

Evacuation of Taegu Ordered; Reds Retreat at Changnyong

Reds Massacre 37 GI's; Two Slayers Captured

By Hal Boyle
WITH U. S. FIRST CAVALRY IN KOREA, Friday, Aug. 18 (AP)—Seven captured American tankmen were reported today to have been executed in the same battle for hill 303 north of Waegwan in which some 30 other Yanks were atrociously victims of North Koreans.

Bodies of seven soldiers, said to have been executed, were found on the road near their two tanks which had been knocked out two days before.

Three American soldiers earlier today dramatically identified two North Korean prisoners as members of a group of reds who shot to death 32 bound American captives.

The identifications were made by three of five prisoners in the group who escaped death.

They were Cpl. James Melvin Rudd, 18, of Salyersville, Ky., Cpl.

Roy L. Day, jr., of El Paso, Tex., and an 18-year-old red-headed ammunition bearer, Pvt. Roy Manning of Chicago, who has suffered seven wounds. They identified two out of six North Korean prisoners.

One was Kim Kwong Toaeak, an officer accused of giving the order to shoot the American prisoners. The other, Chon Tyong Tok, was identified as one of the group who fired at the Americans. Cpl. Day identified Kim as the officer who had directed the shootings.

"That's the bastard who gave the orders," he said.

The whole episode has stirred up the battlefield and made the G.I.'s grimly mad.

The whole area of hill 303 was being combed for more bodies.

The identification was made in the presence of three staff officers of the first cavalry division

who are conducting an investigation of the killers with a view of prosecuting them as war criminals.

The reds herded 37 prisoners into a hillside gully west of Waegwan. They began slaughtering the Americans when a U. S. patrol approached. Three North Koreans were captured. Five Americans escaped with their lives.

Five other Americans were taken away by the reds and their fate is unknown. One other American, a lieutenant, apparently escaped but he has not been heard from. A first cavalry division spokesman today said 26 bodies had been recovered.

Corporal Rudd said their captors posed as South Korean reinforcements which the Americans were expecting.

"They came right into our foxholes, shaking our hands and tak-

ing our weapons as if to examine them," Rudd said.

"Then they lined us up and marched us down a place north of Waegwan. They tied our hands with telephone wire, shoestrings and rawhide."

The reds told the G.I.'s they were going to take them to Seoul, but Rudd said, other U. S. soldiers were getting too close and the communists moved the prisoners twice and gave them their first food since their capture—a pear and an apple apiece.

"We dug holes in the sand for water," said the corporal. "Then they kicked sand in the hole and hit us with their weapons."

At daybreak, he said, the communists began to exchange fire with approaching American soldiers.

"We were worried because Corporal Day had heard them talking

the night before and an officer said they would kill us if our own troops got too close."

"There were two guards watching us. They got on each end of the ravine and hollered something and about 14 red soldiers ran up. Then the guards and soldiers opened up on us with burp guns."

Rudd said he was saved because he was lying on the ground and a soldier standing near him was killed and fell across him.

"Our patrol kept coming and the gooks got scared," Rudd said. "They started to leave, but some of our boys were moaning and groaning, so the gooks came back and shot the wounded—as many as they saw. Then they took off north over the hill towards the river (Naktong)."

Tank Helps Dry Laundry



SOUTH KOREA, Aug. 17—While laundry dries, U. S. tankmen clean their weapons while waiting to move back to front lines, somewhere in Korea. Soldiers (left to right) are: Sgt. Louis Taber, Fort Scott, Kan.; Sgt. Herbert Womack, Russell Springs, Ky.; Sgt. James O'Rourke, Revere, Mass.; and Cpl. Robert E. Barrett, Reading, Pennsylvania. (AP Wirephoto to the Statesman.)

Fighting Renewed In Pohang

TOKYO, Friday, Aug. 18 (AP)—A tank-led thrust from the north by 30,000 Korean communists today menaced the key American supply base of shell struck Taegu—prompting orders for more than 500,000 civilians to get out.

