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The Representative of the United States of America 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, United Nations Command communiques No. 1592, issued in Tokyo Wednesday, April 22, No. 1,593, issued Thursday, April 23, No. 1,594, issued Friday, April 24, No. 1,595, issued Saturday, April 25, No. 1,596, issued Sunday, April 26, and No. 1597, issued Monday, April 27, 1953.

UNITED NATIONS COMMAND COMMUNIQUE NO. 1,592
ISSUED IN TOKYO 10:00 A.M. 22 APRIL 1953, WEDNESDAY
(KOREAN TIME)

Carrier aircraft of the UNC Fleet yesterday struck at enemy strong-points and supply areas along the east coast of North Korea from the eastern battlefront to HAMHUNG. Close support sorties blasted enemy bunkers and gun emplacements north of KUMHWA while other flights concentrated against a large highway bridge spanning the SONGCHON RIVER near HAMHUNG.

Surface craft continued pounding the KOSONG area near the front and scored damaging blows on a railroad repair installation at HUNGNAM. West coast carrier planes hammered troop concentrations and gun positions from the front lines to CHANGYON while vessels operating in the Yellow Sea fired on coastal guns near UPCHON and SOGWANNI. UNC fighter bombers yesterday leveled buildings in central North Korea and in the HAEJU PENINSULA as others struck at battleline positions. A supply area near HAMHUNG was severely damaged in medium bomber strikes. Night intruders made strikes against enemy vehicles along supply routes after dark.

Five forward UNC positions were probed lightly and unsuccessfully by the enemy early yesterday in the only Korean ground action reported.

UNITED NATIONS COMMAND COMMUNIQUE NO. 1,593
ISSUED TOKYO 10:00 A.M., THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1953
(KOREAN TIME)

A UNC raiding party last night engaged two enemy groups, one of unknown strength and the other an estimated company, on the west central front. The friendly party disengaged after brief encounters in which heavy losses were suffered by the enemy.

In the same sector, a friendly outpost was engaged in sporadic action by an unknown number of enemy early this morning. The action lasted for more than an hour before the enemy withdrew.

Two enemy probes of estimated platoon size attacked positions in the vicinity of outpost TEXAS last night. Both probes were repulsed. In the western sector, an estimated 15 man enemy patrol attacked and occupied a small temporary listening post early yesterday morning, according to delayed reports.

In action on the east central front, a small enemy patrol was driven off early this morning.

Surface craft of the UNC Fleet yesterday steamed into WONSAN HARBOR to pound enemy shore installations at close range. In a heavy exchange of gun fire, friendly vessels unleashed nearly 600 rounds at shore batteries, silencing several guns and damaging others. Return fire by hostile guns failed to damage UN vessels. Other Fleet elements continued the daily shelling of enemy troop and supply shelters near KOSONG.

Carrier based planes from the Yellow Sea struck at targets from CHINNAMPO to PONGGANG-NI, damaging a transformer, dispersing troops and blasting gun positions, while other flights hammered targets farther inland.

Fighter bombers of the UNC yesterday attacked enemy troop and supply areas, rail lines and battleline positions, destroying buildings, cutting rails and damaging gun positions and bunkers. Intruders last night bombed combat fortifications and destroyed enemy supply vehicles, while medium bombers were hitting two troop and supply areas on the east coast and striking hostile frontline positions.

UNITED NATIONS COMMAND COMMUNIQUE NO. 1,594
ISSUED TOKYO 10:00 A.M. FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 1953
(KOREAN TIME)

Enemy patrol activity last night along the Korean battlefield with incomplete reports showing an unusually high number of small groups as having engaged UNC troops. No details were learned immediately.

Two UNC raiding parties early yesterday morning probed enemy positions in the Far Western sector of the front. One action lasted nearly two hours after the raiders encountered two enemy platoons south of PANMUNJOM. In bitter fighting in the hostile trenches our forces inflicted heavy damage to positions and casualties among enemy troops before returning to friendly lines.

Another UNC raiding party just east of the IMJIN RIVER, in the western sector, early yesterday succeeded in driving an estimated enemy platoon from outpost positions and occupied the enemy area briefly before withdrawing to UNC positions.

In the east central sector, a friendly combat patrol engaged an unknown number of enemy for 35 minutes shortly before noon yesterday, inflicting an unusually high number of casualties on the enemy force. A heavy volume of artillery and mortar fire supported the patrol action.

More than 70 tons of high explosives were dumped on enemy positions in the central sector of the front yesterday as carrier based planes of the UNC Fleet flew close support sorties. UNC vessels operating near WONSAN were brought under heavy fire by enemy shore batteries, but the coast guns were silenced as Fleet planes and guns blasted the positions. Other surface craft pounded shore installations at CHODO-RI on the east coast and gun emplacements along the western coast.

Land based fighter bombers yesterday destroyed buildings and supplies in the enemy-held HAEJU PENINSULA area while others battered rails and highways in central North Korea. UNC jet fighters, flying as a screening force, were successful in engagements yesterday with hostile fighter jets. Last night's aerial activity included attacks by medium bombers in the HUNGNAM supply area and another medium hammered enemy battleline positions. Intruders destroyed vehicles on enemy supply routes and hit a small airfield at SONDOK.

