



Korean War Unknowns Korean War Disinterment Project Phased Disinterment





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How many were interred?



- 867* Unknowns in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (NMCP)
 - 432 ROK (South Korea)
 - 416 DPRK (North Korea)
 - 19 additional remains recovered in the 1950s and 1960s



*1 Unknown interred in the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier



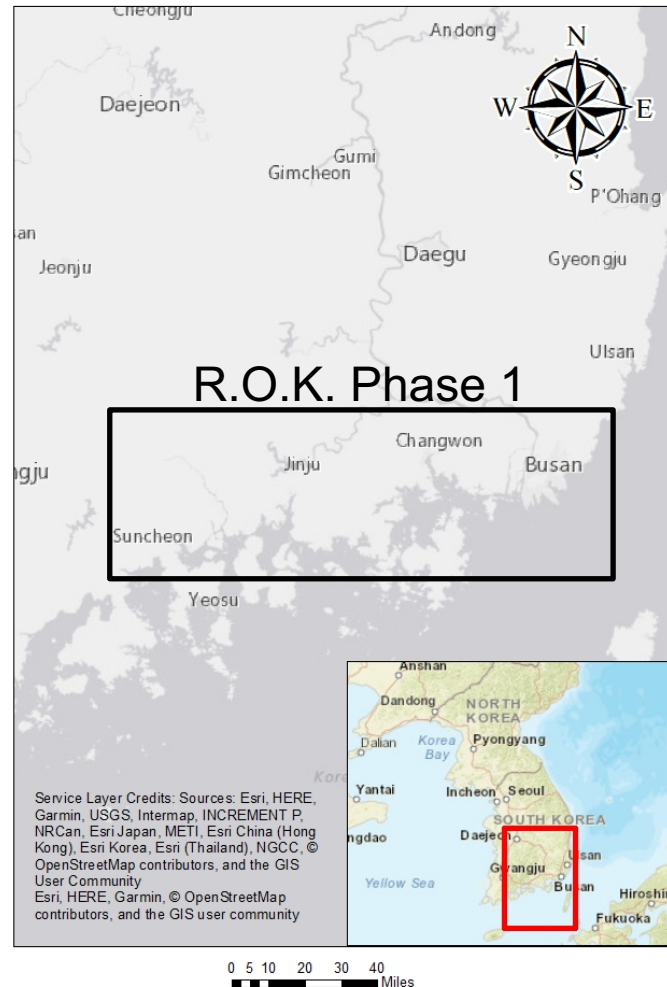
DPAA Disinterment Efforts



R.O.K. Phase 1: 64 Unknowns



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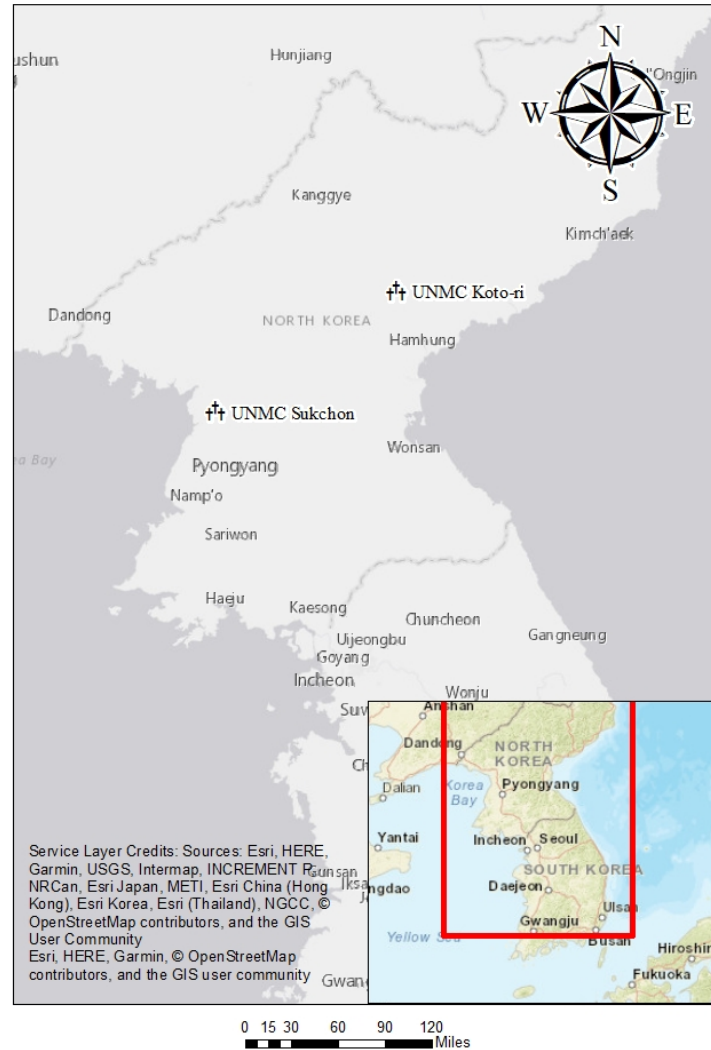


