



Holly and Hardin



Some history: before WWII the Japanese military occupied Korea and forced the Korean people to harvest their resources, and hence a lot of the trees were cut down and taken to Japan. So the trees that were growing during the time Dan was there were new growth, and other areas were barren because of over-harvesting by Japan.



Setting a charge in the trench on the hill for the new defense line built after the war. Korean civilians were hired to carry these 8x8 timbers up the hill to this location. These timbers formed the roof of the bunker before sand bags were placed on top.



Dan in the picture after the war and when he discovered he had shrapnel in his wrist from a battle on Pork Chop hill. The aid station was located at this post. During the war the wounded were brought to this location initially - similar to a MASH unit.



"View from on the hill looking toward battalion and the road we come up." November 1953. After the ceasefire where they were digging in the new line of defense with trenches and bunkers. The arrow points to where the battalion was located. The men had to march up a path each day to the new ridge. The various companies found what flat area they could to build their own little campsites where they would live in tents.



After the war Baisvert pointing to the Company area. "Me" marks where Dan's tent was located.



"My good friend Sergeant Meyers with our pets 'Tiny' and 'AWOL.'"

Sometime during the night on Pork Chop Hill, some shrapnel hit Dan in his wrist. At first he didn't realize he was hit. Even after he returned to the rear and the war ended he didn't notice it until one day he saw something black under his skin and he could feel it and realized it was some shrapnel.

Dan went to the battalion aide station and showed it to the medic. Dan described it this way: "The medic took a scalpel and cut the skin open, took out the piece of steel and then, clink, he dropped it into the pan. He cleaned up the wound, put a bandage on the cut, and gave me a tetanus shot and proceeded to chew my ass for not taking care of it right after I got hit...I told him that I didn't know I was hit - I didn't know that shrapnel was in there until it recently showed up."

Since this operation happened after the war and cease fire agreement, Dan was not awarded the Purple Heart.

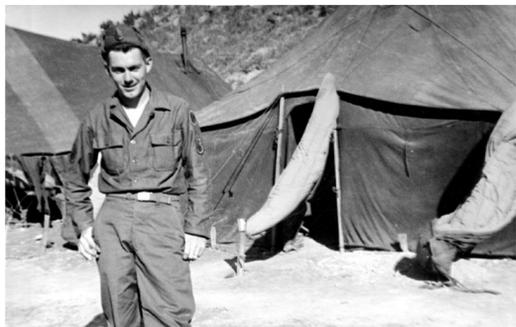
As I continued the interview, Dan expressed some embarrassment to even call it a wound since so many others had more serious injuries or lost their lives. This is so typical of the humility that our Veterans have and especially those who were in combat and have the mental scars from seeing their comrades wounded and killed in action.



Digging a new trench line after the war.



"1st Sergeant Hughes - First Sergeant of our company - a real rough guy. When he says jump we say how far. He also served during WWII."



"Thanksgiving Day in Company area on the first hill we were on."



October 1953 "Costello coming up the hill from the hall. Hungry guys standing in the chow line" They were heading back up to the front to continue building the new defensive line of trenches and bunkers.



October 1953 "Doc" Antowitz & Passaretti. Doc was hit on Pork Chop Hill, he just came back from the hospital when this picture was taken.



"Our home-made shower up near the front line - really a luxury!" The piping was held overhead by the X bracing.



November 1953 Blasting a bolder in the trench. They took the picture from behind a tree and still almost got clobbered by a rock. Explosives Engineers would come in and do the blasting and then Dan and the other men in the company would clean up the debris in the trenches.



Probably after the ceasefire agreement Dan in the middle standing with lighter shirt



"The big wheel, the General, inspecting our hill from the air."