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Korea.....1950 - 1953

The Korean War was an escalation of border clashes between two rival Korean regimes, each of which was supported by external powers, with each trying to topple the other through political and guerilla tactics. In a very narrow sense, some may refer to it as a civil war, though many other factors were at play.

Ater failing to strengthen their cause in the free elections held in South Korea during May 1950 and the refusal of South Korea to hold new elections per North Korean demands, the communist North Korean Army moved south on June 25, 1950 to attempt to reunite the Korean peninsula, which had been formally divided since 1948.

The conflict was then expanded by the United States and the Soviet Union's involvement as part of the larger Cold War. The main hostilities were during the period from June 25, 1950 until the armistice (ceasefire agreement) was signed on July 27, 1953.



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Photographer: Sidney Sherriff, Royal Armoured Corps 1949 - 1951

A Royal Armoured Corps long range patrol group under the command of Sidney Sherriff carries out a reconnaissance mission behind enemy lines in Korea. The group is equipped with Dingo **F47949 / 03ZS01** and Daimler armoured cars.

Note the use of pneumatic tyres and the resulting need to carry a spare





Dingo of 11 Troop 7th Royal Signals at Imjim, Korea 1951. (Taken by George Barnes)

Dingo **F205464 / 05ZS00** 'This was my baby during the conflict. We got in a few tight spots but survived. We done recce's and moved important people around'.

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Title: THE KOREAN WAR 1950 - 1953

Description: A team of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers mechanics about to commence work on a Daimler Armoured Ca**r F207727**. They are, left to right, Corporal Kenneth Whitfiled, Craftsman Leslie Robinson, Lance Corporal David Flanagan and Craftsman Pat Wells.







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This Daimler Amoured Car of the 8th King's Royal Irish Hussars is pictured a few minutes after it had run over an enemy mine in a road north of the 38th Parallel in Korea. The car was disabled but the crew of three escaped uninjured. The officer on the left is Lieutenant Atkins.





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Hobson, Phillip Oliver, South Korea, January 1951

An unidentified New Zealand Army soldier in a Daimler Dingo armoured or scout car, talks to a sergeant who is standing next to the vehicle. The 16th New Zealand Field Artillery Regiment has recently arrived in Korea to reinforce the 27th Brigade. The regiment is occupied with setting up their camp. Note the tents in the background.





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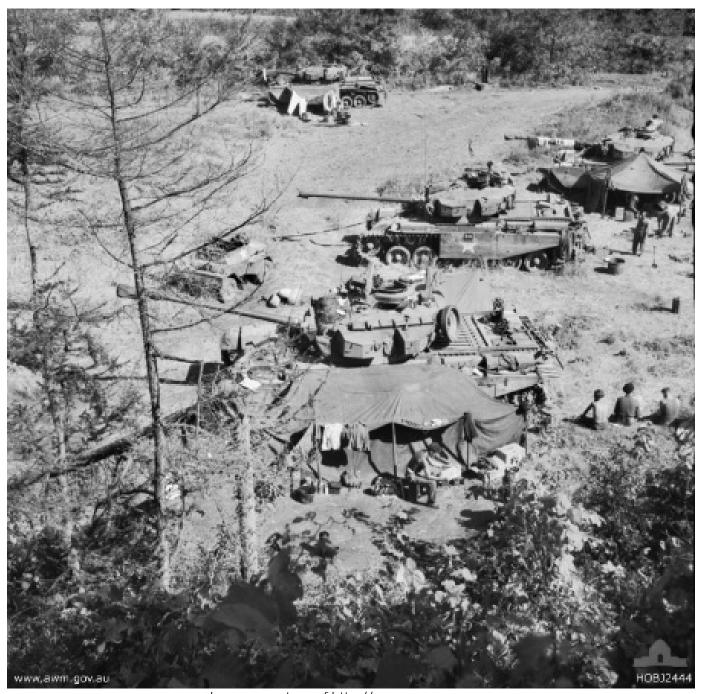


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Korea. c. 1951. Their job of supporting the Australian Battalion in its push against the Chinese in Korea finished for the time being, a troop of B Squadron, 8th King's Royal Irish Hussars, takes it easy on the flat.

Wherever troops rest in Korea it is always time for washing.

The Hussars are no exception, though they do have something the infantry hasn't got, portable clothes line in the shape of the long raking 20 pounder guns of the Centurion tanks. The 8th Army Commander, General Van Fleet, recently described the Centurion's role as "truly remarkable maneuvering in country for which I am sure no tank was ever designed

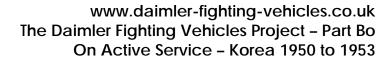






Image courtesy of http://www.natlib.govt.nz/
Photographer by Ian Mackley
Description: Cpl. Doug Pilcher, Christchurch, servicing a scout car **02ZS12 / F205391**at workshops operated by the Kayforce Transport Platoon." Photograph taken in Korea.
November 1951

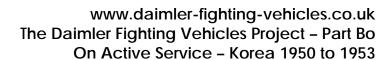






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Photographer by Ian Mackley
Description: Major K G Miles operating the radio in his scout car 03ZS13 / F48037, Korea –
November 1951







Photographer: Sidney Sherriff, Royal Armoured Corps 1949 – 1951

Description: A Royal Armoured Corps long range patrol group set up a fire base under the command of Sidney Sherriff. The group is equipped with Dingo **F47685 / 09ZS70** and Daimler armoured cars.





Photographer: Sidney Sherriff, Royal Armoured Corps 1949 – 1951

Description: A Royal Armoured Corps long range patrol group set up a fire base under the command of Sidney Sherriff. The group is equipped with Dingo F47685 09ZS70 HARGREAVES and Daimler armoured cars.



Photographer: Sidney Sherriff, Royal Armoured Corps 1949 – 1951



Description: A cold night in the open for the crew of Daimler armoured car 88ZR09 and scout car F47949 / 03ZS01



Photographer: Sidney Sherriff, Royal Armoured Corps 1949 – 1951

Description: The troopers are equipped with the proven waterproof and warm tank suit, for operation in these cold climes.





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Description: Scout car **HARPENDEN** and Daimler armoured car **88ZR09** loaded onto rail flat cars for long distance transportation.



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Description: Both the crews and the Scout cars **HASTINGS** and **03ZS81** get a wash and brush up in the river. However judging by the usage of the shovels driving the cars into the wet sand might not have been a bright idea.