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NOTE DATED 18 JUNE 1953 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TRANSMITTING SIX COMMUNIQUES ISSUED BY THE 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, United Nations Command communiques No. 1,642, issued Thursday, June 11, No. 1,643, issued Friday, June 12, No. 1,644, issued Saturday, June 13, No. 1,645, issued Sunday, June 14, No. 1,646, issued Monday, June 15, and No. 1,647, issued Tuesday, June 16, 1953.

UNITED NATIONS COMMAND COMMUNIQUE No. 1,642, ISSUED IN TOKYO
10:00 A.M., THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1953 (KOREAN TIME)

Very heavy enemy attacks hit United Nations Command positions in the vicinity of outpost Texas in the east central sector of the Korean battlefield late last night and bitter fighting continued in the area this morning. The attacks followed increased enemy activity along the front earlier in the period.

Elements of a hostile division hit three friendly positions in the vicinity of outpost Texas and another approximately four miles to the east near Christmas Hill. Attacks in the outpost Texas area involved one by an estimated regiment, two battalions hit at another point and one battalion slammed into a third locale. Hostile elements succeeded in penetrating United Nations Command positions in each of the attacks. Bitter fighting continued this morning.

An estimated two enemy companies initiated the assault in the Christmas Hill area and succeeded in penetrating friendly positions on the right flank. A counter-attack was launched by United Nations Command troops at approximately 0530 hours today and action was continuing.

In the Iron Triangle area of the west central sector, an enemy battalion supported by tanks and heavy artillery and mortar fire hit friendly positions late last night. Action there was continuing early this morning. Another attack in the same area was launched early this morning by an estimated enemy company and also was continuing at the close of the period.

Further to the east, in the vicinity of Arrowhead Ridge, two enemy companies attacked friendly positions early today. The enemy was thrown back after approximately 45 minutes of fighting. Numerous enemy probes hit friendly positions all along the front early yesterday one on the west central front east of Sangyon was repulsed by friendly forces after a brief engagement, another in the central sector northeast of Chorwon and composed of an estimated 40 enemy was thrown back after approximately 30 minutes.

Northeast of Kumhwa an enemy probing platoon hit positions in the Rocky Point area, but was repulsed after approximately 40 minutes on the east central front, northeast of the Punchbowl, an enemy squad probed friendly positions at about 1030 hours yesterday but was beaten off. Another probe by an estimated two squads was blunted in the Eastern sector in the early morning hours yesterday after almost 1-1/2 hours of fighting.

In the Wonsan area yesterday United Nations Command carrier based planes destroyed or damaged boxcars and trucks in a railroad marshaling yard, a highway bridge and numerous buildings. The planes also flew close support missions along the front where hits were reported on mortar positions, bunkers and personnel shelters.

Surface elements fired on supply areas, bunkers, gun positions and a command post in the Kosong and Wonsan area.

Land-based jet fighters of the United Nations Command scored again in duels with enemy fighter jets yesterday. Fighter bombers pounded enemy airfields at Kanggye Road and rail bridges and an airfield at Sunchon, and battleline positions. Medium bombers also pounded airfields and frontline positions. Night intruders destroyed enemy supply vehicles.

UNITED NATIONS COMMAND COMMUNIQUE No. 1,643, ISSUED IN TOKYO
10:00 A.M., FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1953, (KOREAN TIME)

Bitter fighting in the outpost Texas and Christmas Hill areas in the east central sector of the Korean battlefront continued during the period. United Nations Command forces launched a counterattack at approximately 0730 hours yesterday against a hostile regiment which had penetrated United Nations Command positions in the outpost Texas area earlier that morning. A raging see-saw battle ensued all day yesterday morning. Friendly forces met heavy resistance, but were advancing slowly this morning as the action continued.

United Nations Command troops were engaged in hard fighting all day yesterday in the Christmas Hill area. Nearly all the ground captured early yesterday by the enemy had been retaken by friendly forces early this morning. At approximately 0400 hours today, friendly forces renewed their attack and the action was continuing at the close of the period.

Friendly forward positions northeast of Chorwon in the west central sector were attacked by two hostile battalions early this morning. By 0530 hours, the enemy force had withdrawn after suffering heavy casualties, but heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire continued in the area.

A hostile battalion attack in the Iron Triangle area was hurled back early yesterday morning after a 2-1/2 hour battle. In the Snipers Ridge area of the west-central front, an estimated three enemy companies attacked friendly positions late last night. After almost six hours of heavy fighting, the enemy force was repulsed. Slightly to the west of this action a hostile company hit another friendly position at about the same time. This attack was thrown back after approximately 2-1/2 hours of fighting.

Late the night of June 10 a friendly position near Old Baldy in the western sector was attacked by an estimated two enemy platoons. The hostile attack was repulsed after a brief action.

Carrier based planes of the United Nations Command Fleet yesterday hammered enemy frontline positions in close support of United Nations Command troops and dropped tons of explosives in the Pyongyang area, destroying numerous buildings, bunkers, caves and mortar positions, and important rail bridge near Chongdan also was destroyed. Other scattered targets were blasted at Taetan and Yonchon.

