



# *Defense Prisoner of War / Missing Personnel Office*



*Archival Research  
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# Archival Sources



- Personnel Records
- Field Records
- Graves Registration Records





# *Military Personnel File*



- Assignments and Duty Stations
- Awards and Decorations
- Military Schools and Special Qualifications



# *Individual Deceased Personnel File*



- Loss Incident Details
- Search Efforts
- Medical Information





# *Records from the Field*



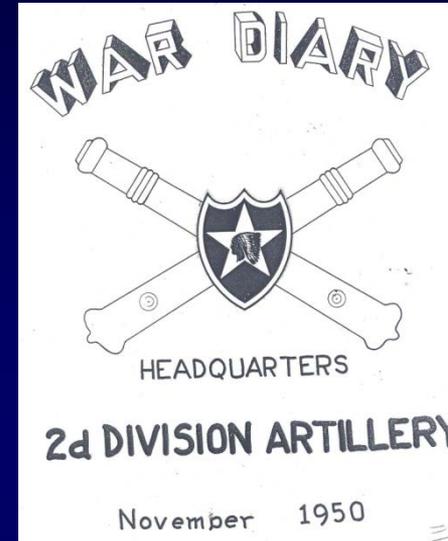
- Unique Sources
- Amount of Data Varies
- Research Material Differs with Branch of Service



# Army Records



- Command Reports
- After Action Reports
- Diaries, Journals, Logs
- Morning Reports

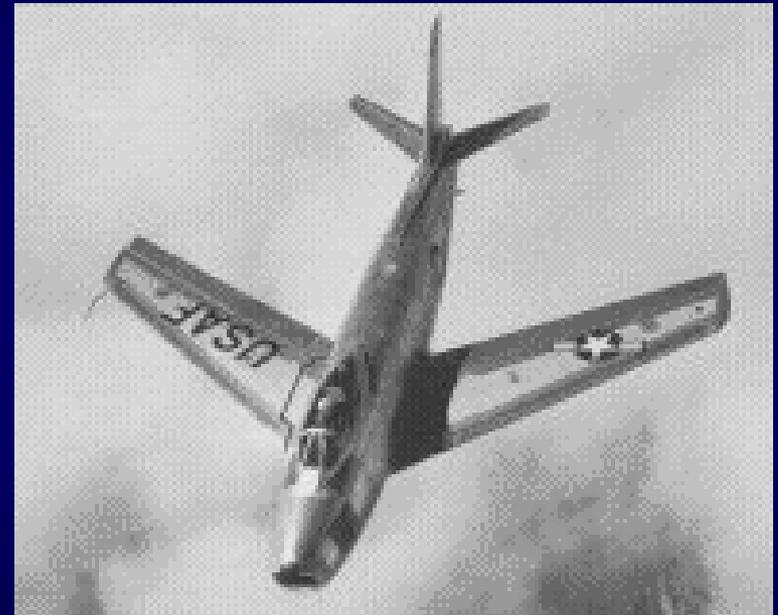




# *Air Force Records*



- Field Search Cases
- Search & Rescue Reports
- Command Reports
- Unit Histories





