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UNITED STATES ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL  
TRANSMITTING FIVE COMMUNIQUEs 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 881, for the twelve-hour period ended at noon  
Tuesday, February 26, 1952

Far East Air Forces summary 612, for operations Tuesday, February 26,  
1952

Far East Naval Headquarters summary for operations Tuesday, February 26,  
1952

Eighth Army communique 882, for operations Tuesday, February 26, 1952

General Headquarters communique 1,172, for the twenty-four hours ended  
6:00 A.M., Wednesday, February 27, 1952 (4:00 P.M., Tuesday, Eastern  
standard time)

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EIGHTH ARMY COMMUNIQUE 881, FOR THE  
TWELVE-HOUR PERIOD ENDED AT NOON  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1952 .

United Nations patrols fight light engagements with enemy units up to two squads in strength along the central front.

1. No significant enemy contact was reported during the period from the western Korean battlefield.
2. United Nations forces along the central front reported light patrol engagements with enemy units up to two squads in strength during the period.
3. No significant enemy contact was reported by United Nations forces along the Eastern front.

FAR EAST AIR FORCES SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS  
FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1952

As low-hanging clouds and poor visibility continued in Korea, warplanes of the Far East Air Forces Tuesday were limited to 230 sorties.

However, all-weather medium bombers of the Far East Air Forces Bomber Command were active in strikes last night as were B-26 night intruders on interdiction missions.

Fifth Air Force and attached Marine aircraft flew twenty-six of the total Far East Air Forces sorties. This was the lowest number of operational flights for any twenty-four-hour period since last Dec. 26, when bad weather limited Fifth Air Force and attached aircraft to seven sorties.

Weather also prevented the Far East Air Forces F-86 Sabre jets from taking to the air for their usual patrol sweeps of North Korea yesterday.

Ten medium bombers of the Okinawa-based 307th Bomb Wing, using radar-aiming methods, last night attacked the Sinhung rail bridge near Huichon in north-central Korea, dropping 100 tons of 500-pound high explosives on the target. Neither flak nor enemy fighters were reported. Three other B-29's flew close air support for United Nations front-line forces, dropping thirty tons of 500-pound air-bursting bombs on enemy troop and supply installations just behind the battle line.

Ten B-26 night intruders used radar-aiming methods in bombing the rail bridge complex at Sinanju. Nine other B-26's made strikes on the Sunchon marshaling yards, while nine more night intruders flew close-air-support sorties against enemy troops and supplies just behind the battle line.

Cargo transports of the Far East Air Forces 315th Air Division flew 190 sorties, airlifting 495 tons of personnel and supplies in continued support of United Nations combat operations.

FAR EAST NAVAL HEADQUARTERS SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS  
FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1952

Restricted visibility on the Korean east coast cancelled air operations and surface-bombardment vessels to missions of patrol and harassment fire.

The British carrier H.M.S. Glory launched fifty-three sorties against targets on the western terminus of the battle line. Sea Fury and Firefly planes bombed and blocked a tunnel, destroyed ox carts and strafed sampans along the coastal area. The destroyer H.M.S. Cockade harassed Red troops ashore as the destroyer U.S.S. Gurke, with airpot from the Glory, bombarded positions at Ulljul.

First Marine Air Wing pilots flew limited sorties between Haeju and Sariwon to cut Red rail tracks in two places.

EIGHTH ARMY COMMUNIQUE 382, FOR OPERATIONS  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1952

United Nations units repulse attack by enemy company against advance position west of Mundung Valley. United Nations patrols fight light engagements with enemy units up to two squads in strength on central front.

1. No significant enemy contact was reported during the period from the Western Korean battlefield.

2. United Nations forces along the central front reported light patrol engagements with enemy units up to two squads in strength, including an action west of the Pukhan River, in which a United Nations patrol at 9:40 A.M., engaged an enemy squad in bunkers and fought for 2 hours and 40 minutes before disengaging and returning to its base.

3. United Nations elements at an advance position west of the Mundung Valley at 3 A.M., observed an enemy squad moving south. United Nations artillery fire was directed on the enemy, but at 11:15 P.M., a secondary enemy squad joined the first and the advance position was attacked. The enemy was reinforced with a third squad at 11:50 P.M., and at midnight with two platoons. United Nations units placed a heavy concentration of artillery and mortar fire on the enemy and at 12:25 A.M., Wednesday, the enemy withdrew. No other significant enemy contact developed during the period along the eastern front.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS COMMUNIQUE 1,172, FOR THE TWENTY-FOUR  
HOURS ENDED 6 A.M., WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1952  
(4 P.M., TUESDAY, EASTERN STANDARD TIME)

There were no significant changes along the Korean battlefront. Our patrols made scattered minor contacts with the enemy. Friendly forces continued to maintain and adjust their positions along the line.

United Nations naval vessels and planes were restricted to patrol and harassment missions yesterday because of inclement weather. Off the west coast, carrier-based planes struck at targets of opportunity. Bombardment of Wonsan, Hungnam and the Sonjin areas continued, but results were not observed due to heavy snows.

Poor weather also hampered our land-based aircraft. Light bombers flew interdiction missions on road traffic during the night. Medium bombers bombed a rail bridge and others flew close-air-support missions. Cargo transports continued to fly personnel and supplies in logistical support of the Korean front.

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