



**Sgt. Ralph Kilpatrick - Soldier Behind North Korea Lines for 77 Days: Taejon, South Korea: An army mess sergeant was the hero of the 24th Division when he returned from 77 death-despairing days behind communist lines. Ralph Kilpatrick, of Phoebus, Virginia, came out of the once-held enemy hills to his buddies in the 19th Infantry Regiment in good health with a harrowing story of grimly hanging to life in enemy-saturated territory. Kilpatrick is pictured**

**as he received a medical checkup from Lieutenant Alfred J. Grose, of Rochester, New York, October 4, 1950**

**Date**

1950

**Medium**

Vintage ferrotyped gelatin silver print

**Dimensions**

Overall: 8 3/8 x 6 3/4 in. (21.3 x 17.1 cm)

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