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NOTE DATED 15 JULY 1953 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TRANSMITTING A COMMUNIQUE 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 communique No. 1,675, issued in Tokyo Tuesday, July 14, 1953.

UNITED NATIONS COMMAND COMMUNIQUE NO. 1,675 ISSUED
IN TOKYO 10:00 A.M., TUESDAY, JULY 14, 1953
(KOREAN TIME)

The heaviest enemy attack against United Nations Command positions in the last two years slammed into the central and west-central sectors of the Korean battlefield late last night and early this morning and made several penetrations despite strong defensive action by United Nations Command troops. The attack spread across a twenty-five mile front from north of Kumhwa to just west of the Pukhan River.

Late last night, an estimated eight enemy battalions attacked United Nations Command positions southwest of Kumsong, in the west-central sector, and had made several deep penetrations in the area by early morning. The attacks, which began at approximately 2200 hours, had penetrated about two miles by 0315 hours today.

In the central sector of the battlefield, an enemy battalion, later reinforced with another battalion, attacked a United Nations Command outpost position shortly before midnight and had made penetrations there early this morning. Later, the enemy reinforced with another battalion and at the same time an enemy battalion assaulted friendly positions on the left of the outpost, engaging United Nations Command troops in hand-to-hand combat.

Slightly to the west, another United Nations Command outpost was battered by an enemy company late last night and another two enemy companies attacked an outpost in the same vicinity at the same time. The latter assault penetrated United Nations Command positions slightly, but after a short renewal of action in the area, the hostile elements disengaged and remained in the vicinity. A short time later, the enemy elements were reinforced with another company, and an hour later five enemy companies were attacking the positions.

In the same sector, another friendly position was attacked by an estimated two enemy companies late last night and shortly before midnight one more enemy company was added to the attack.

Hill 690 was assaulted by an estimated four hostile companies at approximately 2235 hours yesterday. Friendly forces engaged the enemy in hand-to-hand combat, but by midnight the enemy force had occupied the hill. Another outpost in the same vicinity was hit by an unknown number of enemy at about the same time.

East of Hill 690, United Nations Command troops were battling an estimated enemy battalion and farther to the east, four enemy companies, later reinforced by an additional company, were attacking.

Six other United Nations Command positions reported heavy attacks during the mass assault, which was continuing this morning. The six attacks at various points involved an estimated battalion, three by unknown numbers of enemy, two enemy companies, and another two enemy companies. Bitter hand-to-hand combat has ensued most of the battles, and heavy enemy casualties have been reported.

The east coast of North Korea came under attack of both air and sea elements of the United Nations Command Fleet yesterday. Relying upon radar, due to difficult visibility, carrier-based planes blasted targets at Wonsan and to the north and made numerous runs of enemy targets at Finger Ridge. Other planes pounded a supply area near Ipori and targets along the enemy front.

Planes from Yellow Sea carriers ripped enemy positions from Haeju to west of Ongjin, destroying numerous buildings, an observation post, a gun installation and a road bridge.

Surface elements on the east coast pounded the Kojo sector in a day-long bombardment, and again blasted besieged Wonsan. Another heavy barrage was laid on enemy front-line positions near Kosong and on enemy gun positions near Tanchon.

Land-based fighter-bombers yesterday struck rolling stock in North Korea and enemy battle-line positions before weather slowed aerial operations.

Medium bombers hammered enemy battle-line positions and supply areas east of Pyongyang. Light bombers also pounded hostile front-line positions yesterday and last night and attacked a marshaling yard east of Pyongyang and supply traffic last night.

