Korean War In Stalemate After Year's Combat That Cost Allies 70,000 Troops

By HAL BOYLE NEW YORK — (AP) — A year ago Nov. 26 the Allied win-the-war offensive in Korea crashed and broke against a hidden Chinese wall. In three days the U. N. army's hopeful victory march in three days the U. N. army's hopeful victory march

In three days the U. N. army's hopeful victory march toward the Manchurian border turned into "the great re-treat." The Allies, surprised by the sudden appearance of untoid thousands of Chinese Reds who seemed to crawl from the very stones, reeled back to escape entrapment. Some units were ambushed and engulfed.

units were ambushed and engul In less than three weeks the Al-lies suffered about 13,000 casual-ties, not including the thousands lost by South Korean (ROK) forces. Most of the 13,000 were Americans, although the Turkish brigade suf-fered heavily, too. During the long pullback the U.N. had to yield Pyongyang, the Red capital of Korea, and then Seoul, the Republican capital. It had to evacuate by sea two American di-sion — the Seventh infantry and thousands of Korean civilians. Later, in stubborn till fighting, including, d e ad 1 y "Heartbreak ridge." the Allies regained Seoul and most of the territory south of the 38 barallel, the old dividing line.

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The peil-ment rusn to the border was called back. The Allies re-grouped. The attack was planned as a giant pincers movement. The Eighth army moved up the north-west coraer. The Tenth corps moved up the east coast of Korea, expecting to sweep over and join the Eighth army along the Yalu, thus closing a giant pocket. Separate Commands Handicap But the two great forces were under separate commands. They had better liaison with Tokyo than they did with each other. Between them were scores of miles of mountain wilderness that held only thin South Korean patrols - and an unknown number of the enemy.

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Many of the subordinates of Lieu Gen. Walton H. Walker, the Eighth army leader, thought the Tenth corps moving up the east coast should be under his command, too, insuring better liaison and central-ized authority in the field. They were afraid of the gap between the two forces. One general officer, nine days before the attack, told correspond-ents he was afraid the Reds were mounting an offensive of their own toward Pyongyang. He expressed fear they would chop up the U.N. forces and split them down the middle. This is exactly what did happen.

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