Surface elements concentrated on artillery positions, bunkers and supply areas in the vicinity of Kosong on the east coast. In a duel with enemy shore batteries at Wcnsan a friendly vessel received one hit from hostile fire. No casualties were suffered and the enemy fire was silenced. In Yellow Sea surface action coastal gun batteries were shelled near Kumsan-Ni.

Land-based fighter-bombers yesterday hit two hostile airfields deep in North Korea, another field near Haeju, and bombed buildings and a marshaling yard in the Sariwon area. Light bombers made day and night assaults, hammering battleline positions during the day and destroying enemy supply vehicles after dark. Medium bombers struck two enemy airfields in northwest North Korea.

UNITED NATIONS COMMAND COMMUNIQUE No. 1,644, ISSUED IN TOKYO
10:00 A.M., SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 1953, (KOREAN TIME)

The Korean battlefront yesterday was the scene of a bitter new battle in the central sector and of continued heavy fighting on the west-central and east-central fronts.

Enemy forces attacked five United Nations Command positions in the Finger Ridge area late last night, and penetrated friendly positions in each attack. Two enemy companies, later reinforced by three core companies, slammed into one friendly force at approximately 2210 hours, and penetrated the position after being engaged in hand-to-hand combat.

At 2230 hours, another two enemy companies attacked positions nearby and made penetrations after approximately two hours of fighting. In the same vicinity, three more attacks by hostile companies were launched about the same time, and penetrated three additional positions in the area.

Also in the central sector, an estimated enemy battalion hit United Nations Command positions in the vicinity of White Horse Mountain, but was repulsed after approximately one hour of fighting. Northwest of Chorwon, an enemy company attack was hurled back late last night after a one-hour fight.

United Nations Command forces launched several unsuccessful counterattacks in the outpost Texas area of the east-central front yesterday morning. Two enemy attacks late last night, one by a company and the other by an unknown number which was later reinforced by a company, also were unsuccessful. Enemy forces, however, early this morning still held most of the ground taken in their original attack the night of June 10.

In the Iron Triangle area of the west-central front, at approximately 2350 hours last night, two enemy companies later reinforced by a battalion, hit United Nations Command positions northwest of Kumhwa and made penetrations. Friendly forces counter-attacked about four hours later, and bitter hand-to-hand fighting was raging early this morning as the action continued.

In the same sector, northeast of Kumhwa, an enemy platoon hit friendly positions early this morning. The enemy attack was reinforced by an estimated battalion, but by 0415 hours today, the enemy had broken contact.

In the outpost Harry action, also in the west-central sector, an unknown number of enemy hit friendly positions early this morning supported by heavy artillery and mortar fire. Approximately 1-1/2 hours later the action slackened. But the enemy later renewed its attack after being reinforced and action in the area continues.

Carrier-based planes of the United Nations Command Fleet yesterday hit enemy battleline positions in the east-central and central sectors of the front, and despite poor weather, struck coastal defense positions in and around Wonsan and an airfield in North Korea.

Surface elements fired on gun positions and personnel shelters near Kosong.

Poor weather also limited daylight interdiction assaults by United Nations Command land-based aircraft, but fighter-bombers slammed enemy positions along the front in day long assaults. Night intruders struck enemy rail facilities and supply convoys, destroying enemy supply vehicles bound for the front lines, and medium bombers, in night attacks, hit two enemy airfields.

UNITED NATIONS COMMAND COMMUNIQUE No. 1,645, ISSUED IN TOKYO
10:00 A.M., SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 1953, (KOREAN TIME)

In the outpost Harry area on the west-central sector, United Nations Command positions were attacked unsuccessfully this morning by an estimated 75 enemy. In attack in that area yesterday morning by an enemy regiment resulted in some penetrations of friendly positions, but the hostile force later was thrown back. Enemy casualties were heavy. East of that area early today a friendly raiding party engaged an unknown number of enemy and sporadic fighting continued for four hours.

Northwest of Kumhwa this morning, friendly counter-attacks restored positions previously lost to the enemy. In the same area an attack by an enemy regiment was repulsed.

Four separate enemy attacks in the Sniper's Ridge area, heading in size from two platoons to a battalion, were repulsed during the 24 hour period ending last night.

In the central sector, attacks by the enemy caused friendly elements to withdraw slightly and fighting had ceased by yesterday afternoon. Also in that area, an enemy company attacked and occupied a friendly forward position after grim fighting. Friendly forces counter-attacked and had forced the enemy to withdraw slightly by noon yesterday.

Southwest of outpost Texas, United Nations Command positions have successfully withstood several enemy attacks ranging up to two companies in size.

Friendly counter-attacks yesterday restored some of the east-central sector positions previously lost. Early this morning in that area an attack by two enemy platoons was repulsed, but later an enemy company renewed the attacks and action was continuing.

Yesterday's action by elements of the United Nations Command Fleet included heavy attacks by carrier based planes against enemy frontline positions as they mounted 550 offensive sorties in the east-central sector.

Air strikes resulted in demolished hostile bunkers and personnel shelters, tore up trench lines and an ammunition dump near the front also was hit. Other carrier aircraft destroyed one and damaged two trains.

