

**KOREAN WAR PROJECT**

**DIVISION GENERAL ORDER NUMBER 123:  
CIVIL AFFAIRS 1<sup>ST</sup> MARINE DIVISION  
[REINF], FMF**

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Headquarters  
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Ref: (a) Division General Order Number 100

1. Reference (a) is hereby revoked.
2. The Civil Affairs Section, this headquarters, will act as the coordinating agency and exercise primary staff supervision in all civil affairs activities for which the Division Commander is responsible.
3. This headquarters (Civil Affairs Officer) will be responsible for control of civilian population in the Division Zone of responsibility and will exercise such control over gun, myon and local authorities as is necessary for the successful conduct of military operations. To the extent military necessity permits civil authorities will be allowed to exercise their normal functions of governing and controlling the civilian population. Civil authorities will be responsible for executing the mandates of the Division Commander.
4. Military necessity is the basic principle in the conduct of civil affairs. Measures which can be justified by military necessity include those which are indispensable for securing the ends of war and which are lawful according to modern war and the usages of war. The effect of public opinion both national and international should be considered in arriving at any decision involving displacement of inhabitants, destruction of property, or radical change of any custom which is not inimical to the United States or United Nations Forces.
5. As an integral part of his military mission, each commander of a unit, regardless of its size or subordination, will:
  - a. Be responsible for the implementation of civil affairs policies and directives of higher headquarters and will perform such missions in the field of civil affairs as may be directed by higher authority.
  - b. Comply with applicable provision of international law in his relations with civilians and the ROK Government; and require such compliance by members of his command.
  - c. Except as otherwise directed, look to Civil Affairs personnel to secure assistance, supplies, and facilities from indigenous sources, and to deal with local civilians and government officials in his behalf.
6. When civil authority becomes inoperable or ineffective, unit commanders will exercise such control as is considered necessary for the successful conduct of military operations within their respective areas.

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APPENDIX II

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7. No civilian inhabitants will be moved from their homes, and no buildings or farm lands destroyed, damaged or condemned without prior approval of this headquarters except when immediate action is dictated by military necessity. In such event this headquarters will be notified of action taken at the earliest practicable time.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL POLLOCK

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