

KOREAN WAR – FIRST UN COUNTEROFFENSIVE

After the successful Incheon Amphibious Landing and UN Forces attack to the Yalu River in the fall of 1950, China entered the Korean War and drove the UN Forces back deep into south Korea. In January 1951, the UN Forces started the First UN Counterattack Campaign; by April 21, the UN Forces had recaptured Seoul, had reached the Han River and reestablished the 38th Parallel. On April 22, the Chinese counterattacked again but UN Forces held. At the time, Ralph P Dixon was an Artillery Lieutenant forward observer. He was captured on April 21 and remained a Prisoner of War until September 4, 1953. Dixon entered the Army in 1944 and served in Europe during WWII. After the war he attended college and was commissioned as an Artillery Lieutenant in the Army. After being released from North Korea, he transferred to the Finance Corps. He served in Vietnam and retired as a Colonel.