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ISSUED BY THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND  
IN KOREA

The Representative of the United States to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to transmit herewith, for the information of the Security Council, the following communique issued by the Headquarters of the United Nations Command, as indicated below:

Navy operations summary for January 24, 1951, issued at 12:50 P.M.,  
Thursday, January 25, 1951 (10:50 P.M., Wednesday, Eastern standard time)

Far East Air Forces summary No. 215, issued at 1 P.M., Thursday,  
January 25, 1951 (11 P.M., Wednesday, Eastern standard time)

Fifth Air Force summary, issued at 5 P.M., Thursday, January 25, 1951  
(3 A.M., Thursday, Eastern standard time)

Eighth Army communique 148, issued at 8 P.M., Thursday, January 25, 1951  
(6 A.M., Thursday, Eastern standard time)

Eighth Army communique 149, issued at 10:30 A.M., Friday, January 26, 1951  
(8:30 P.M., Thursday, Eastern standard time)

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NAVY OPERATIONS SUMMARY FOR JANUARY 24, 1951, ISSUED AT 12:50 P.M.,  
THURSDAY (10:50 P.M., WEDNESDAY, EASTERN STANDARD TIME)

Skyraider attack bombers, Corsair fighter-bombers and Panther jets fighters of Fast Carrier Task Force 77 yesterday concentrated their main effort against military targets on the east coast between Chumunjin and Kangnung.

Seventy-four buildings used as hideouts for troops and equipment were destroyed. One highway bridge was destroyed.

Damaged were eight supply areas, eight oil storage tanks and one highway bridge. Three troop concentrations were effectively attacked. Five villages overrun with enemy troops were heavily hit.

A delayed report from Task Force 77 shows intensive air activity Tuesday across the battle-line from Suwon to Yongwol.

Twenty-four enemy-occupied villages were subjected to heavy attack. Sixty-one warehouses, buildings and sheds were destroyed; ninety-eight were damaged. Entrances to two railroad tunnels were partially sealed. One tank and one gun emplacement were knocked out.

United Nations naval forces on the West coast continued with patrol and general support operations. The United Nations fleet includes ships from Australia, Canada, the Netherlands, the Republic of Korea, Thailand, the United Kingdom, New Zealand and the United States.

United States Navy ships deployed along the east coast continued to patrol and provide general support for the ground forces.

FAR EAST AIR FORCES SUMMARY NO. 215, ISSUED AT 1 P.M.,  
THURSDAY (11 P.M., WEDNESDAY, EASTERN STANDARD TIME)

The slackening activities along the battlefront yesterday enabled the air war to move from close support to increased deep armed reconnaissance operations. Of approximately 700 Far East Air Forces sorties flown during the day, Fifth Air Force F-80's, F-82's, F-84's and F-86 jets, F-51, and B-26 light bombers mounted more than 425.

The enemy, continuing his recent more determined effort to engage United States Air Force planes in air combat, was up again in force. They came out second best with the F-84 Thunderjets, flying back toward their base in Manchuria with three damaged MIG-15's. There were sixteen MIG's which attacked eight F-84's in the air battle between Chonju and Kusong. One F-84 received minor battle damage.

Recent heavy night attacks by B-26 Invaders apparently are hurting the enemy. Last night they dispatched fighters in one of the few attempts made thus far to interfere with the bombers. In the vicinity of Kumchon, approximately five single-engine enemy aircraft made two fruitless attacks on the B-26's, and northeast of Seoul, one single-engine enemy fighter attacked the eight bombers without effect.

During the day, pilots told of 200 enemy troops being killed or wounded and about 660 buildings being destroyed or damaged. Over fifty vehicles were also destroyed or damaged, along with three locomotives destroyed, three railroad tunnels and four supply dumps damaged.

Three aircraft were lost during the day, but crews of all were rescued. A B-26 crew, forced to land at Suwon airfield, in enemy-held territory, was rescued by helicopter. A T-6, investigating an "SOS" written in the snow near Kumchon, was shot down by ground fire, but the crew was picked up, as was the crew of the first helicopter that crashed in the rescue attempt.

B-29's of the Ninety-eighth Bomb Group dropped more than 790 500-pound general purpose bombs on the marshalling yards at Komusan, twenty miles south of the Manchurian border. An important rail junction, this was the first bombing attack made on Komusan, and crew members reported excellent results, with fires observed in the built-up area.

Combat Cargo Command flew more than 260 sorties during the day to move 880 tons of supplies into Korea. Fifty-five air drops delivered 220 tons of the above total to the United Nations forces in the central sector.

FIFTH AIR FORCE SUMMARY, ISSUED AT 5 P.M., THURSDAY  
(3 A.M., THURSDAY, EASTERN STANDARD TIME)

Railroad bridges at Suncheon Sogu and Hugu were primary targets of dive bomber F-80 jets today as approximately 500 sorties were mounted by the tactical fighter and light bombers of the Fifth Air Force.

F-80 Shooting Stars of the Forty-ninth Fighter Bomber Wing hit a rail bridge at Suncheon with 1,000-pound bombs this morning with good results and then went back in the afternoon to hit a bridge at near-by Sogu, also with good effects. Another flight of Forty-ninth Wing jets smashed at anti-aircraft positions near Sogu, claiming to have damaged the gun emplacements.

Twenty F-84's of the Twenty-seventh Fighter Escort Wing bombed and strafed a railroad bridge at Hugu and claimed to have rendered it unusable.