- R.O.K. Phase 1 includes the Unknowns recovered from UNMC Masan, along with the UNMC Tanggok recoveries after the temporary cemeteries closed. The Masan area includes battles that were mostly fought between the end of July 1950 and mid to late September 1950. The number of U.S. casualties associated with this area is limited to a very small timeframe of the Korean War.



D.P.R.K. Phase 1: 9 Unknowns

This phase is completed



- D.P.R.K. Phase 1 included Unknowns from the UN temporary cemetery at Koto-ri and the single Unknown from the UN temporary cemetery at Sukchon. Unknowns from other temporary UN cemeteries in the D.P.R.K., UNMC Pyongyang and UNMC Yudam-ni, had already been disinterred by DPAA.



R.O.K. Phase 2: 53 Unknowns

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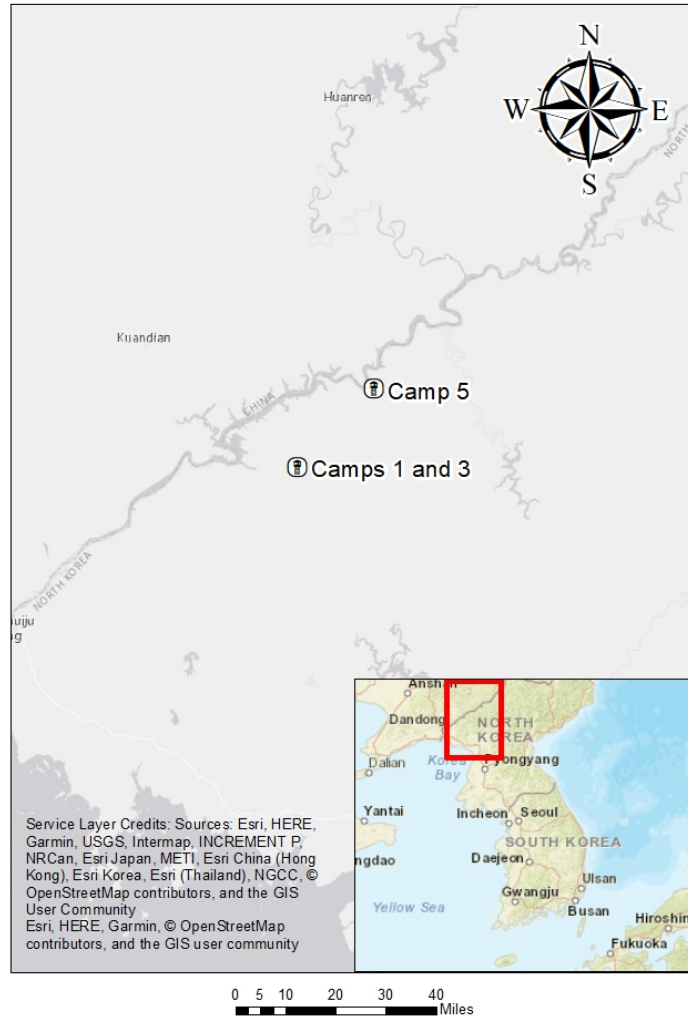


- R.O.K. Phase 2 focuses on UNMC Taejon, along with Unknowns recovered in that general area as part of the UNMC Tanggok recoveries. This area was chosen as the next phase because of its association with early July 1950 engagements between U.S. and enemy forces. In addition, only one U.S. division, the 24th Infantry Division, fought in and around Taejon.