Later today it was disclosed that South Korea's President Syngman Rhee and U. S. Ambassador John J. Muccio already left the menaced city.

But 23 miles southwest of that South Korean provisional capital, U. S. marines and 24th division infantrymen forced 12,000 reds in the Changnyong bridgehead of the Naktong river to begin a retreat back across the river.

And on the east coast South Koreans fought their way back into the port city of Pohang, eastern anchor of the 120-mile battlefront. Pohang was lost Saturday when 10,000 reds supported by guerrillas entered the town.

The red thrust from the north was made from Kunwi, a red staging area 25 miles north of Taegu, and overran the town of Kumhwa, 12 miles north of Taegu on a main road to that key American base. A U. S. eighth army communiqué frankly called this in the area of the "main threat."

South Korean army sources claimed the recapture of Pohang but U. S. eighth army officials were cautious. The South Koreans also claimed recapture of Kigye, eight miles northwest of Pohang.

General MacArthur's headquarters, despite the successes at Changnyong and Pohang, made it crystal clear that attention was focused on the red's northern stalemate from Kunwi—plus a threatened one from the Waegwan sector, 12 miles northwest of Taegu.

An intelligence spokesman said four main North Korean divisions temporarily had dropped out of sight. Wherever they reappeared, he added, would mark the focal point of the long awaited push against Taegu. He identified these as the second, third, thirteenth and fifteenth red divisions.

First Division Seen
The crack communist first division has shown up in the north in the vicinity of Kunwi.

Despite the acknowledged north threat, it still was not clear from conflicting reports whether the Kumhwa drive actually was abandoned recently after the South Koreans yielded the port of Pohang to the reds. But the field has remained in American hands.

An eighth army communiqué today, in referring to the Changnyong bridgehead fighting, said the U. S. 24th division resumed its offensive there this morning and made "small gains."

The shelling of Taegu—six rounds of 122 millimeter shells—presumably was made from 20,000 yards away by a battery on the west side of the Naktong due west of Taegu.

Captured Kumhwa
A communist regiment, advancing nearly three miles through South Korean defenses, captured the town of Kumhwa, a main road leading to Taegu. Some artillery and mortar shells, probably fired from the Naktong's west bank, hit Taegu.

Eighteen miles southward down the Naktong river from Waegwan, the communist reinforced troops who had crossed over at Song Dong, in a bend in the river. American troops moved immediately to reduce that force 13 miles southwest of Taegu.

While the northern thrust was under way, American marines and U. S. 24th division infantrymen 25 miles southwest of Taegu today halted savage red counterattacks in the bloody Naktong river bulge near Changnyong.

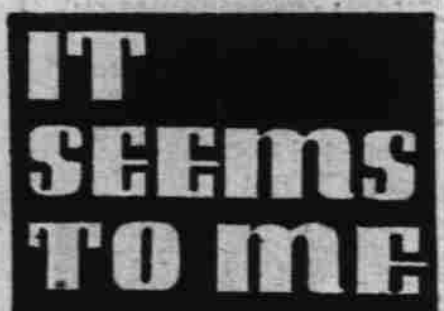
Red Attack Repulsed
A front-line report said the leatherheads, who took "slaughterous hills" yesterday, repulsed a bitter, bloody attempt by the communists to regain that strategic high point.

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Sol Turns 98-Degree Blast on Salem



By Charles A. Sponage

The estimate for the cost of widening Highway 99E from Salem to New Era where the present four-lane road out of Portland ends is \$3,000,000. That is a lot of money, but considering the heavy cost for right-of-way acquisition on this well-improved route the estimate is not surprising. And over the years the expense is much more apt to increase than to decrease.

In view of its other engagements it is doubtful if the highway commission will be ready to authorize this whole job immediately. But it can and I hope it will get the improvement on the highway program and make an early start on the work.

