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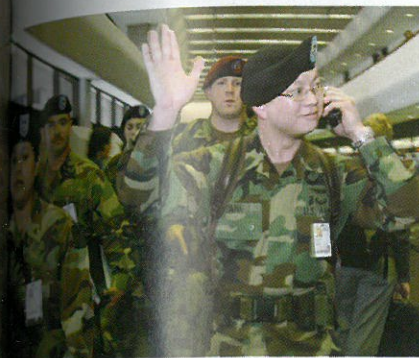


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The third in a series on the Guard's participation in the Korean War looks at the action in 1952. The year was the peak of Guard involvement in the war. Two Army Guard combat divisions took their frontline positions only to find a cold, bloody stalemate near the 38th Parallel, the dividing line today. The Air Guard was also in the mix, with two fighter-bomber squadrons leading the way. Although peace talks were underway, there was little prospect of an end to the fighting.

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The National Guard completed its eight-month airport-security mission last month. It was a task perhaps no other entity could have handled on short notice after Sept. 11. And its accomplishment may be a model for homeland security missions far beyond airport terminals.

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ABOUT THE COVER Behind the outline of the Korean peninsula on the cover is a photograph of an Oklahoma Army National Guard forward observer calling for artillery during 1952 fighting in Korea. The photograph belongs to the National Archives.