Surface units concentrated their fire in the Kosong area in direct support of friendly troops, knocking out bunkers, trenches and guns.

Land-based jet fighters of the United Nations Command yesterday continued to score against enemy fighter jets. Fighter bombers during the day and light bombers on a 24 hour schedule hammered enemy airfields and battleline positions, destroying bunkers, gun positions, personnel shelters and supply vehicles.

UNITED NATIONS COMMAND COMMUNIQUE No. 1,646, ISSUED IN TOKYO
10:00 A.M., MONDAY, JUNE 15, 1953, (KOREAN TIME)

An unknown number of enemy hit United Nations Command positions at Outpost Harry in the west-central sector of the battle front again early Monday morning and were engaged in bitter hand-to-hand fighting by friendly forces. The attack, which was accompanied by heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, was thrown back after two hours of fighting.

A friendly raiding party engaged enemy forces for nearly three and one-half hours in the same vicinity late Sunday night before they disengaged. Heavy hostile artillery and mortar fire also was employed in this encounter.

An estimated two enemy battalions assaulted friendly positions in the same sector and northwest of Kumhwa late Sunday night and made some penetrations. Early Monday morning friendly forces counter-attacked and the enemy withdrew.

Another attack by three enemy companies, later reinforced by two battalions, also in the west-central sector, was thrown back about five hours later.

In the central sector, an estimated four enemy battalions, later reinforced by an unknown number, penetrated friendly positions east of Kumsong and action was continuing. In the Outpost Texas area, attacks by an estimated enemy regiment have forced friendly forces to withdraw slightly. Action is continuing there also.

In the east-central sector, friendly positions west of Mundung were attacked by an estimated two enemy battalions late Sunday night. Action in the area is continuing.

Numerous smaller probes by the enemy in the western, east-central and eastern sectors were repulsed during the period.

Carrier-based aircraft of the United Nations Command fleet blasted enemy front-line areas from both coasts and struck at numerous airfields in North Korea. Heavy damage was reported at Chongjin, Kilchu, Hyesanjin and Wonsan airfields and numerous gun positions near Kosong were destroyed. Factory buildings near Songjin also were leveled.

Surface elements shelled enemy positions near Kosong and inland, destroying gun positions, bunkers and troop shelters during a day-long bombardment.

Land-based fighter-bombers attacked a wide variety of targets throughout North Korea, including airfields, dams, battleline positions and supply routes. The latter assaults resulted in damage to bridges and cratering of road nets. Screening fighter-interceptors of the United Nations Command again were successful in engagements with enemy fighter jets.

Medium bombers Sunday night hit a dam near a hostile supply route in northwest Korea and also pounded enemy battle-line positions. Night intruders also attacked hostile front-line installations and continued their interdiction of enemy supply activities, destroying or damaging vehicles and rail rolling stock.

UNITED NATIONS COMMAND COMMUNIQUE No. 1,647, ISSUED IN TOKYO
10:00 A.M., TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 1953, (KOREAN TIME)

United Nations Command forces set up new defensive positions yesterday on the central front after withdrawing from scattered attacks by an estimated reinforced enemy regiment along a seven-mile front east of Kumsong.

Also in the central sector, west of Mundung, United Nations Command forces are stabilizing positions after having withdrawn under heavy enemy pressure the night of June 14 and early yesterday. Only light enemy contacts were reported in this area last night and early today.

Numberous hostile attacks against friendly forces still farther west of Mundung, in the east-central sector of the battlefield, met with some success and some United Nations Command positions were penetrated. Northeast of the Punchbowl, in the same sector, two small enemy probes were repulsed during the night.

Counter-attacks launched yesterday by United Nations Command forces in the eastern sector of the battlefield recaptured a portion of Anchor Hill. Heavy casualties were inflicted on enemy forces.

In the west-central sector, north of Kumhwa, an estimated enemy regiment attacked friendly positions. The hostile forces were repulsed after a hard six-hour battle. At Outpost Harry, also in the west-central sector, two enemy battalions assaulted United Nations Command forces but were hurled back in savage fighting.

Two smaller probes were thrown back in the west-central sector. The western sector of the front was quiet during the period.

In one of the most powerful United Nations combat fleet armadas amassed in the Korean war, surface elements unleashed heavy assaults on enemy coastal and front-line targets yesterday.

Carrier planes began strikes before dawn, blasting enemy reserve troops and supply build-ups just behind the front lines. More than 500 sorties were flown in day-long attacks.

Planes launched from the Yellow Sea carriers blasted enemy positions in the Chongan-Taetan-Songhwa triangle and furnished close air support to front-line troops on the west-central front. Near Chongan, two important rail bridges were destroyed, while two transformer stations were wiped out near Haeju.

A concentration of nearly 1,000 fighter-bomber sorties was hurled at the Communist front in daylight raids yesterday as land-based aircraft in Korea recorded their most active day of the war. The attackers mauled the enemy front around Kumsong, near the central sector. Light bombers hit the front in day and night attacks and also destroyed vehicles. Medium bombers also hammered the front and attacked enemy airfields.