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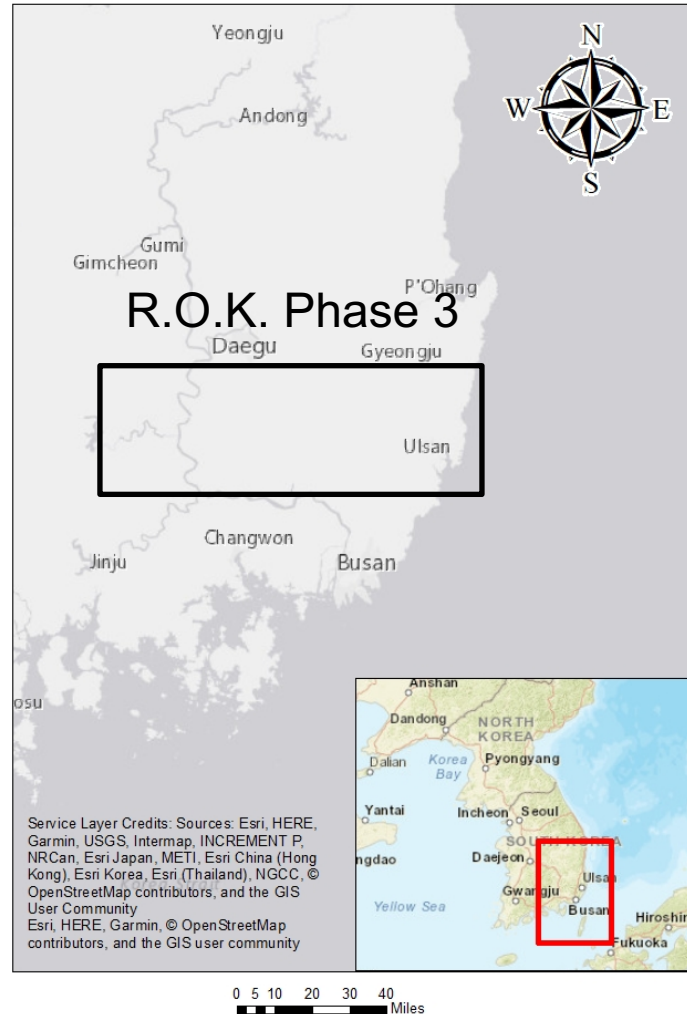


- D.P.R.K. Phase 2 includes all remaining Unknowns associated with POW camps in the north: 41 Unknowns from Camp 5 (Pyoktong) and the 23 Unknowns from Camps 1 & 3 (Changsong). There is historical and scientific evidence that illustrates the high level of prisoner movement between camps, particularly Camps 1 and 5.



