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The Representative of the United States to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honor to transmit herewith, for the information of the Security Council, the following communiques issued by General Douglas MacArthur, Commander-in-Chief of United Nations Command, during the last twenty-four hours:

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RELEASE 334 ISSUED AT 11:10 A.M. WEDNESDAY
(9:10 P.M. TUESDAY, EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME)

ABROAD AN AIRCRAFT CARRIER FOR TASK FORCE 77 - Starting at dawn yesterday over an area between Taejon and Seoul, carrier-based airplanes from Task Force 77 under the command of Rear Admiral E. C. Even, bombed, rocketed and strafed Communist-held airfields, bridges and marshaling yards in east central Korea.

The area was not new to the Navy Pilots who have bombed and blasted the entire Korean Peninsula. One pilot said:

"Targets, that is good targets, are getting scarce. The Korean boys hadn't done much in the way of repair since our last visit."

Bridges, the vital line for traffic from Seoul to Taejon, were blasted by 500-pound bombs. Airfields at Kunsan, Chonju, Suwon, Kimpo, Sirmak and Pyongtaek were hit by the Navy pilots. Marshaling yards at Suwon and Osan were the principal supply targets for the carrier-based airplanes.

In addition to concentrated strafing and bombing on these targets, four trucks were knocked out near Taejon, two warehouses were destroyed at Kunsan, nine boxcars were destroyed and seven damaged in the Suwon-Osan area.

During the early morning take-off, Ensign Russell M. Killingsworth of Medford, Ore., failed to get his Panther jet airborne from the catapult launch. His airplane landed in the water just forward of the ship. Fast and efficient work of the helicopter guard had the pilot safe and sound on ship's deck in a matter of minutes.

Second near accident of the day occurred when fragmentations from a 500-pound bomb, dropped by Ensign John Harris, of Los Angeles, from his skyraider, knocked out the ailerons of his airplane. Harris made two approaches to the carrier deck before the landing signal officer gave him a sign to cut his engine.

"A damn bumpy landing, but I made it," smiled Harris as he stepped from the airplane uninjured.

RELEASE 337, ISSUED AT 3:30 P.M. TUESDAY
(1:30 A.M. TUESDAY, EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME)

The enemy continued his heavy attacks yesterday against the R.O.K. (Republic of Korea) Sixth Division in the Uihung area. As a result of these attacks elements of the R.O.K. Sixth Division were forced back approximately 4,000 yards to a position in the vicinity of Rwabon. Other elements of the division were pulled back in order to form a defense line which now runs generally northeast-southwest through Hwabon. R.O.K. units in this sector today are successfully defending these positions against continuing but lighter Communist attacks.

The R.O.K. Eighth Division, which recently has had light contact with the enemy, was under enemy artillery and mortar fire yesterday. An enemy ground attack forced a withdrawal of elements of that division approximately one mile, to the vicinity of Imam, which is in enemy hands. The R.O.K. Eighth Division today is defending these positions against moderate enemy opposition.

In the Kigye-Pohang sector R.O.K. units, supported by American elements, yesterday attacked enemy forces along that entire front. The R.O.K. Capital Division, counter-attacking to the north and northeast, advanced approximately 2,000 yards to retake high ground southwest of Kigye in the vicinity of Munsong. An enemy penetration which had advanced to the vicinity of Tachon was attacked and reduced to less than company size by elements of the R.O.K. Third Division. Enemy pressure against the R.O.K. Third Division is easing somewhat after its units received mortar and small arms fire most of the night August 28-29.

Along the American sectors the only significant action was against elements of the United States Twenty-fifth Division in the vicinity of Tundok. There two sharp enemy attacks, preceded by artillery and mortar preparation, were launched against our positions at 3 A.M. today, but were repulsed without loss of ground. Later a third enemy attack achieved a slight penetration of one company position. Friendly units immediately counter-attacked to eliminate the penetration. Elsewhere in the sector other elements of the Twenty-fifth Division repulsed a light probing attack by the enemy at 7 A.M., in which twenty-five enemy were killed.

