



**THE MARINES OF EASY COMPANY, SECOND BATTALION, FIFTH MARINES,
FIRST MARINE DIVISION, KOREA**

THE KANSAS LINE, APRIL 1953

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**IMJIM RIVER VIEWED FROM THE KANSAS LINE. AFTER THE OUTPOST WARS OF VEGAS,
CARSON AND RENO**

**IN EARLY APRIL 1953, THE 5TH MARINE REGIMENT, 1ST MARINE DIVISION, WAS ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITY
FOR THE KANSAS LINE, THE SECONDARY MAIN LINE OF RESISTANCE (MLR). THE JAMESTOWN LINE WAS
PREVIOUSLY THEIR PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY**



THE OFFICERS OF EASY COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, FIFTH MARINES. APRIL 1953

(Only days after the Outpost Wars on Carson, Reno and Vegas)

(L to R) 2nd Lt. Carl P. Brandt, Platoon Leader, 1st Platoon; Capt. Herbert M. Lorence, Commanding Officer, Easy Company; 2nd Lt. Wolf, Platoon Leader, 3rd Platoon; 2nd Lt. Edgar R. Franz, Platoon Leader, 2nd Platoon





CAPTAIN HERBERT M. LORENCE USMC, COMMANDING OFFICER, EASY COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES, AWARDED THE NAVY CROSS FOR HIS ACTIONS ON OUTPOST VEGAS MARCH 1953 (E-2-5 COMMAND POST, APRIL 1953)



(L): TSgt. John Bain, Co. 1ST Sergeant (C): TSgt. Gerald F. Merna, Replacement Plt.Sgt. 1ST Plt. for (R): SSgt. "Trigger Jack" Williams

STAFF NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER'S (SNCO'S) AND NON COMMISSIONED OFFICER'S (NCO'S) OF E-2-5



(L): SSgt. Samuel Zavodny, Plt.Sgt., 3rd Plt. (C): TSgt. Arthur Juliano, Replacement Plt.Sgt for (R): Plt.Sgt. SSgt. William McKenzie,



Sgt. (name unknown) writing V-Mail letter (Unknown) Marine getting "Trigger Jack" haircut SSgt. Walt Baschnagel w/Carbine in bat cave



SSgt. Walter Baschnagel, as Replacement Machine Gun Plt.Sgt.

(Baschnagel Photos courtesy of Walt Baschnagel)



(L to R) Unknown Marine; SSgt. McKenzie; TSgt. Art Juliano; SSgt. Trigger Jack Williams; Unknown Marine



TSgt. Gerald F. Merna in Kansas Line Bunker



Army Engineers Command Post on reverse slope of Kansas Line



Bunkers strewn with barbed wire on Kansas Line





Artillery Fire (center) in front of the Kansas Line
(Photos by TSgt. Gerald F. Merna USMC)

BRITISH MILITARY POLICE ON KANSAS LINE, APRIL 1953

(Photos by TSgt. Gerald F. Merna USMC)



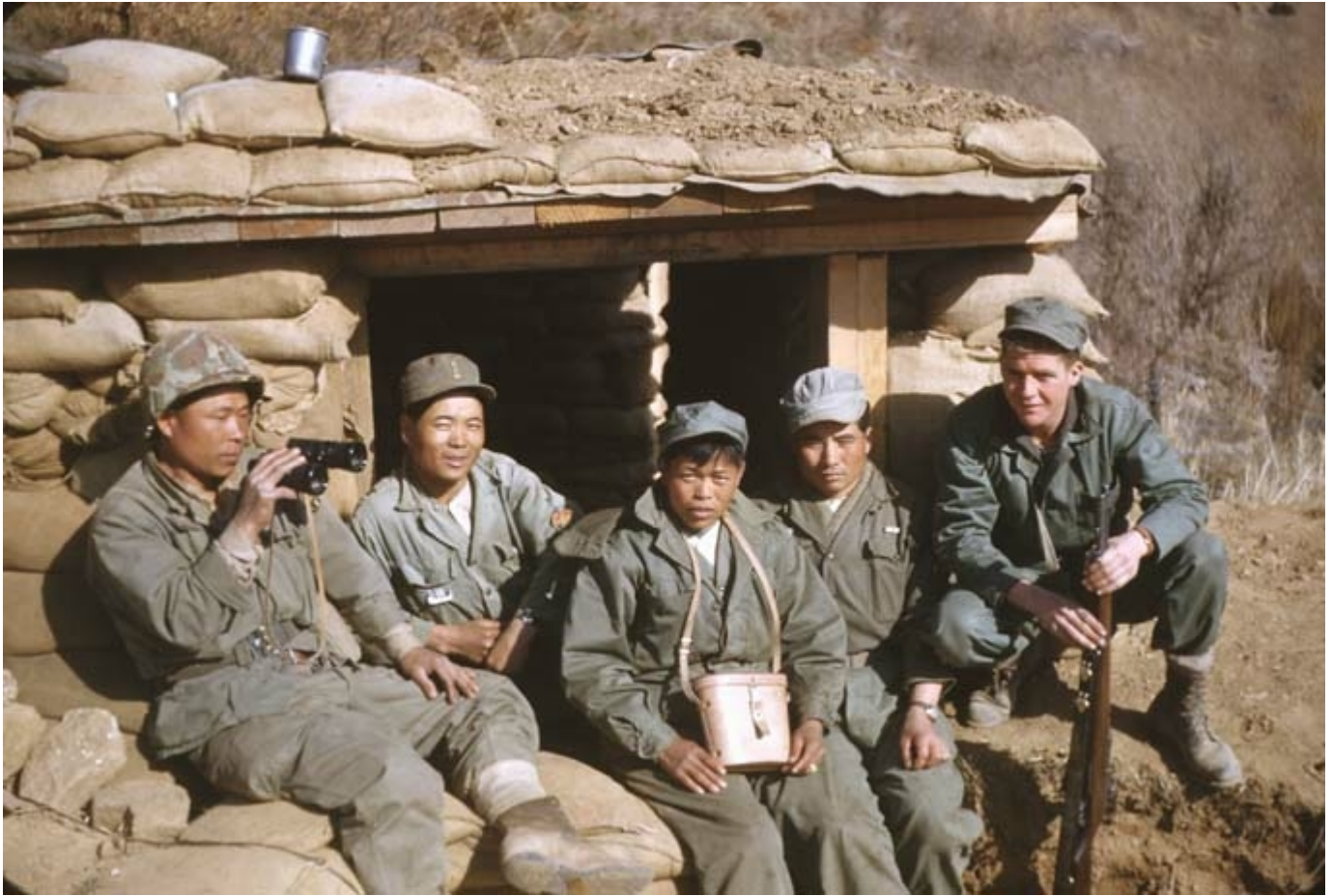
(Top) British Military Police Patrolling Kansas Line
(Below) TSgt. Gerald F. Merna with British Military Policemen

(Top) British Military Policemen
(Below) Sgt. Mooney with British Military Policemen



KOREAN SERVICE CORPS (KSC) ON THE KANSAS LINE, APRIL 1953

(Photos by TSgt. Gerald F. Merna USMC)



Sgt. Mooney with Korean Service Corps (KSC) Lieutenant and three KSC laborers on Kansas Line
(KSC's consisted of both military and non-military personnel who performed miscellaneous support functions for Marines)



TSgt. Gerald F. Merna



SSgt. Samuel (Sam) Zavodny with two Marines



KSC's Digging Trenches on Kansas Line

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Jazz Unit from 1st Marine Division Band Visits E-2-5