R.O.K. Phase 3: 63 Unknowns

This phase began Dec 7, 2020



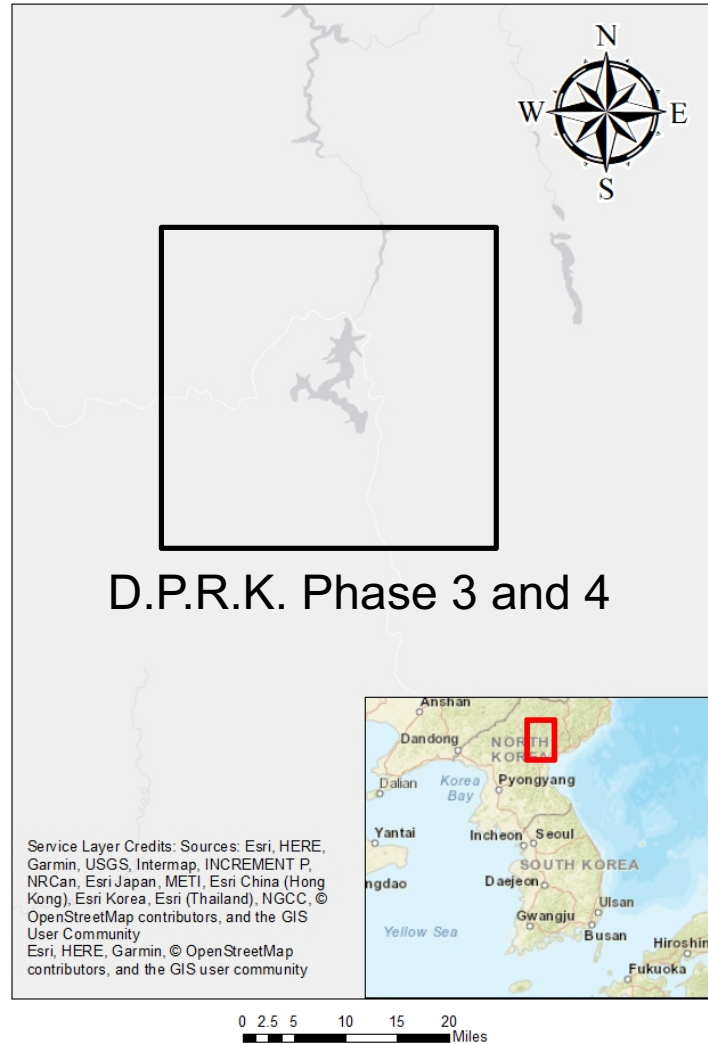
- R.O.K. Phase 3 encompasses the Unknowns from UNMC Miryang and later recoveries from the Naktong Bulge area of the Pusan Perimeter. Two U.S. divisions, the 2d and 24th Infantry Divisions, along with the 1st Provisional Marine Brigade, and reserve formations from the 25th Infantry Division, fought in this area of the Pusan Perimeter from late July to September 1950.



D.P.R.K. Phase 3 and 4: 72 Unknowns



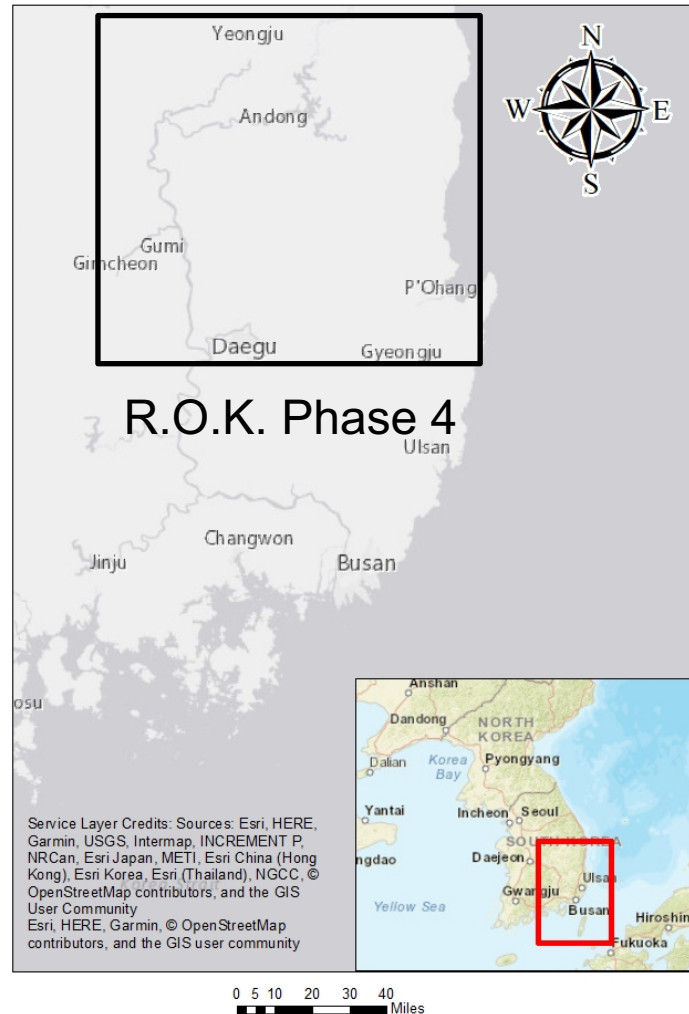
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- D.P.R.K. Phase 3 and 4 includes remains reported to have been returned from the Chosin reservoir area. The DPAA has done a significant amount of work on Unknowns from this area, and numerous identifications have been made confirming the relative accuracy of the reported loss locations.



