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HEADQUARTERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND 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:

Eighth U.S. Army communique 1,132, released in Tokyo 10:00 A.M.,
Thursday, October 16, 1952 (Korean time)

United Nations Command communique 1,403, released in Tokyo
9:20 A.M., Wednesday, October 15, 1952 (Korean time)

Eighth Army tactical summary 212, for Thursday, October 16, 1952

EIGHTH UNITED STATES ARMY COMMUNIQUE NUMBER 1132
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The Central Sector of the front continued active. Republic of Korea 9th Division troops completely occupied White Horse Mountain and defended a hill across the Chorwon valley to the east. Attacking 7th United States Infantry Division and Republic of Korea 2nd Division elements seized positions on Triangle Hill and Sniper Ridge in the Kumhwa area. Eighth Army troops defended Finger Ridge against a series of light attacks. Enemy artillery and mortars fired 12,390 rounds during the twenty-four hour period ending at 6:00 P.M., 18,434 fewer than were fired in the preceding twenty-four hours.

In the Western Sector, enemy of undetermined strength probing Bunker Hill positions at 1:40 P.M. were repulsed in a ten-minute fire fight. An enemy platoon attacked a small advance position west-northwest of Yonchon at 6:35 P.M. and the occupying unit withdrew after a brief action. Patrols fought brief engagements with enemy units up to two squads in strength.

In the Central Sector, Republic of Korea 9th Division troops won complete control of White Horse Mountain northwest of Chorwon with the capture by 11:00 A.M. of three knobs on the northwest portion of the hill and defended a hill across Chorwon valley to the east against continued enemy attacks from 9:00 A.M. to 9:30 P.M. In their second attack in two days against Triangle Hill, north of Kumhwa, United States 7th Infantry Division troops occupied three key positions on the hill at 11:40 A.M. and yielded one at 2:00 P.M. after a forty-minute enemy counterattack supported by heavy mortar and artillery fire. Elements of the Republic of Korea 2nd Division in their second attack in two days along Sniper Ridge to the northeast, advanced slowly against still resistance, seized a key position at 2:30 P.M. and held it against a late evening counter attack. Enemy pressure against positions in the Finger Ridge area begun at 7:55 P.M. October 14, continued until dawn and resumed at 7:15 P.M. with a series of light attacks in up to company strength, all of which were repulsed. Patrols fought engagements up to 15 minutes in length with enemy groups up to a reinforced platoon in strength.

In the Eastern Sector, a small enemy group probing Sandbag Castle west of the Punchbowl at 9:45 P.M. was driven off in a brief exchange of fire. Patrols fought engagements up to twenty minutes in length with enemy groups up to two squads in strength.

UNITED NATIONS COMMAND COMMUNIQUE 1403
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Action continued around White Horse Hill on Korea's west-central front yesterday. United Nations Command Forces attacked an estimated two enemy battalions. Other friendly forces secured positions approximately six miles east of White Horse Hill. In this same sector United Nations Command forces attacked in the areas north of Kumhwa. After day-long fighting they broke contact with the enemy and withdrew. Also in the same sector our forces attacked Sniper Hill. After securing their objective they withdrew in the face of an enemy counter attack. Fourteen separate enemy probes were repulsed by United Nations Command forces in the Central Sector, while two were repulsed in the east-central and a single probe by enemy forces turned back in the western sector. A friendly raiding party engaged an enemy platoon for approximately 30 minutes on the Eastern front and withdrew after inflicting casualties on the enemy forces.

EIGHTH ARMY TACTICAL SUMMARY 212,
FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1952

Troops of the United States Seventh Division and Ninth Republic of Korea Division were involved in continued action Thursday at key positions along the Eighth Army central front.

North of Kumhwa, United States Seventh Infantry Division elements held positions east of the crest of Triangle Hill against a five and a half-hour Chinese attack that broke off at 10:00 A.M. They followed the Chinese withdrawal with an attack against twin peaks northeast of the crest, securing them with little opposition at 2:15 and fifteen minutes later taking Pike's Peak northeast of the crest after a light engagement.

Northeast of Kumhwa, Republic of Korea Second Division soldiers were facing stiffer resistance in their attack along enemy-held portions of Sniper Ridge.

They withstood a series of night attacks against Pinpoint Hill, which they had occupied on Sniper Ridge Wednesday. A Chinese dawn attack, supported by heavy artillery fire, forced the ROK's to withdraw 200 yards, but the ROK's smashed back at 6:20 A.M. and drove the Chinese off Pinpoint to the northwest in a three-hour fight.

Attacking Chinese struck shortly after midnight at Iron Horse Mountain east of the Chorwon Valley, winning the peak and position to the south in a three-and-a-quarter-hour battle. Republic of Korea Ninth Division troops counterattacked through heavy enemy artillery fire at 10:25 A.M. and forced two Chinese companies off the positions and the crest of Iron Horse Mountain by 2:30 P.M.

The fight continued, however, with the Chinese holding the forward slopes of White Horse Mountain, while other enemy troops opened fire from a hill mass to the north.

The enemy continued their pressure against Finger Ridge, west of the Pukhan River, where eight enemy groups hit the Eighth Army positions on October 15. A Chinese squad probing the area at 2:20 A.M. was repulsed in a brief firefight.

Eighth Army advance positions northwest of Yonchon, which have been frequently contested for the past week, were probed lightly by enemy groups of two squad strength in the early morning hours.

