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- 25 June North Korean forces cross border of South Korea. North Korean Peoples Army (NKPA) numbers approximately 135,000 men. Republic of Korea (ROK) Army contains 98,000 soldiers.
- 25 June - 7 July The United Nations Security Council passes four resolutions calling on UN member nations to assist the ROK. President Truman names General of the Army Douglas MacArthur as Commander in Chief of United Nations Command
- 27 June U.S. Air Force launches the first air strikes of the war downing two North Korean aircraft.
- 28 June NKPA forces capture Seoul.**
- 29 June U.S. Navy warships conduct the first naval bombardment of the war.
- 1 July Task Force Smith (1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division) arrives in Korea. U.S., British, and Australian warships initiate a naval blockade of North Korea. Flying from aircraft carriers, U.S. Navy and British Royal Navy aircraft strike targets in North Korea.
- 3 July Inchon falls to the NKPA.**
- 5 July Task Force Smith engages and delays advancing NKPA forces at Osan in first U.S. ground action of the war.
- 8-12 July Infantry stalls NKPA advances at Chochiwon.
- 10-18 July 25th Infantry and 1st Cavalry Divisions begin movement to Korea from Japan; 29th Regimental Combat Team sails from Okinawa for Korea; 2nd Infantry Division prepares to embark from Seattle.
- 13-17 July Lieutenant General Walton H. Walker, commanding Eighth U.S. Army in Korea, takes command of all U.S., ROK, and UN ground forces in Korea.
- 20 July Taejon is captured by NKPA; 24th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division, captures Yechon.**
- 31 July 5th Regimental Combat Team arrives in Korea from Hawaii.
- 3 August 1st Marine Provisional Brigade arrives in Korea.
- 4 August Eighth Army final defensive line (the Pusan Perimeter) is set up along the Naktong River.**
- 7 August Army and Marine units of Task Force Kean begin the first counterattack of the war.
- 8-18 August NKPA attempts to penetrate Pusan Perimeter and is repelled by 24th, 2nd, and 25th Infantry Divisions and 1st Marine Provisional Brigade in the First Battle of Naktong Bulge.**
- 15-20 August Elements of the 2nd and 25th Infantry Divisions and ROK 1st Division successfully defend Pusan Perimeter in Battle of the Bowling Alley west of Taegu.
- 31 August - 19 Sept. Second Battle of Naktong Bulge involving 1st Cav, 1st PMB, 2nd, 24th, and 25th Infantry Divisions.
- 15 Sept. U.S. X Corps, commanded by Major General Edward M. Almond, with the First Marine Division, conducts amphibious landing at Inchon.

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United Nations (UN) Defensive



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