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The Korean War: 1950 ~ 1953

The cost. In 37 months of fighting, U. N. forces lost almost 74,000 men killed and 250,000 wounded. Of those killed, 44,000 were South Koreans, 27,000 were Americans, and 3,000 were from other U. N. countries. The effect of U. N. fire power and the enemy's costly tactics is reflected in an estimate of 1,350,000 dead and wounded suffered by the Chinese and North Koreans. Thus the casualty ratio was four to one in favor of U. N. forces. In terms of territorial gain the enemy was the loser, winning 850 square miles of territory previously controlled by South Korea but giving up 2,350 square miles of North Korea.

The Stabilized Front, 1952-1953.

