I Got Sick in the Korean War

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The year was 1953 and I was Cpl. Tom Kennedy. My address was Fox co., 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines.

I have survived a major battle in which the Chinese Peoples' Army tried to break through our Lines on the way to Seoul . I suppose if they had succeeded, the War might have ended. Instead, a truce was signed. For my service in the War, I received from the USMC --the Purple Heart medal, the combat action ribbon, the Presidential Unit Citation (PUC) with two bronze stars, the Korean PUC medal, the United Nations service medal, and the good conduct medal.

The battle was called "The Nevada Cities Battle" because of the three combat outposts "Reno," "Vegas" and "Carson." The Marines suffered over 100 Killed and perhaps 1000 wounded. It was a major event of the Korean War. If the Marines did not hold the ground, the USA might have used the ATOMIC BOMB again on the Asian soil.

I mention the above to tell about the great injustice that was done to me and many other American soldiers by my government. I speak now of biological warfare done in SECRET on the battle field of Korea. The germ warfare [wmd] has a name called the "Korean Hemorrhagic Fever. " This epidemic occurred among the US troops, along the main line of contact with the Chinese Army north of the 38^{th} parallel. There was no history of hemorrhagic fever in Korea until its use as a germ weapon. This was and still is a WAR CRIME.

The USA--with great help from the Japanese scientists, the "war criminals" who were captured at the end of the World War II—made use of the "bubonic plague" as a new weapon that would kill a lot of Koreans. Thereby, we wanted to win the War, which was an embarrassment to the Military who could not prevail on the battlefield according to the rules of war.

I was one of those American service members exposed to this secret crime against humanity. I came down with a very high fever which caused me to be evacuated from my combat Marine unit by helicopter. I was taken to a MASH unit set up to keep alive the innocent American combat soldiers who were dying from this biological war experiment. I lay in my cot burning with a fever that the doctors had no real ability to cure. I was given gallons of water to drink every few hours to flush out the fever—that's all.

To know more about this horror, read *The United States and Biological Warfare: Secrets from the Early Cold War and Korea*, written be Stephen Endicott and Edward Hagerman, and published by the Indianna University Press.

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