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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 honor to transmit herewith, for the information of the Security Council, the following communiques issued by the Headquarters of the United Nations Command, as indicated below:

Text of Far East Air Force operational summary for Sunday,
April 15, 1951

Eighth Army communique 311, issued at 8:00 P.M., Monday,
April 16, 1951 (6:00 A.M., Monday, Eastern standard time)

Text of Fifth Air Force evening summary, issued at 9:21 P.M.,
Monday, April 16, 1951 (7:21 A.M., Monday, Eastern
standard time)

Navy operations summary for Monday, April 16, 1951

General Headquarters communique 856, covering twenty-four hours up
to 6:00 A.M., Tuesday, April 17, 1951 (4:00 P.M., Monday,
Eastern standard time)

Eighth Army communique 312, issued at 10:15 A.M., Tuesday
April 17, 1951 (8:15 P.M., Monday, Eastern standard time)

TEXT OF FAR EAST AIR FORCE OPERATIONAL SUMMARY FOR SUNDAY

Aerial armed reconnaissance assaults against the Communists in North Korea highlighted the air war Sunday as Far East Air Forces aircraft mounted more than 825 sorties in a heavy haze that frequently obscured the battlefront.

Fighters, fighter-bombers and light bombers of the Fifth Air Force hammered at the Reds in the areas behind the front lines. The tactical aircraft hit airfields, highways, railway lines, supply areas and troop concentrations.

F-51 Mustangs of the Thirty-fifth Fighter Interceptor Wing struck at the runway on the airfield at Simmak, about fifty miles southeast of Pyongyang, and cratered it in many places. Military workers attempting to repair previous damage to a Pyongyang airfield were driven from their job by strafing F-86's.

Shore-based Marine aircraft also hit an airfield at Yonpo, a few miles south of Hungnam. Bombarding of the airfields is in line with the Far East Air Force's program to hamper the Communists' use of their air potential.

Throughout the day Fifth Air Force warplanes mounted about 675 sorties.

Approximately 120 vehicles were attacked by night intruders of the Fifth Air Force and attached Allied units. Also sighted at night were six trains and two of the trains were definitely damaged.

Fifth Air Force claimed about ninety personnel casualties inflicted on the Reds. Also reported as destroyed or damaged in day operations were more than 1,200 enemy-held buildings, 105 vehicles, sixty railroad cars, forty supply stacks, twenty-five pack animals, fourteen supply carts, twelve supply ammunition and fuel dumps, three gun-positions and a tank.

Highways and railroad lines were severed in more than thirty places to disrupt communications and transportation facilities of the enemy.

Twelve B-29 Superforts of the Nineteenth and 307th bomb groups from Okinawa hit the enemy west coast supply center at Haeju, seventy miles south of Pyongyang with excellent results. The bombers dropped more than 100 tons of high explosives on the area leaving flames and destruction where the Reds stored war materiel.

The bombardment was accomplished both visually and by radar. There was no enemy fighter opposition but some light anti-aircraft fire was observed.

More than 640 passengers were carried by transports of the 315th Air Division (combat cargo) as the planes airlifted about 600 tons of combat supplies to forward bases in Korea.

EIGHTH ARMY COMMUNIQUE 311, ISSUED AT 8:00 P.M. MONDAY
(6 A.M. MONDAY, EASTERN STANDARD TIME)

Enemy forces continued to fight delaying actions along the Korean front, as friendly forces registered limited gains on the western and eastern fronts. Enemy casualties inflicted on 15 April were estimated at approximately 2,310.

1. Enemy company-sized elements continued to fight a delaying action along the western Korean front as United Nations forces continued to advance during the day.
2. Light scattered enemy resistance was reported on the central Korean front as United Nations forces patrolled aggressively during the day.
3. Sporadic light and stubborn resistance continued along sectors of the Eastern front as friendly forces registered limited gains during the day and patrolled aggressively forward of frontline positions.
4. No significant enemy activity has been reported by Republic of Korea forces in the east coast sector.

TEXT OF FIFTH AIR FORCE EVENING SUMMARY, ISSUED AT 9:21 P.M.
MONDAY (7:21 A.M. MONDAY, EASTERN STANDARD TIME)

The important supply bridge across the Yalu River at Uiju, upstream from Sinuiju, was heavily damaged by 500-pound bombs during a dive bombing attack by F-80 jets Monday, the Fifth Air Force reported.

Two direct hits on the bridge were claimed.

Pilots reported that two trucks crossing the bridge during the attack were destroyed.

Fifth Air Force tactical aircraft reported 684 sorties were flown by 6 P.M. Monday.

More than 250 Communist troops were killed or wounded under the air attacks, pilots claimed. The Air Force said 260 enemy-occupied buildings, thirty-two vehicles, one supply dump, one fuel dump, one tank and many other military targets were destroyed.