UNITED NATIONS COMMAND COMMUNIQUE NO. 1,595
ISSUED IN TOKYO 10:00 A.M., SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 1953
(KOREAN TIME)

Elements of an estimated fifty-man force penetrated United Nations Command positions shortly before Friday midnight on the west-central front. Hostile troops which succeeded in entering friendly trenches were all casualties within forty-five minutes of the first attack. Meanwhile, an enemy platoon which hit enemy positions near by was repulsed after a brief engagement.

Friendly close-in defensive fires denied an enemy attempt at reinforcement in the same area later by an estimated company, and all enemy forces withdrew three hours after the action started.

During the engagement, 4,000 rounds of incoming artillery and mortar fire struck friendly areas. Intermittent enemy artillery and mortar fire was continuing later Saturday morning.

Extremely heavy casualties were suffered by the enemy, and comparatively light casualties were reported among friendly forces.

Details of increased enemy patrol action reported Friday disclosed fifteen enemy probes against friendly position along the United Nations lines the night of April 22. Two of the probes were of an estimated two-platoon size. The thirteen smaller probes ranged from an estimated six to twenty enemy, and resulted in the temporary occupying of four friendly listening posts.

Planes from United Nations Command carriers Friday flew more than 200 sorties pounding troop concentrations and gun emplacements near the front lines during the day and harassing transportation facilities after dark. In strikes north of Hungnam, the carrier planes set off violent secondary explosions as supply installations were subjected to repeated attacks. Rail facilities near Songjin were heavily shelled by surface elements, while other vessels, operating off the east coast, battered a northbound enemy train south of Tanchon. West coast surface action centered south of Chinnampo where United Nations Command vessels pounded enemy gun caves.

United Nations Command fighter bombers Friday attacked troop and supply centers along the west coast and in central North Korea, leveling nearly 200 buildings and setting supply stores on fire. Other strikes were aimed at enemy rail lines and battle-line positions. Jet fighters scored aerial victories over enemy fighter jets. Medium bombers at night hit a marshaling yard on the east coast, a central sector supply area and enemy front-line positions as night intruders blasted south-bound supply convoys and battle-line fortifications.

UNITED NATIONS COMMAND COMMUNIQUE NO. 1,596
ISSUED IN TOKYO 10:00 A.M., SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 1953
(KOREAN TIME)

United Nations Command troops, occupying positions northeast of the Punchbowl in the east-central sector of the Korean battle front, early this (Sunday) morning were engaged by an estimated enemy company-sized probing force for approximately one hour before repelling the attack. Positions near by had been probed unsuccessfully by an enemy squad before daylight Saturday.

In other action Saturday, a friendly raiding party during early daylight hours crossed the Nam River in the eastern sector of the front and engaged an estimated enemy platoon for nearly an hour before returning to friendly lines.

Carrier-based aircraft of the United Nations Command fleet flew more than 200 sorties on Saturday against enemy installations between the eastern front and areas south of Songjin, damaging gun emplacements, buildings supply stores and caves near Wonsan. In close support missions, carrier flights pounded bunkers, personnel shelters and enemy supply areas. Numerous rail cuts and heavy damage to rolling stock were inflicted along the rail line between Chongjin and Tanchon, while further south, near Pukchong, other rail facilities and troop areas were blasted. Both air and surface blows were struck against enemy positions near Kosong.

West coast carrier planes ranged from inland areas near Yonchon to the coastal city of Chinnampo, damaging trenches, caves and supply buildings. Two rail cuts were made near Haeju and a highway bridge and one rail bridge were destroyed.

Land-based United Nations Command fighter-bombers also hammered enemy installations in the Haeju Peninsula, leveling and damaging buildings between Sariwon and Kaeson and attacking similar targets near Pyongyang. Other fighter-bombers hammered battle-line positions. Medium bombers Saturday night hit two supply centers, a communications center and front-line enemy positions, while night intruders destroyed vehicles along enemy supply routes and bombed a small airfield near Sinmak.

UNITED NATIONS COMMAND COMMUNIQUE NO. 1,597
ISSUED IN TOKYO 10:00 A.M., MONDAY, APRIL 27, 1953
(KOREAN TIME)

United Nations Command positions west of the Punchbowl in the east-central sector of the Korean front early Monday morning were probed briefly by an estimated enemy company. The hostile force withdrew.

In action early Sunday morning, other east-central United Nations Command positions farther to the east were hit by an estimated enemy company. United Nations Command elements fought with the enemy for an hour before driving the attackers off. Positions near by had been probed before midnight Saturday by three enemy groups ranging from a squad to a platoon size. One action continued for thirty minutes before the enemy was thrown back. Another enemy platoon probed United Nations Command positions west of Christmas Hill for twenty-five minutes Saturday night before returning to hostile lines.

Carrier flights from United Nations Command fleet elements battered rail and communications facilities in the Taetan-Haeju-Pungdong area of western North Korea, damaging buildings and destroying rail and road bridges. East coast surface action centered near Chodo where United Nations Command vessels demolished troop shelters, made several road cuts and started numerous fires. Two secondary explosions were observed. A train north of Tanchon was fired on by other fleet elements, but results could not be observed.

United Nations Command fighter-bombers struck at troop and supply areas in western North Korea, cutting highways, destroying buildings and damaging bunkers and personnel shelters. Other fighter-bomber flights attacked enemy naval elements in Sojosen Bay, west of Sinanju, destroying five vessels and damaging fifty. Medium bombers Sunday night pounded a supply complex south of Sariwon and a supply area south of Wonsan, while night intruders hammered battle-line positions and front-bound enemy vehicles.
