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SECRETARY-GENERAL TRANSMITTING THREE COMMUNIQUEs ISSUED BY THE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF 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 honor to transmit herewith, for the information of the Security Council, the following communiques issued by General Douglas MacArthur, Commander-in-Chief of the United Nations Command, during the last twenty-four hours:

Release 701, issued at 2:20 P.M., Tuesday, 5 November 1950
(12:20 A.M., Tuesday, Eastern standard time)

Release 702, issued at 4:25 A.M., Tuesday, 5 November 1950
(2:25 P.M., Monday, Eastern standard time)

Release 703, issued at 10 A.M., Wednesday, 6 November 1950
(8 P.M., Tuesday, Eastern standard time)

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RELEASE 701, ISSUED AT 2:20 P.M., TUESDAY (12:20 A.M., TUESDAY)
(EASTERN STANDARD TIME)

Good weather enabled United States Far East Air Forces to increase air strikes Monday on the Chinese Communists in Korea throughout the fighting areas and in sectors where the enemy is reported to be massed in large numbers.

More than 570 sorties were flown by Far East Air Forces aircraft on the 160th consecutive day of combat operations in Korea with at least 2,100 enemy troops killed, 350 supply or troop buildings destroyed or damaged, and effective attacks made on ninety vehicles, four locomotives, eight rail cars, two tanks and varied Red targets as Fifth Air Force fighters and light bombers concentrated on the area between Pyongyang and the Chongchon River, and the Chosen (Changjin) Reservoir area to the northeast.

Superforts of the Far East Air Forces Bomber Command made fire and demolition bombing strikes on the Communist supply centers at Tokchon, Anju and Huichon. Traffic routes in the Huichon area were bombed and damaged by 500-pound general purpose bombs. All Superfort crews reported excellent results.

Fifth Air Force B-26 light bombers operated around the clock and F-30 and F-51 fighters flew from dawn to dusk, providing a cover for evacuation of United Nations personnel in several sectors, including wounded men from Hagaru airstrip near the Chosen (Changjin) Reservoir. The light bombers and fighters also flew in close support of the Marine and United States Army infantrymen who effected a line-up in the Hagaru area, and fighters flew close support for United Nations units along the northwestern front.

Mustangs flown by Royal Australian Air Force and South African pilots converged with United States F-51's, F-80 jets and B-26's for crippling blows on the Communists with most of the 2,100 enemy troops killed and 350 supply buildings leveled being in areas around Sunchon, Pakchon, Kachang, Hejon, Haryong, Tokchon, Taechon, Keechon, Chungwa, Yonghung, Anju, Sukchon, Won, Sinanju, Kumu, Sinhung and Pakchang.

Two F-80 jets (one armed and one unarmed reconnaissance plane) were attacked by five MIG-15 type jet enemy planes near Sinuiju. The armed jet damaged one of the MIG's then took evasive action. The chase ended in the hills near Pyongyang where the enemy planes turned for the north as the F-80's escaped.

Far East Air Forces Combat Cargo command transports continued their double duty of flying in ammunition and supplies, some being airdropped to friendly forces, and flying of 3,053 personnel, 1,046 medical evacuees were airlifted from the Hagaru airstrip near the Chosen Reservoir. This makes a total of more than 2,700 evacuees from Hagaru since the daring operation began last Friday.

Cargo Command's total tonnage for the twenty-four-hour period was 1,430, which included the 3,053 medical evacuees and 438 passengers airlifted in 261 sorties. Included in the total tonnage was 195 tons of emergency supplies and ammunition airdropped to Marines by thirty-eight C119's.

RELEASE 702, ISSUED AT 4:25 A.M., TUESDAY (2:25 P.M., EASTERN
STANDARD TIME)

Enemy pressure yesterday was again restricted generally to the Hagaru area. Units of the United States First Marine Division continued to defend against enemy attacks in the Hagaru area.

Elements of the United States Tenth Corps repulsed an enemy attack in the Huksa sector, while another divisional unit fought off an attack in the Mejon area.

In the western sector of Korea, United Nations forces continued to readjust and consolidate defensive positions south of Pyongyang. A small enemy guerrilla force was dispersed by friendly elements in the Sibyon area.

Elements of the Republic of Korea forces engaged in several fire fights in the Yonchon area, resulting in enemy losses of sixty-five killed.

On 1 December an outline of the Chinese Communist forces identified in North Korea was made public, and on 4 December an indication that these forces had received reinforcements was received. At that time the Chinese facing the western part of the United Nations sector were estimated at eighteen divisions, with at least seven more in the area north of, and immediately around, the Chosen (Changjin Reservoir).

A continued effort to supply and reinforce the Communist divisions from north of the Yalu River is evident. This is especially noticeable on the eastern front.

At Changjin, which lies directly north of Chosen Chongju Reservoir, a convoy of vehicles thirty miles in length was observed moving south at 3:30 A.M. on 4 December. Still further north, a large body of troops, towing artillery and supplies, was observed moving south. These movements were taken under heavy friendly air attack.

In this eastern zone, reinforcements available for immediate use are estimated at least three divisions.

In the western zone, a convoy of eighteen vehicles one mile north of Huichon late the night of 3 December was attacked by friendly air. Later, thirty vehicles moving southwest were attacked, and six vehicles moving north. Still later, a convoy of thirty to forty vehicles heading south in this area was attacked. Some of these vehicles exploded.

The heaviest vehicular traffic in the enemy rear areas during the night of 3-4 December was on the road from Huichon to the southwest. However, on the main road down the coast from Sinuiju, between Sonchon and Chingju, traffic was heavy that night, and a total of twenty-five trucks were taken under fire at various points.

A rising tempo of both rail and road movement in enemy rear areas indicates a maximum effort to resupply and reinforce the Chinese Communist forces already committed to the Korean battle.

RELEASE 703, ISSUED AT 10 A.M., WEDNESDAY (8 P.M., TUESDAY)
(EASTERN STANDARD TIME)

Yesterday for the fifth straight day carrier-based United States Navy and Marine fliers concentrated their striking power in close support of ground forces in the Chosen (Changjin) Reservoir area.

Masses of Chinese Communist troops continued to be the primary target of the Navy Skyraiders, Corsairs and Panther Jets and Marine Corsairs.

Flying at three-top level, the carrier-based planes worked over numerous troop concentrations in the area southwest of the reservoir, attacking with bombs, rockets, napalm and 20-mm cannon fire.

In the course of the attacks on enemy ground forces more than 100 military buildings and houses were damaged or destroyed.

When an air attack is imminent the Communist troops rush for the nearest building, driving their trucks and tanks into the shelter closest at hand.

Four warehouses and several gun positions were destroyed in the round-the-clock air attacks.

British Commonwealth fleet units deployed along the west coast stood by to render interdiction, harassing and call fire support of the ground forces, as did United States Navy ships deployed along the east coast.

United States Navy Neptunes and Mariners and Royal Air Force Sunderlands were out on regular armed reconnaissance and anti-mine patrols.

Minesweeping operations continued on both coasts.

Units of the Seventh Fleet continue to patrol Formosa Strait. The Seventh Fleet is commanded by Vice Admiral Arthur D. Struble.