R.O.K. Phase 4: 33 Unknowns



- R.O.K. Phase 4 is comprised of the Unknowns from the Taegu area of the Pusan Perimeter. This area was defended by the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division from late July to September 1950. Other Eighth U.S. Army formations were also occasionally committed to the area as reserves during crisis moments. The number of potentially associated casualties is limited both temporarily and geographically.



R.O.K. Phase 5: 40 Unknowns



- R.O.K. Phase 5 includes the Unknowns recovered from the Seoul area. Casualties associated with these Unknowns are a bit more diverse since these unidentified remains may represent either battlefield losses or the death of UN personnel held captive by the enemy. This complicating factor is one of the reasons this area was suggested as a later phase.



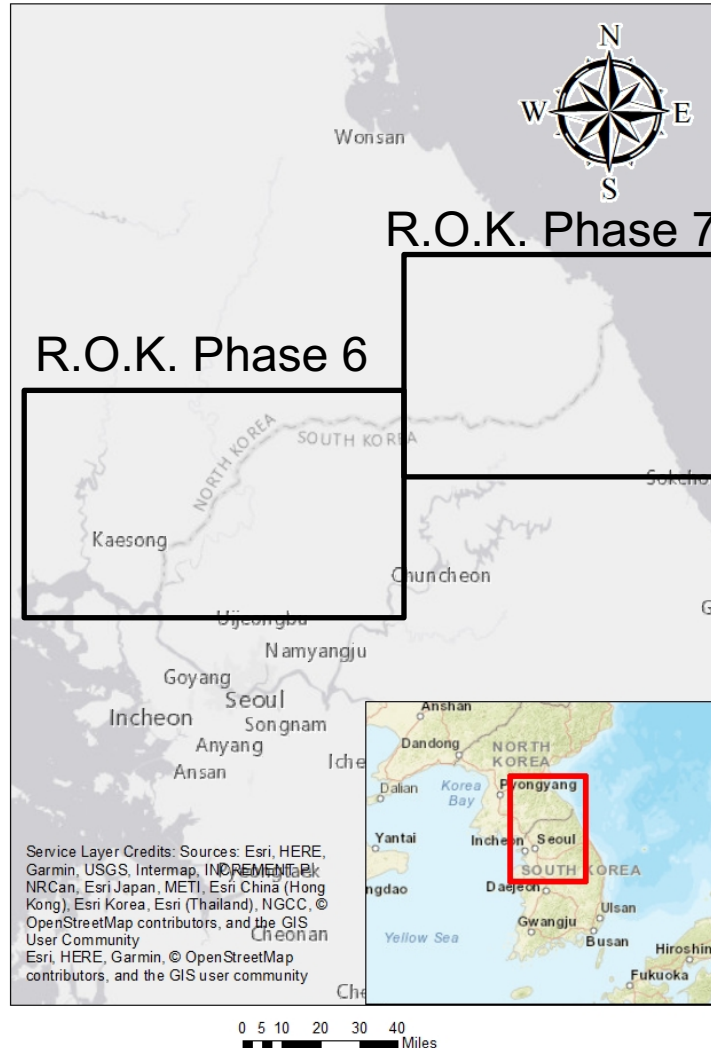
D.P.R.K. Phase 5 and 6: 112 Unknowns



- D.P.R.K. Phase 5 and 6 includes isolated burials across the north. The remains in these phases have been grouped by roster and include Unknowns reported to have been recovered in the vicinity of UNMC Pyonyang, and on reported POW march routes. Historical evidence suggests that there may be issues with the reported recovery locations of these Unknowns.



