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South Korea

United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission: South Korea

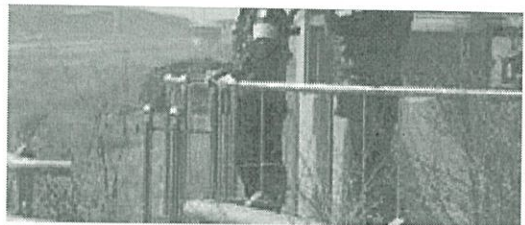
Three New Zealand Defence Force officers are involved in monitoring compliance of the Armistice Agreement between North and South Korea, while a fourth works as the contingent's senior national officer and the New Zealand Defence Attaché in Seoul.

Monitoring compliance to the Armistice requires the Kiwis to maintain an awareness of what is happening in their Area of Operations, and to know if activities breach the rules agreed between the two warring sides as laid out in the Armistice.

Where it is identified that breaches occur by either side, the NZDF personnel investigate them and report findings and recommendations to the United Nations Command (UNC) and the Military Armistice Commission (MAC) which is a joint Chinese / North Korean and UNC body. Related to this, the UNC side of the MAC (known as UNCMAC) also meets with the Korean People's Army (North Korean Army) as necessary to discuss Armistice related issues.

The United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission (UNCMAC) was created to supervise the Armistice Agreement of 1953, which was signed at the end of the Korean War.

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Sub Lieutenant Fraser Toulmin (yellow armband) at a United Nations Command Observation post overlooking the "punch bowl," an area which saw many fierce battles during the Korean War because of its strategic location.



New Zealand is one of 16 countries committed to the upholding of the Korean War Armistice agreement directly contributing to the mission within the DMZ.

Image caption: LT Darren Young in the DMZ, Korea.

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