Other United States units continued aggressive patrolling and artillery interdiction.

RELEASE 338 ISSUED AT 4:50 P.M. TUESDAY
(2:50 A.M. TUESDAY EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME)

British carrier-based Firefly attack bombers and Seafire fighters yesterday drove ashore and destroyed two 100-ton motor coasters near Anhung on the west coast. Anhung is in latitude approximately 36 degrees 40 minutes north. One motor junk near Ongjin was badly damaged. Ongjin is on the coast in latitude approximately 38 degrees north. A number of small craft were strafed at Mokpo. Landing pontoons at Kunsan were hit by rockets.

United Nations air and surface patrols covered the entire west coast yesterday from Mokpo to Chinnampo. The west coast patrol force is under the command of Rear Admiral W. G. Andrews, R.N.

Carrier-based United States Marine fliers yesterday operated in close support of United Nations ground forces around the entire defense perimeter. The Marines went to work with customary fury attacking troop concentrations, artillery positions, and gun emplacements, supply areas and vehicular traffic. Most of the Marine attacks were in support of ground forces on the northern front.

Twelve rockets were placed in reportedly troop-filled railroad tunnel north of Hunghae. Rockets were fired into the tunnel from both ends. A large oil fire was started in Tusong (near Hunghae) and four different groups of warehouses in the vicinity were set afire. Troops and stores near Holgan were bombed and rocketed. Several large fires were started. Seven different troop concentrations were thoroughly worked over with rockets, bombs, napalm and 20 mm cannon fire.

Camouflaged artillery pieces in three different orchards were rocketed with a number of direct hits observed. Working in support of the R.O.K. (Republic of Korea) First Corps the Marines scored direct rocket hits on a number of light tanks concealed under trees. Six large fires, one of them a fuel fire, were started north of Hunghae. Five warehouses in Sinban and two near there were badly damaged by rockets and 20 mm cannon fire.

The Marine air group operated from a carrier division under the command of Rear Admiral Richard W. Struble, U.S.N.

RELEASE 339, ISSUED AT 8:30 P.M. TUESDAY
(6:30 A.M. TUESDAY EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME)

B-29 medium bombers went far north of the Thirty-eighth Parallel and B-26 light bombers covered the west coast of Korea from Kyomipo on the north to Suncheon on the south in attacks today by the United States Air Force on Communist communications targets.

The bombers left destruction in their wake as they covered this wide area to further hinder North Korean efforts to move supplies and reinforcements to the battle sectors.

Meanwhile, fighters today cut a wide arc just back of the battle lines in close support to relieve pressure on United Nations troops in the Pohang-Kigye area. Other fighters flew against communications targets well past the Thirty-eighth Parallel in both night and day missions.

B-29's strike a multiple blow at the rail transportation system at Seishin (Chongjin) on the North Korean coast today when Superfortress formations bombed the marshaling yards, railroad shops and rail terminals. A total of 230 tons of bombs were dropped with excellent results.

The rail centers contained railroad cars and trains which had been bottled up at Seishin due to damage of rail lines in North Korea.

Air crews reported that today's strikes were made in clear weather and the bombs were seen to explode in the vital areas of the rail centers and repair shops. No flak or enemy fighters were encountered and all B-29's returned safely.

Maj. Edward M. Jacquet of 1712 Cambridge Drive, Kalamazoo, Mich., said: "We were the last B-29 flight over Seishin this afternoon. I could see that the railroad yards had been severely hit. Columns of dirty, gray smoke covered the targets and at one big yard where the shops and roundhouse are located there was one long mass of smoke almost from the ocean to the far choke point of a yard. None of the town was burning or showed any evidence of being hit."

Meanwhile, other B-29's ranged against North Korean communications targets with more than 100 tons of bombs. B-29 bombardiers dropped their bombs on these important rail and communication lines visually but no detailed reports are available.

