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IN KOREA

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, the following communiques issued by the Headquarters of the United Nations Command, as indicated below:

Far East Air Forces summary for Monday, May 19, 1952

Eighth Army tactical summary 63, for operations Tuesday, May 20, 1952

Eighth Army communique 983, for operations Tuesday, May 20, 1952

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FAR EAST AIR FORCES SUMMARY FOR MOIDAY,
MAY 19, 1952

Far East Air Forces warplanes yesterday struck enemy front positions all along the battleline, and continued attacks against the Red transportation network despite unfavorable weather conditions as Far East Air Forces aircraft flew 645 sorties.

Fifth Air Force and attached Royal Australian, South African and land-based Marine pilots flew 455 of Far East Air Forces total sorties.

In close support missions propeller-driven F-51 Mustangs under the direction of T-6 Mosquitos inflicted destruction on enemy installations from one end of the battle front to the other. The fighter-bombers destroyed or damaged forty troop revetments and silenced twenty-five gun positions. Communications trenches were blown up and fifty-five enemy troop casualties were inflicted.

F-30 Shooting Stars, concentrating on strikes against the enemy's badly battered rail net, cratered tracks in fifteen places along the important line connecting Sonchon and Chongju in northwest Korea. The fighter-bomber pilots also slashed rails in five places and destroyed ten rail cars north of the North Korean capital of Pyongyang. Near Haeju five other boxcars were damaged.

Marine aircraft, teaming in the interdiction strikes with other Fifth Air Force and attached airplanes, scored rail cuts in twenty places above Pyongyang.

F-51's, carrying out interdiction attacks as well as close air-support missions, scored multiple rail cuts, also destroying a supply building near Yonan and damaging twenty-five others.

Total destruction inflicted on the enemy during the period includes forty-five buildings destroyed or damaged, 120 vehicles destroyed, one road bridge and one rail bridge knocked out, and thirty gun positions silenced.

F-86 Sabrejets, flying protective cover for the fighter-bombers, encountered no enemy MIG-15 jet fighters yesterday. However, the speedy Sabres were credited officially yesterday with air-to-ground destruction on May 4 of five YAK-9 propeller-driven fighters caught on the Sinuiju airfield.

Eight B-29 Superfort medium bombers of Far East Air Forces Bomber Command's Japan-based Ninety-eighth Bomb Wing, using electronic aiming techniques, last night dropped eighty tons of high explosives on the Sunchon south rail by-pass bridge spanning the Taedong River. The crews reported moderate flak.

Two other medium bombers dropped their 500-pound bomb loads on a storage area at Hamhung, while another Superfort flew close air support for United Nations battleline forces, dropping bombs on enemy troop and supply concentrations.

B-26 light bombers and Marine land-based aircraft last night destroyed eighty-five of a light to moderate sighting of enemy supply vehicles attempting to move toward Communist front lines under protective cover of darkness. Traffic was mostly in the Sunchon, Pyongyang, Sariwon, Wonsan and Songchon areas. Night intruders also attacked rail lines between Sonchon and Chongju and south of Wonsan, with unobserved results.

Cargo transports of Far East Air Forces 315th Air Division yesterday flew 175 sorties, airlifting 515 tons of supplies and personnel in continued logistical support of United Nations combat operations.

EIGHTH ARMY TACTICAL SUMMARY 63, FOR OPERATIONS TUESDAY,
MAY 20, 1952

Action continued light along the Eighth Army front Tuesday, as United Nations troops beat back light enemy probes northwest of Yonchon and northeast of the Punchbowl and patrols fought light engagements with enemy units up to two platoons in strength. A United Nations patrol clashed with an enemy unit of undetermined strength at 8:15 A.M. east of Panmunjom and poured artillery, tank and mortar fire on the enemy before disengaging from the action more than six hours later. For the fifth morning in a row, a tank-infantry patrol ranged forward into enemy territory northwest of Kumhwa. The patrol fought against mortar and rocket fire at 8:20 and against mortar and machine-gun fire shortly after 9, when it returned to its base.

Other patrol contacts were lighter engagements lasting less than a quarter of an hour. An enemy unit of undetermined strength probed a United Nations advance position northwest of Yonchon at 12:05 A.M. Artillery fire aided in forcing the enemy to withdraw at 3:10 A.M. Two enemy squads probed an advance position near-by at 3 and were driven back, again with the aid of artillery fire, four minutes later. A small enemy group probed briefly northeast of the Punchbowl at 2:25 A.M. and withdrew.

EIGHTH ARMY COMMUNIQUE 983, FOR OPERATIONS TUESDAY,
MAY 20, 1952

Twentieth BCT patrol kills thirty-two in two fights west of Chorwon. Enemy probes repulsed west of Korangpo, west-northwest and northwest of Yonchon, northeast of Kumhwa, west of the Punchbowl.

1. Patrols of the Twentieth Battalion Combat Team killed twenty enemy in a thirty-five-minute hand-to-hand fight with an enemy unit of undetermined strength ending at 9 A.M. and twelve enemy in a thirteen-minute action, also with an undetermined number of enemy, ending at 4:05 P.M. at an enemy position west of Chorwon. Two enemy squads attacked a United Nations advance position west-northwest of Yonchon at 1:10 A.M. and the occupying United Nations unit withdrew after a brief fire-fight to direct artillery fire on the enemy. The enemy withdrew at 4:35 A.M. and United Nations troops re-occupied the position at 4:40. Eleven enemy were killed in that action. An enemy unit of undetermined strength briefly probed a United Nations position west of Korangpo at 1 A.M. and was forced to withdraw. Two enemy squads probed a United Nations advance position northwest of Yonchon at 11:20 P.M. and withdrew after a twenty-minute fire-fight. No other significant enemy contact was reported during the period from the western Korean battlefield.

2. An enemy unit of undetermined strength briefly probed a United Nations advance position northwest of Kumhwa at 11:10 P.M. and was forced to withdraw. United Nations patrols along the central front fought light engagements up to thirty minutes in length with enemy units up to a platoon in strength. Most patrol actions developed along the eastern sector of the front.

3. An enemy unit of undetermined strength approached a United Nations advance position west of the Punchbowl at 10 P.M. The occupying United Nations unit withdrew, placed small arms and automatic weapons fire on the enemy and re-occupied the position with no opposition at 11:20. United Nations troops patrolling the eastern front fought light engagements up to twenty-eight minutes in length with enemy units up to a platoon in strength.
