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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. 1,462, issued Saturday, December 13, No. 1,463, issued Sunday, December 14, No. 1,464, issued Monday, December 15, and No. 1,465, issued Tuesday, December 16, 1952.

UNITED NATIONS COMMAND COMMUNIQUE NO. 1,462, ISSUED IN TOKYO 10:00 A.M., SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1952 (KOREAN TIME)

Ground action again was centered in the western sector of the Korean battle front yesterday. In the extreme west a friendly raiding party engaged enemy elements at intervals during a five and a half hour period in engagements lasting more than one hour. The enemy groups, estimated up to two plateons in strength, broke contact several times with United Nations Command forces before our troops returned to their positions.

An estimated enemy battalion attacked a friendly outpost position in another part of the western sector, causing United Nations Command forces to withdraw slightly following a short engagement. Friendly elements then launched five counterattacks against the enemy, resulting in their reoccupying the lost position. However, four hours later the enemy counterattacked with an estimated two companies and United Nations Command forces again were forced to withdraw.

In the central sector four enemy probing patrols were repulsed by United Nations Command troops in engagements lasting up to more than one hour in length.

United Nations Command aircraft struck at front-line positions and troop and supply buildings during the period, knocking out gun emplacements and bunkers. Last night medium bombers attacked a troop concentration near Tokehon, a rail bridge at Huichon and a marshaling yard at Hamhung. Also blasted last night were two communication centers north of Singye.

Carrier-based planes ranged northward from the battle line to Kilchu, destroying numerous enemy targets including trucks, buildings, boats, and gun positions.

Surface elements scored direct hits on enemy rail lines, bridges and a supply dump near Wonsan on the east coast.

UNITED NATIONS COMMAND COMMUNIQUE NO. 1,463, ISSUED IN TOKYO 10:00 A.M., SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1952 (KOREAN TIME)

Following a brief engagement yesterday, United Nations Command troops recaptured Little Nori Hill in the western sector of the Korean battle front. Two enemy platoons were driven from positions there and were pursued to Big Nori Hill where the battle continued until late afternoon when friendly forces withdrew to Little Nori. Meanwhile, other United Nations Command troops on Little Nori repulsed an attack from an estimated enemy company after a twenty-minute fire fight.

Sniper Ridge in the west central sector was the scene of additional action Saturday as United Nations Command elements were engaged two hours and forty minutes in driving off an estimated two enemy platoons. Rocky Point received enemy probes lasting twenty minutes and fifty-five minutes before being blunted, while in the same vicinity two enemy platoons intermittently battled friendly forces for seven hours and fifteen minutes.

Elsewhere during the period the Korean battle front was relatively quiet.

Land-based United Nations Command aircraft were active yesterday with fighter-bombers leading forays against enemy transportation, supply areas and front-line positions. Medium bombers last night attacked a communications center at Uiju on the Yalu River and three others bombed enemy strong points on the western front. Night intruders blasted two hostile troops and supply concentrations south of Pyongyang and east of Songchon. Other intruders smashed supply vehicles and hit front-line areas.

United Nations Command Fleet surface elements bombarded and cut four rails in a by-pass near Hungnam on the east coast. Marine aircraft caught fifteen to twenty enemy trucks in a tunnel near Chorwon and sealed them in with high explosives and fire bombs on either end of the cavern.

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UNITED NATIONS COMMAND COMMUNIQUE NO. 1,464, ISSUED IN TOKYO 10:00 A.M., MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1952 (KOREAN TIME)

Heaviest ground action in Korea yesterday occurred in the west-central sector where sharp action raged throughout most of the period. Early today, United Nations Command forces still held their positions in the area. Elsewhere light probes by enemy forces were thrown back in the western and central sectors. A United Nations Command raiding party operating in the western sector engaged enemy troops for about twenty-five minutes before returning to their own lines.

Marginal weather sharply reduced air activities. Land-based fighter-bombers operated during daylight, while light and medium bombers were out at night. Targets were supply areas, an ore processing plant and enemy front-line positions.

United Nations Command Fleet activities centered around surface craft bombardments of enemy targets along the east coast and ratrol activities in western waters.

UNITED NATIONS COMMAND COMMUNIQUE NO. 1,465, ISSUED IN TOKYO 10:00 A.M., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1952 (KOREAN TIME)

Korean ground action yesterday was centered once again in the western and central sectors of the battle front, while in the east only light enemy contacts were made.

In the extreme west a friendly raiding party reached its objective following brief engagements with an estimated three enemy squads.

In action which had been continuing from the previous period in the central sector, United Nations Command troops counterattacked against enemy elements which earlier had forced our units to withdraw slightly from their forward positions. After an hour's engagement United Nations Command forces reoccupied their original positions. Also in action continuing from early yesterday morning, United Nations forces repulsed an enemy counterattack after nearly a four-hour engagement around positions on Sniper Ridge. Later, in the same vicinity, three probing attacks from enemy groups estimated at up to two platoons were thwarted.

A small enemy group probed a friendly position in the eastern sector and after fifteen minutes was repulsed.

United Nations Command aircraft continued their round-the-clock strikes against enemy front-line positions, supply lines, troop concentrations and buildings. Last night, medium bombers blasted a barracks at Hoechang and a supply dump north of Sinanju.