B-26's today ran their total sorties to 1,700 as they struck heavily at rail transportation along the west coast, which funnels supplies across the peninsula to the battle areas. The B-26's hit bridges, trains railroads, vehicles and troops in transit.

A locomotive and twenty boxcars were hit heavily by a B-26 flown by Second Lieut. Louis A. Goalby Jr. of Denver Colo. He located the train on the north bank of the Han River, west of Seoul. "My crew bombed the train and then strafed it with 2,500 rounds of .50 caliber ammunition," he said. The locomotive definitely was destroyed, and most of the boxcars seriously damaged, his crew reported.

/B-26 fragmentation

B-26 fragmentation bombs routed troops west of the Pohang line, according to Second Lieut. John R. Coulter of Uniontown, Pa. "We blanketed the area with frags and .50 caliber," he said. First Lieut Roger W. Little of Red Bug, Ill., bombed tanks and vehicles camouflaged in a village near the Hwang River.

F-51's flew armed reconnaissance and support of ground troops in the Chinju, Kumsan, Andong and Hamchang sectors, starting fires in several fuel dumps, hit warehouses and vehicles and damaged some boxcars. They also strafed troops.

F-80 jets worked closely with target spotters on the ground in support missions today. They took advantage of good weather and went after Communist gun positions in the central and northern battle sectors.

Two tanks were located in hiding under a bridge culvert two miles west of Kumchon. First Lieut. Lyle E. Mann of 411 South Chestnut, Sanodval, Ill., who led the F-80 flight, said eight rockets were fired on four passes and three direct hits scored. Second Lieut. James L. Pratt of Danville, Ind., said "those tanks are destroyed in my book." He added that workmen repairing the bridge scattered when the first rocket zoomed in.

RELEASE 340, ISSUED AT 1:10 A.M., WEDNESDAY
(11:10 A.M., TUESDAY, EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME)

United Nations forces in the R.O.K. (Republic of Korea) First Corps. sector reoccupied Kigye early yesterday afternoon. Latest reports indicate the enemy has withdrawn to the high ground north of Kigye. Other elements of the R.O.K. forces scored gains up to 2,000 yards yesterday against light enemy resistance.

North of Pohang, friendly forces are reported making slow progress against constant enemy resistance. In this same area an attack by an enemy force estimated at platoon strength has succeeded in cutting the road between Pohang and Angang.

A counter attack by elements of the Eighth R.O.K. Division to regain ground lost Aug. 28 is meeting with strong enemy resistance in the vicinity of Chidong.

In the R.O.K. Second Corps area an enemy battalion is reported attacking in the vicinity of Uihung. Elsewhere in this sector there has been no enemy activity.

Patrols from the Twenty-fifth Division in the southeast sector were engaged in a firefight with Communist forces late yesterday near Chingomnyon and have reported considerable enemy activity in the area.

RELEASE 341, ISSUED AT 8:35 A.M., WEDNESDAY
(6:35 P.M., TUESDAY, EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME)

F-51 Mustangs were in the air slightly before dawn today and F-80 jet fighters lifted wheels at 5:45 o'clock to cross the straits on close support and specific target missions in Korea.

B-26 light Invader bombers returned from successful intruder attack this morning, with the last ones landing about 8 o'clock. They operated chiefly along the west coast of Korea from Kyompio on the north to Suncheon on the south. They attacked all types of North Korean communications channels with good results.

Weather today is generally good. Visibility was good this morning. There were some scattered clouds.

Some F-82 twin Mustangs also landed this morning after flying night intruder missions. A bridge at Hyopchon, fifteen miles from the front, was hit with a napalm bomb. The bridge was damaged and a building near by also caught fire, according to Lieut. George B. Boughton, of Gardner, Kan.

The radar observer, T/Sgt. Madden T. Griffin, of Elmira, N. Y. said:

"I could see flashes from the ground. There was damage inflicted."

Fighters, both F-51's and F-80's, were back at their bases this morning with good reports. Some of the fighters ranged far above the Thirty-eighth Parallel.