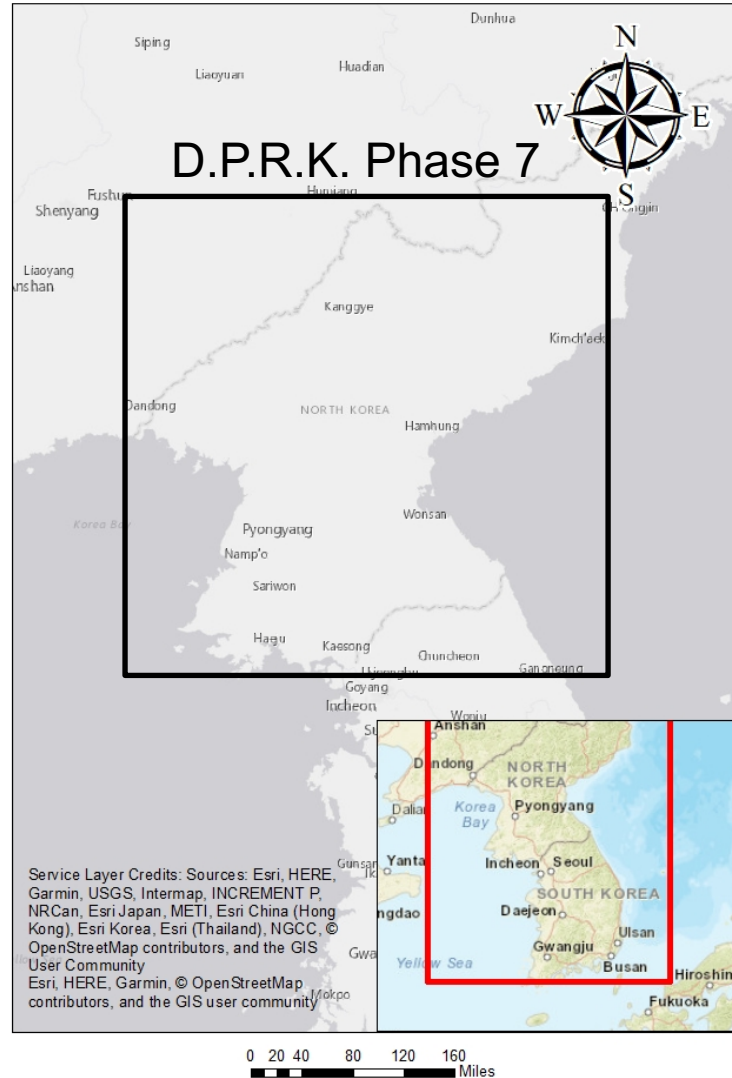
R.O.K. Phase 6 & 7: 112 Unknowns



- R.O.K. Phases 6 and 7 split the Unknowns recovered near the DMZ into two groups. This group of Unknowns represents the most difficult group of remains recovered from the R.O.K. Not only do these casualties cover an extended time period over the course of several years, but the nature of the fighting (which included intensive artillery exchanges) often means these remains are highly fragmented.



D.P.R.K. Phase 7: 30 Unknowns



- D.P.R.K. Phase 7 includes remains from the final supplementary shipments of Operation Glory returns. These 30 sets of remains were returned with limited information, but most are believed to be air loss recoveries from sties across the D.P.R.K. Given the challenges associated with accurately predicting air loss locations, along with the fragmentary state of these remains, these remains were included in Phase 7.