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LETTER DATED 2 MAY 1951 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM  
TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TRANSMITTING THE TEXT OF AN ANNOUNCEMENT  
MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS IN THE  
HOUSE OF COMMONS ON 1 MAY 1951

Sir,

With reference to the Resolution adopted by the Security Council on 27 June, 1950, concerning the complaint of aggression against the Republic of Korea, I have the honour to bring to your attention the enclosed copy of the text of an announcement made by the Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations in the United Kingdom in the House of Commons on May 1st on the subject of the formation of a Commonwealth Division in Korea.

I should be grateful if the texts of the announcement and of this letter could be brought to the attention of the Members of the United Nations.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) Gladwyn JEBB

I am glad to announce that it has been agreed with the Commonwealth Governments concerned that the land contingents from Commonwealth countries which are now, or will shortly be, serving as part of the United Nations forces in Korea, should be linked together as soon as possible to form a Commonwealth Division.

2. The contingents which will be linked in this way are:

The 28th and 29th United Kingdom Infantry Brigades;

The 25th Canadian Infantry Brigade;

The 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment;

The 16th New Zealand Field Regiment, Royal New Zealand Artillery;

The 60th Indian Field Ambulance Unit.

In addition New Zealand hope to contribute Royal New Zealand Army Service Corps and Royal New Zealand Electrical and Mechanical Engineer elements to the extra divisional troops required.

3. The Commander of the Commonwealth Division will be a United Kingdom officer; Major-General A.J.H. Cassels C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. (late Seaforth Highlanders) at present Head of the United Kingdom Services Liaison Staff, Australia. He will have an integrated divisional staff drawn from different Commonwealth countries.

4. The Division will come under the operational command and control of the United Nations Unified Command who have signified their cordial agreement in this new grouping of Commonwealth forces in Korea. For purposes of non-operational control the Division will come under General Sir Horace Robertson, Commander-in-Chief, British Commonwealth Occupation Forces, Japan.

5. The formal title of the Division will be the "First (Commonwealth) Division, United Nations Forces".

6. I am sure the House will welcome as we do the opportunity which the formation of a Commonwealth Division will provide for our men to serve again with the units contributed by our partners in the Commonwealth.

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