

TASK FORCE SMITH, JULY 1950

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Task Force Smith=first US force to fight in Korea, comprised chiefly of 1/21st Infantry Regiment and A/52d Field Artillery Battalion (ca 440 men), commanded by LTC Charles B. Smith. Hastily assembled from occupation duty in Japan, it arrived 1 Jul 50, entering combat 4 days later in a blocking action near Osan. After several hours of sharp fighting, North Koreans overran the American force retreated in disarray, leaving behind a bitter lesson of initial defeat attributed to Army-wide unpreparedness. See:

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