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ADDRESSED TO THE ACTING SECRETARY-GENERAL TRANSMITTING FOUR COMMUNIQUE
ISSUED BY THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND IN KOREA

The Acting Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Acting 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 1,046, for Monday, July 21, 1952

United Nations Command communique 1,318, for the twenty-four hours to 6:00 A.M.,
Tuesday, July 22, 1952 (Korean time)

Eighth Army tactical summary 126, for Tuesday, July 22, 1952

United Nations Command communique 1,319, for the twenty-four hours to
6:00 A.M., Wednesday, July 23, 1952 (Korean time)

EIGHTH ARMY COMMUNIQUE 1,046, FOR
MONDAY; JULY 21, 1952

United Nations troops, after an all-night advance, at 5:15 A.M. reached the crest of a hill position west of Chorwon, which the enemy had occupied on the afternoon of July 18. Enemy units probed unsuccessfully in the Yonchon area. United Nations patrols fought engagements with enemy groups up to a platoon in strength along the central and eastern sectors. Enemy artillery and mortars fired 4,185 rounds during the twenty-four-hour period ending at 6 P.M., 2,197 rounds less than were fired in the preceding twenty-four hours.

Western sector: Attacking United Nations elements, supported by tanks and heavy artillery fire, reached the crest of a hill position west of Chorwon, which had been heavily contested since the evening of July 17. The enemy, who had held dominating positions on the hill since the afternoon of July 18, resisted the attack with artillery, mortar and recoilless rifle fire only. No enemy were observed on the hill, as United Nations troops consolidated positions short of the hill crest.

United Nations artillery continued firing at enemy troop concentrations and mortar and artillery positions in the hill area until 8:30 P.M., when the attacking force again advanced toward the crest. Estimated enemy casualties in this action up to 6 P.M. July 21 are 1,093 killed or wounded.

Two reinforced enemy platoons, supported by mortar and artillery fire, probed a United Nations advance position northwest of Yonchon at 9:45 P.M. United Nations troops repulsed them in a firefight lasting nearly two hours. Two enemy squads probing west-northwest of Yonchon at 9:30 P.M. were repulsed in a one-hour firefight. A United Nations raiding unit fought briefly with a reinforced enemy platoon at 1:25 A.M. west of Yonchon. Patrols fought engagements up to thirty minutes in length with small enemy forces.

Central sector: Patrol contacts continued frequent along the central sector as United Nations units fought engagements up to an hour and five minutes in length with enemy groups up to a platoon in strength.

Eastern sector: Patrols fought engagements up to fifty minutes in length with enemy units up to a platoon in strength.

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UNITED NATIONS COMMAND COMMUNIQUE 1,318,
FOR THE TWENTY-FOUR HOURS TO 6:00 A.M.,
TUESDAY, JULY 22, 1952 (KOREAN TIME)

Positions were organized by our forces on the hill captured in the western sector of the Korean battlefront yesterday. Two engagements of fifteen and fifty-five minutes duration were fought in the west-central sector of the line. Elsewhere all was quiet in ground activity.

Warships of the United Nations Command Fleet fired on the enemy on the eastern front and on enemy facilities in the city of Kojo yesterday. Other surface craft continued operations around the port of Wonsan. Blockade and escort elements in the Yellow Sea patrolled the island complex. Minesweepers were active along both coasts.

Land-based warplanes destroyed supply buildings, fired supply dumps, knocked out bridges and made rail cuts yesterday. Rail cars were blasted, troop casualties inflicted, gun positions and frontline bunkers destroyed during the day's flights. Medium bombers hit a supply area at Hungnam and a hydro-electric power plant at the Chosen reservoir.

EIGHTH ARMY TACTICAL SUMMARY 126,
FOR TUESDAY, JULY 22, 1952

Attacking enemy troops won back a portion of "Old Baldy," west of Chorwon, Tuesday morning, as fighting at the western sector hill position continued into its fifth day. The Chinese attacked the hill Thursday night, occupied the crest Friday afternoon and left the position early Monday after a severe pummeling by United Nations planes and artillery. United Nations artillery kept pounding Chinese troop and artillery and mortar positions in the area Monday.

Between 6:30 P.M. Monday and 10:50 A.M. Tuesday, United Nations planes, sighting their targets with radar, bombed the area. United Nations artillery kept up its counter-battery and counter-mortar fire. More than a thousand Chinese had been estimated killed or wounded in the fighting up to 6 P.M. Monday.

A light exchange of fire with an enemy squad was the only ground contact on the hill as dawn broke Tuesday, but at 9:30 A.M., an enemy company attacked. United Nations troops withdrew from the western portion but remained on the eastern portion of the hill.

United Nations air strikes followed the enemy attack, with planes firing rockets and dropping napalm and 1,000 and 500-pound bombs. Four enemy trucks were sighted at 2 P.M., and one was knocked out. An artillery duel continued through Tuesday afternoon as United Nations and enemy troops kept up a sporadic firefight on the hill.

Northeast of "Old Baldy," a United Nations ambush patrol surprised an enemy company on its way to probe a United Nations advance position. The company was repulsed with thirty-five killed or wounded in an hour and a half firefight shortly after midnight.

A United Nations position west of Munsan was probed twice, first briefly by an enemy platoon at 12:35 A.M., and then for forty-five minutes by two enemy platoons, starting at 12:55 A.M. Eleven enemy were estimated killed as the probes were repulsed.

An enemy platoon probing a United Nations advance position south of Panmunjom was driven back in a brief firefight at 1:11 A.M. An enemy squad probing a United Nations advance position south of Kosong at 3:55 A.M. was repulsed in a fifteen-minute firefight.

Patrols were active throughout the day, with enemy contacts most frequent in the central sector.

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UNITED NATIONS COMMAND HEADQUARTERS COMMUNIQUE 1,319,
FOR THE TWENTY-FOUR HOURS TO 6:00 A.M.,
WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 1952 (KOREAN TIME)

Fighting continued in the vicinity of a key hill position in the western sector of the Korean battlefield yesterday. Our forces withdrew to the eastern slopes of the hill in the face of an enemy attack. Other attacks directed at our forces in the western sector were broken up after sharp firefights. Elsewhere action was sporadic and light. An enemy probing patrol was repulsed and our patrols reported only light to medium enemy contacts.

United Nations planes from carriers along the east coast ranged inland in daylong assaults, one of the principal targets being a railroad yard. Surface craft hit enemy coastal and gun positions and sampans. Land-based warplanes silenced gun positions, inflicted enemy troop casualties, fired supply dumps, made rail and road cuts and destroyed enemy vehicles yesterday. Medium bombers blasted a key marshaling yard on the north-central rail route leading from Manchuria during their night operations.

Combat cargo air transports continued to airlift supplies and personnel in logistical air support of United Nations operations in Korea.