F-86 Sabre jets tangled with Communist MIG's twice Monday afternoon. In the first aerial battle the Sabre jets claimed two MIG's damaged and one probably destroyed. Sixteen F-86's and thirty MIG's in the first engagement. Later in the afternoon eighteen Sabre jets attacked more than fifteen MIG's and chased them back across the Yalu River. The Communist planes escaped without damage.

Monday morning F-80 pilots reported engaging MIG's twice with no damage to either side. All the Red jets were observed in the Sinuiju area.

An F-80 photo reconnaissance pilot flying along the Yalu River saw an MIG crash and burn on takeoff from Antung airfield on the Manchurian side of the Yalu River this morning.

NAVY OPERATIONS SUMMARY FOR MONDAY

Navy planes from fast carrier Task Force 77 roared into action Monday striking at supply points and highways in northeast Korea.

Naval reserve pilots, flying from the U.S.S. Boxer, flagship of Rear Admiral W.G. Tomlinson, commander of Carrier Division Three, had their biggest day since arriving in the area. Jet Panthers, Skyraiders and Corsairs hit trucks, trains, bridges and supply centers along the east coast from the front line to Songjin to the north.

The carrier Philippine Sea, flagship of Vice Admiral Harold M. Martin, commander Seventh Fleet, launched flights which concentrated on North Korean supply dumps in the same general area.

West of Hungnam twenty-one cars of a railroad train were burned, while, southwest of the city, two freight trains were bombed and napalmed.

Over 250 enemy troops were killed in attacks by the Navy planes in the area west of Pyongyang in central Korea.

Off the west coast, northwest of Pyongyang, the Republic of Korea patrol frigate Apnok (PF-62) claimed one Communist plane downed and another damaged during air attacks by four enemy aircraft yesterday morning.

Navy cruisers St. Paul and Manchester continued bombarding military transportation routes in the Wonsan area. Over 650 rounds of high explosives were fired into the area prior to dawn yesterday. Assisting the cruisers was the destroyer English.

Gun positions on Kalma Gak peninsula, rail and road crossings, and troop concentrations were shelled by the Navy task force during the continued harassing of Communist supply efforts.

The siege of Songjin went into its fortieth consecutive day as the destroyers Lind and Zellars and patrol frigate Hoguham pounded industrial areas and transportation targets in and around the city.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS COMMUNIQUE 856, COVERING TWENTY-FOUR HOURS
UP TO 6 A.M. TUESDAY (4 P.M. MONDAY, EASTERN
STANDARD TIME)

South of Chorwon yesterday, United Nations ground forces advanced against heavy small-arms, mortar and artillery fire. In other sectors, resistance was generally light. Vigorous patrolling continued in the Hwachon sector while in the east-central sector our units encountered decreasing resistance in the mountains west of Inje. Activity in the coastal sectors was limited to patrol actions.

United Nations carrier-based aircraft struck supply centers and troop concentrations in northeast Korea Monday as surface units attacked military transportation routes in the Wonsan-Songjin areas. On the west coast, enemy troop concentrations in the Pyongyang area were neutralized by naval aircraft.

Effective close air support of ground operations continued yesterday while B-29 bombers attacked military targets at Pyongyang and Haeju. In air-to-air combat, our fighters destroyed one hostile jet interceptor and damaged two without sustaining damage.

EIGHTH ARMY COMMUNIQUE 312, ISSUED AT 10:15 A.M. TUESDAY (8:15 P.M.
MONDAY, EASTERN STANDARD TIME)

Stubborn enemy resistance in the area east of Yonchon and north and northwest of Yonggong where the enemy continues to fight a delaying action as friendly forces continue to advance. Light resistance was encountered on the central front. Sporadic light to stubborn resistance was reported east of Yanggu and west-northwest of Inje. The enemy continues smoke activities on the central front.

1. Republic of Korea patrols continued to patrol west and northwest of the Imjin River with no significant enemy contact. Little or no enemy contact was reported in the area west of Yonchon or immediately north of the village. Stubborn enemy resistance consisting of small arms and automatic weapons fire continued in the area west of Yonchon. The enemy continued to fight a stubborn delaying action in the area north and northwest of Yonggong.

2. Light enemy contact was encountered by United Nations forces on the central front.

3. No enemy contact was encountered by United Nations forces south of the Hwachon Reservoir. Sporadic light to stubborn enemy resistance continued in the area east of Yanggu and west-northwest of Inje.

4. No significant enemy activity has been reported by Republic of Korea forces on the east coast.

Miscellaneous: The enemy again attempted to create a smoke screen during April 16. However, prevailing winds tended to eliminate the persistency of the smoke, permitting friendly aircraft to remain operational. A marked decrease in smoke conditions was reported along the western front with the main effort appearing to be along the central front.