B-26's had good luck in the Chochiwon area last night. Two locomotives, twenty-four boxcars, and eight gondola cars were strafed. "We used 4,000 rounds of ammunition and had good results chiefly on the locomotives pulling boxcars," Lieut. David D. Stegall of Kingston, Tenn., said.

Other B-26's again attacked pontoon bridges on the Han River at Seoul. About forty 100-pound bombs were dropped by one flight, according to Capt. Joe Stein of 185 Lindley Street, Athens, Ga. Two other pontoon bridges at Seoul were hit by B-26's.

Also in the Seoul area B-26's attacked gun emplacements twenty-five miles northwest of the city. Lieut. Col. Abraham Shook of Clovis, N. M., who led the attack, said they hit the emplacements and then strafed railroad yards.

Returning F-80's reported that four enemy gun positions were silenced late yesterday northwest of Pohang. Leader of the flight, Lieut. John W. Jackson of South Gate, Calif., said: "We could see the Commies were giving our side a bad shelling. We kept popping at them with all we had until their guns quit."

Yesterday's results were being evaluated today. B-29 medium bombers and B-26 light bombers attacked North Korean communications sources in the principal sectors where supplies and reserves are channeled to the front.

RELEASE 342, ISSUED AT 10:45 A.M., WEDNESDAY
(8:45 P.M., TUESDAY, EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME)

A series of Republic of Korea Marine patrols landed by R.O.K. (Republic of Korea) Navy ships northwest of Tongyong the night of Aug. 28 had the effect of confusing enemy troops, causing them to fight among themselves. Sixty enemy dead were counted. The R.O.K. Marines sustained no casualties.

On Aug. 28 R.O.K. Navy ships bombarded troop concentrations and other military targets on the islands of Taebu and Anhung on the west coast of Korea.

Two troop-laden motor vessels, one forty-five tons and the other thirty tons, were sunk by an R.O.K. Navy patrol vessel operating south of Makpo on Aug. 28. One was sunk near Usuyong, the other while en route to Chindo.

A United States Navy destroyer standing off the south coast of Korea in support of the United States Twenty-fifth Division wiped out one troop concentration and dispersed another yesterday. With the benefit of aerial spotting a supply dump was destroyed.

Throughout the preceding night the destroyer illuminated enemy positions with star shells and provided nightlong gun-fire support as requested by shore fire control parties. Seventeen troop concentrations, three artillery positions, three road junctions, and one vehicle concentration were bombarded.

RELEASE 344, ISSUED AT 12:25 P.M., WEDNESDAY
(10:25 P.M., TUESDAY, EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME)

Round-the-clock bombing of Communists attempting to move dwindling supplies across the Han River to the battle areas was carried out last night for the first time with the assistance of brilliantly lighted flares.

Two double-track pontoon bridges on either side of the main highway bridge leading from Seoul were hit heavily by United States B-26 light bombers as B-29 Superforts overhead provided illumination for the crippling attack.

Flares created a brilliance over the area for thirty minutes as the B-26 crews methodically took advantage of the extra light to hit the pontoon bridges solidly. The attacks were made between 1 and 2 A.M.

Returning pilots said the timing and co-ordination of the Superfort fliers were perfect. The illumination not only assisted them in locating the targets, but also in making each bomb count.

The well-lighted area attracted some ground fire to the invader bombers but none was hit.

Capt. Sam Crosby, of El Paso, Tex., who flew one of the light bombers, said: "Explosions on the bridge we hit were much larger than the explosion caused by a 100-pound bomb. We must have hit something on the bridge. I could see the outline of the bridge clearly, but couldn't determine if supplies were being moved across it."

First Lieut. Frank Hagan, of 4638 Tulane Drive, Baton Rouge, La., said: "Our first bomb was short of the bridge but the others made a perfect pattern across it."

Other B-26's took off this morning to continue the assault on the heavily damaged bridge complex in the Seoul area, a hub for the flow of supplies to North Koreans.
