

Abstract:

This bachelor's thesis examines the United States Military Government in Korea (USAMGIK) under the leadership of the head of the U.S. Army Forces in Korea (USAFIK), General John Reed Hodge, and its interactions with Korean society. The main section focuses on the emergence and development of the Republic of Korea Army (ROKA), which was established on September 5, 1948, initially operating as the Constabulary under poor conditions with minimal U.S. support. The thesis highlights the important advisory role of Reserve Captain James Harry Hausman in improving the prestige and effectiveness of the Constabulary.

This work is organized into three chapters. The first chapter deals with the events around World War II, the division of Korea, and the establishment of the American administration. The second section describes U.S. objectives and the Joint Soviet American Commission, whose failure then led to an improvement in the conditions of the Constabulary. The final chapter then details the history of recruitment into the reserve police forces, the problems they faced, and Hausman's advisory efforts.