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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 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:

Eighth Army communique 499, issued at 8.00 P.M., Thursday, July 19, 1951
(6.00 A.M., Eastern daylight time, Thursday)

United Nations Naval Forces summary of operations Thursday, July 19, 1951

Eighth Army communique 500, issued at 10.00 A.M., Friday, July 20, 1951
(8.00 P.M., Eastern daylight time, Thursday)

General Headquarters communique 950, issued Friday forenoon, July 20, 1951

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EIGHTH ARMY COMMUNIQUE 499, ISSUED AT 8.00 P.M., THURSDAY
(6.00 A.M., THURSDAY, EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME)

Moderate enemy resistance was reported in the area west and northwest of Yonchon. Enemy probing attacks in the area north of Inje and north-northwest of Kaesong.

1. Eighth Army patrols encountered squad and platoon-sized enemy contact in the area north and northwest of Munsan during the day.

A light probing attack was repulsed by United Nations forces in the area southwest of Yonchon during the early morning hours. Moderate enemy resistance was encountered by Eighth Army patrols in the area north-northwest and northwest of Yonchon as enemy units of platoon and company size were encountered. Other patrols engaged an enemy platoon in the area west-northwest of Chorwon in a brief fire fight. United Nations patrols placed artillery and engaged an enemy company in the area northwest of Kumhwa.

2. Light enemy contact was reported in the area northeast of Kumhwa and south-southeast of Kumsong as United Nations patrols engaged squad and platoon-sized enemy groups during the day. Light enemy contact continued along the remainder of the central front.

3. Three light probing attacks were repulsed in the area north of Inje while other United Nations forces repulsed two probing attacks in the area north-northwest of Kamsong.

UNITED NATIONS NAVAL FORCES SUMMARY OF JULY 19 OPERATIONS

United Nations Naval Forces continued bombardment of important enemy east coast communications centers yesterday.

Surface forces at Wonsan Thursday again battered troop areas and Communist shore batteries. The destroyers U.S.S. Blue, U.S.S. Cunningham and U.S.S. O'Brien joined with the Royal Navy frigate Morecambe Bay in shelling during the night and day.

The Blue illuminated enemy transportation targets before daylight yesterday. Aided by the destroyer's 5-inch starshells, Air Force night intruder aircraft made effective attacks.

Five-inch naval gunfire from the destroyer U.S.S. Bradford supported Eighth Army troops on the east coast between Kosong and Kansong. Red troops and mortar positions suffered hits from the United Nations warship. Fires burned in a village for several hours yesterday morning after the Bradford scored hits on railroads and highways in the area.

United Nations blockading and bombardment patrols from Songjin north continued yesterday. Navy patrol bombers again made routine flights over Korea. Minesweeping operations continued off both coasts.

Units of Task Force 92, the logistic support force, replenished ships in Task Force 77 operating off the east coast yesterday. The aircraft carriers U.S.S. Princeton and U.S.S. Bon Homme Richard and screening destroyers took on fuel, ammunition and supplies.

EIGHTH ARMY COMMUNIQUE 500, ISSUED AT 10.00 A.M., FRIDAY
(8.00 P.M., THURSDAY, EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME)

Light to moderate enemy resistance reported in the area northwest of Yochon. Light enemy contact with squad to company sized enemy units reported along the remainder of the Korean front.

1. Brief contact with squad and platoon-sized enemy groups was reported by friendly patrols in the area north of Korangpo during the day. Platoon to company sized enemy units supported by mortar fire offered stubborn resistance to friendly patrols in the area northwest of Yonchon. No significant enemy contact was reported in the area north of Chorwon. Light enemy contact was reported in the area north of Kumhwa.

2. Light enemy resistance from platoon-sized units was reported in the area northeast of Kumhwa and south of Kumsong. Patrols in the area south and southeast and southwest of Kumsong reported negligible enemy contact. Brief engagements with platoon-sized enemy units continued along the remainder of the central front.

3. Brief engagements with platoon-sized enemy groups were reported by Eighth Army patrols north and northeast of Yanggu. Light probing attacks were repulsed north of Inje and west of Kaesong. Light enemy contact with platoon and company-sized enemy elements continued in the area northwest and north-northwest of Kaesong.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS COMMUNIQUE 950, ISSUED FRIDAY FORENOON

On the Korean front yesterday United Nations ground forces repulsed several light probing attacks and continued to patrol. In the western sector light contacts were made between friendly and enemy patrols while along the central and eastern fronts friendly elements repulsed several light probing attacks.

Enemy airfields, vehicular traffic, troop concentrations and supply facilities were the principal targets of land-based aircraft yesterday. Fighters and light bombers concentrated attacks on troop positions, vehicles and supply routes while medium bombers hit marshalling yards, supply centers and frontline troop positions. Aerial resupply operations were continued.

United Nations naval surface elements continued bombardment of east coast communication centers, troop areas and shore batteries during the period. Enemy shore batteries in the Wonsan area were heavily attacked by cruisers and destroyers while other elements provided naval gunfire support for friendly units in the Kosong-Kansong area.