A flight of twelve B-26's of the 452d Bomb Wing launched an attack on Changdo and reported that their bombs destroyed at least 60 per cent of the enemy-held town. B-26's also strafed and rocketed the town.

Lieut. Sam N. Myers Jr. of Norwalk, Calif., one of the invader pilots said:

"We got two direct hits with rockets in the lower corner of a building several stories high. The lower floor just blew to bits and the upper floors caved in on it."

Lieut. Frank N. Moyer of Inglewood, Calif., a B-26 navigator said: "Results were excellent. Our bombs fell where they could do the most good all over the town. Clouds of dust and smoke and flame popped up almost everywhere where buildings had been."

F-51's of the Thirty-fifth Fighter Interceptor Wing made one of the biggest claims of troop casualties for the day. One flight estimated that they had killed or wounded about 125 troops out of a group of 200 to 300 spotted west of Anyang.

MaJ. Thomas D. Robertson of St. Paul, Minn., who led the flight, said: "They were all dressed in black and armed. I guess they thought we would take them for civilians but the controller had them spotted."

First Lieut. Robert Pugh of Topeka, Kan., said: "They were lying all over the road after the first pass."

F-80's of the Eighth Fighter Bomber Wing took advantage of good weather to hit enemy-held villages and buildings containing enemy troops and supplies north of Seoul. One flight claimed damage to two villages and an assist in completely destroying an enemy-held town.

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First Lieut. John D. Emerson, San Francisco, one of the Shooting Star pilots said: "Some F-80's from another outfit were working over the target area and we added our bombs to theirs. When we left, the entire village was burning from strafing attacks on the way home."

A flight of four F-51's of the Eighteenth Fighter Bomber Wing claimed a cluster of twelve buildings destroyed or damaged in one town housing enemy troops and supplies. Flight Leader Capt. William Strand, Pasadena, Calif., commented on his return: "The Reds in this particular place received big league treatment today, for we lobbed twenty-two rockets into the place and then hit it with our 50's. When we left the area, the buildings were all aflame."

One F-80 was hit by ground fire and crashed behind enemy lines today. The pilot is listed as missing in action and presumed dead.

EIGHTH ARMY COMMUNIQUE 148, ISSUED AT 8 P.M., THURSDAY  
(6 A.M., THURSDAY, EASTERN STANDARD TIME)

Little or no enemy contact was reported all along the Korean front as United Nations forces continued to patrol extensively in efforts to maintain contact with the enemy. Ground forces inflicted a total of 387 enemy casualties on Jan. 24.

1. No physical enemy contact was reported by United Nations elements on the western front during the morning. Friendly armor and air observed a small group of enemy withdrawing north at 10:30 A.M. in the area five miles north of Osan. Artillery fire was placed on the enemy.

2. Friendly air observed 200 to 300 enemy in freshly dug trenches seven miles southeast of Yoju and thirty to forty enemy crossing the Han River moving south, in the vicinity thirteen miles north-north-east of Ichon.

3. Friendly patrols operating seven miles north of Yongwol during the morning reported no enemy contact. Results of the engagement in the Yongwol area during the period 8 A.M. to 2 P.M., Jan. 24, totaled 364 enemy killed with seventeen prisoners of war being taken.

4. In a delayed report from the eastern front 600 North Koreans were observed in an area three miles north of Kangnung on Jan. 23.

EIGHTH ARMY COMMUNIQUE 149, ISSUED AT 10:30 A.M., FRIDAY  
(8:30 P.M. THURSDAY, EASTERN STANDARD TIME)

Light enemy contact was reported in the Osan-Suwon-Kumyangjang area on the western front and in areas northwest of Wonju and southeast of Tanyang. Friendly elements re-entered Hoengsong with no enemy contact. Little or no enemy contact was reported on the central and eastern fronts.

1--Five enemy were engaged by friendly elements six miles southwest of Suwon at 12:55 A.M. yesterday resulting in two enemy killed and two prisoners. Shortly thereafter four enemy were killed and two prisoners taken in the same vicinity. Patrol clashes continued in the area north and northeast of Osan.

An unknown number of the enemy were engaged in a minor engagement in the vicinity of Hill No. 404 two miles west of Kumyangjang, resulting in the capture of three Chinese prisoners who claimed they were members of the Fiftieth Chinese Army. An enemy squad fired on friendly elements five miles southeast of Kumyangjang resulting in three enemy killed who were believed to be Chinese. Contact with an estimated seventy-five enemy was made in an area five miles west southwest of Inchon early yesterday morning--results were not reported.

2--Little or no enemy contact was reported on the central front as friendly units continued their aggressive patrolling.

3--Foot patrols proceeded into Hoengsong at 11 A.M., Jan. 25, with no report of enemy contact. During late afternoon yesterday ten enemy in the vicinity of seven miles west-northwest of Wonju were engaged by a friendly patrol, resulting in four enemy killed and the remainder being dispersed. An estimated thirty enemy were engaged by a friendly observation post three miles southeast of Tanyang. After a brief fire fight the enemy fled to the north leaving one enemy killed. An estimated enemy platoon was engaged by friendly elements seventeen miles south-southeast of Tanyang with the friendly patrol withdrawing after a brief fire fight. A reconnaissance patrol reported receiving automatic weapons fire from a vicinity seven miles southeast of Tanyang, causing the friendly patrol to withdraw. No enemy contact was reported as friendly patrols operated seven miles north of Yongwol during the morning of Jan. 25.

4--No enemy contact was reported on the eastern front as United Nations patrols continued to sweep the area in search of the enemy.

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