veteran.

~~Didn't know why they were there.~~

- Complete mess back then, but now it's beautiful.

~~Everyone asked them why they were there.~~

• 194~~1~~~~0~~. In Japan

• IF they didn't drop a bomb 1 million would be dead.

• 25, ~~000~~ 324 killed in Revolutionary war.

• Medal of honor. Highest award given.

• Korea was called the "Forgotten War."

• "Freedom isn't free."

• ~~Thought~~ Thought China was going to attack,

but gave them money and Christmas cards.

• Bwak songyoong. Set up the orphanages on mainland.

~~They all got a certificate for serving.~~

*• They all got a certificate for serving.

• Most of them weighed 100 pounds when came back.

• Never really slept under a

• Army cooks were good.

roof.

(Went before they were 20.)

Essay Notes

number to the knights → 214-2100



Notes

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www.

website →

• <http://cip169.kwva.org> #Info

• www.kvvet.com

• 1950 6 of them have been (selected) drafted.

• Told that it was their duty to go.

• Took three ships 1) Japan, 2) Korea.

• Unable to stop them, Russian tanks,

• Had men die, sniper squads, Unpleasant experience.

• Never knew where they were Mud, snow, -20°, froze to death.

• Most Americans didn't know a war was going on.

• 18,000 nationally. 5 members in their chapter.

• Didn't defeat their enemies like WWII.

• ~~more more~~ Today Korea is beautiful. Back then buildings were burned down.

• "Communism does not mean freedom."

• U.S.S. saint Paul

• Communists were taking over China.

• A lot of families houses were messed, and they helped them with food, clothes, medical, music

• Reunion with St. Paul ship.

• 1951 college of Wisconsin (finished) all of