# *Navy Records*



- Ship's Logs
- Casualty Assistance Branch Records
- Aircraft Accident Reports



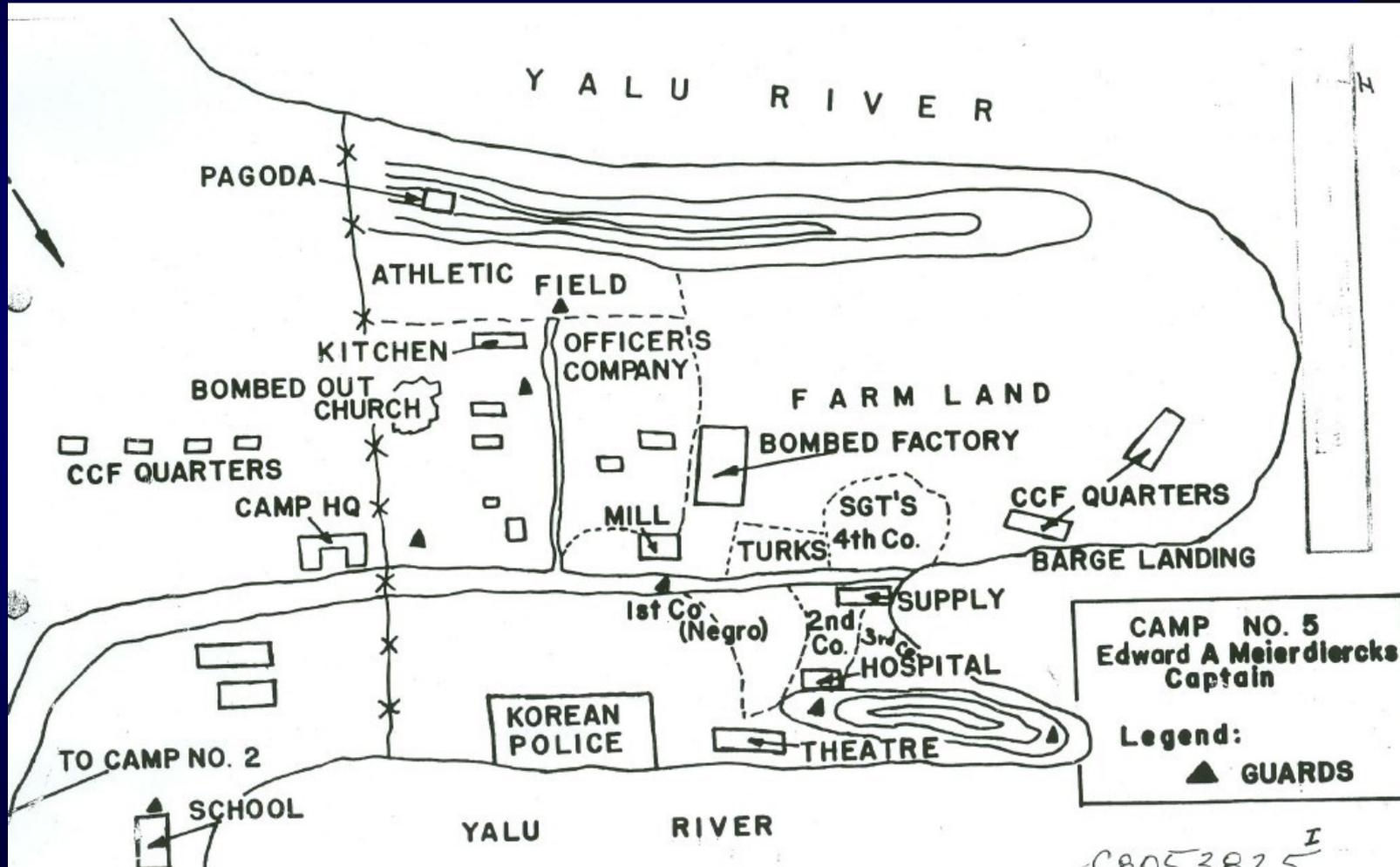
# Marine Corps Records



- Operational Records
- Post-combat Interviews
- Unit Diaries



# Former POW Reports





# Graves Registration Records



- Unknown "X" Files
- Mortuary Records
- Field Search Cases



# Foreign Archives



- UN Forces
- Enemy Forces
- Third Parties





# *Archive Challenges*



- Number & Geographic Distribution of Records Repositories
- Volume and Quality of Material
- Poor or No Indexing
- Lost, Missing, Misfiled, Burnt or Destroyed Records



# POW Research Sources



- Oral History Program with former U.S. POWs:
  - Over 700 interviews to date.
- National Archives College Park:
  - POW studies  
Record Group 59
  - War crimes case files  
Record Group 153
  - U.S. Army Graves  
Registration Services'  
records,  
“Operation Glory”  
Record Group 92
- National Personnel Records Center





# ***Battlefield & Air Losses Research Sources***



- National Archives NARA II:
  - War diaries – Record Group 407
- U.S. Army Center of Military History/US Forces Korea History Office:
  - Unit after-action reports and studies
- JPAC – field search data – air and ground
- Library of Congress – veterans' oral histories
- DPMO/JPAC interviews with U.S. veterans
- Russian Ministry of Defense archives, Podolsk
  - Retrieved by JCSD



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*“Keeping the Promise”*