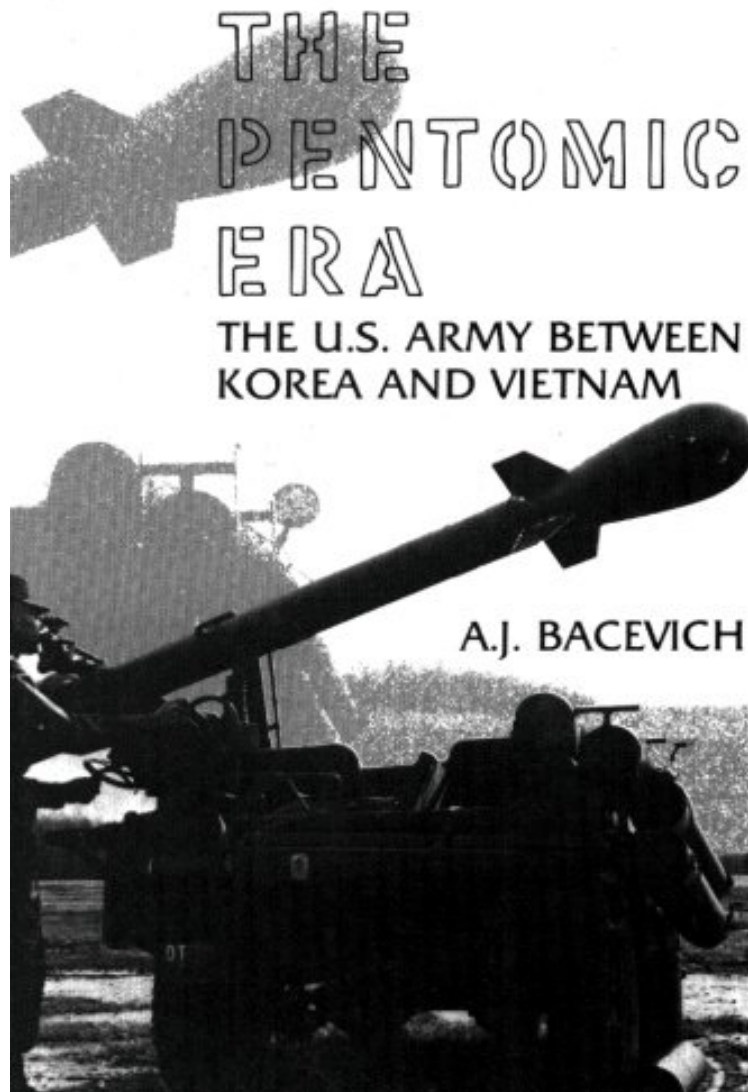


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Did). Communications were slow between units everything went to the top back down then back up then back down to the original sender. No direct communications with units you supported or supported you. Thinking we would be the only ones using atomic weapons ( If we launched first the Russians planned on using up to 2400 war heads in the first few days of the war, 75% were to be used in West Germany) Also believing our ADM.s (Atomic Demolition Mission) would deter the bad guys with radiation . When in the same breath Mustard Gas was no longer an agent of the U.S. arsenal because the Russians never picked up their wounded they just kept on coming. But for some reason the Russians would stop and wait for the radiation to clear before entering a blast zone. When We changed over to the ROAD concept we could communicate with our supporting units directly . Our combat group was reduced 40% but still had the same mission. Book shows just how insane the Pentomic concept was. If it does anything it shows we do not need another cold war with the rattling of atomic sabers.

This essay is a brief history of the U.S. army during the years immediately following the Korean War. For many in our own time that period-corresponding to the two terms of the Eisenhower presidency-has acquired an aura of congenial simplicity. Americans who survived Vietnam, Watergate, and painful economical difficulties wistfully recall the 1950s as a time when the nation possessed a clearly-charted course and had the will and the power to follow it.