The worst congestion on this section is just north of Salem because of the addition of heavy local traffic to the through traffic. Immediate widening of the Totem pole would bring a measure of relief.

Then if another section could be widened say in the Gervais district you would have a "safety valve" where cars could pass the slow moving trucks and trailer outfits with safety. After that splicing could be done in both directions to close the gaps.

On 99W there are "patches" of four-lane road from the Y west of Newberg to Tigard which accelerate traffic flow. That offers a pattern for

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Two Year High; Reaches 107 At The Dalles

An unrelenting sun, slowed only by a slight afternoon breeze, seared the Salem area under 98-degree heat Thursday for a new 1950 mark and the highest temperature recorded here since Sept. 9, 1942.

Relief—seeing residents may find some solace in the weatherman's forecast for a "slightly cooler" day today. Prediction for this afternoon's high is a still scorching, 91.

Temperatures, except for those along the coast, ranged into the 90s throughout the state and The Dalles sweltered under the day's high of 107. Portland—-at 97—had its hottest day in four years. Roseburg, Medford and Pendleton recorded 99 degrees, Ontario and Baker joined Salem at 98 and Burns had a 97. Newport was 30 degrees cooler with 68.

The sunny skies dried forest areas to the extreme danger point, prompting a warning from State Forester George Spaur. Relative humidity readings between 25 and 30 per cent will probably force closure of logging operations in many areas of the state today, he said.

Already three fires were reported in the Gold Hill area of southern Oregon and the other on Gearhart mountain on the Klamath-Lake county border. A careless smoker started one, and burning debris the other in the Gold Hill area. They had burned over 750 acres, Spaur reported. Twenty-six fire fighters were on the scene of the third blaze and expected to be able to hold it under control during the night Thursday.

Though Thursday's mercury topped the year's previous mark, Salem residents found it less discomforting than Wednesday's lingering heat. After topping at 98 at 4:45 p. m., the temperature dropped rapidly and was down to a comfortable 81 degrees by 8:30 p. m.

Dulles Named U. N. Delegate

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (AP)—John Foster Dulles today accepted an appointment by President Truman to serve again as a delegate to the United Nations.

He said he will not be a candidate for the republican senate nomination in New York and will continue his present role of republican foreign policy consultant to Secretary of State Acheson.

Appointments of the 62-year old New Yorker was expected to have two immediate effects: (a) Lessening some of the fears of a complete break-up of the bi-partisan foreign policy front; traceable to recent senate debates on Korea, and (b) scrambling the New York GOP senatorial picture.

Medical Reserve Officer Quota Set

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 17—Twenty-seven Oregon medical reserve officers will be called to active duty by September 10, Brig. Gen. Robert A. McClure, Oregon military district chief, said today.

This is Oregon's share of the 1,532 quota for the nation. The dentists, will have 21 days after being called to dispose of personal affairs.

They will be taken from volunteer and inactive segments of the army reserve corps.

World War II Shrine at Bly



BLY, Ore.—Dedication of a monument and park at the site of America's only World War II continental battleground is set for Sunday, at 2 p. m., northeast of Bly. Pictured at the new monument is stonemason Robert H. Anderson. This marks the spot where Mrs. A. E. Mitchell and five picnicking Sunday school children were killed May 5, 1945, by the explosion of a Japanese balloon-carried bomb. The site is on Weyerhaeuser Timber company tree farm land. Weyerhaeuser is establishing the spot as a patriotic shrine, to be known as Mitchell recreation area. The stone monument bears a bronze plaque with the victims' names. The area developments include outdoor stoves. Speakers Sunday will include Gov. Douglas McKay.

Fishing Boat Catches Deer

NEWPORT, Ore., Aug. 17 (AP)—The Kingfisher is the first boat at this port to put to sea for fish and come back with a deer.

The deer was found fouled in one of the boat's propellers when workmen examined it after a four-hour sport-fishing cruise today.

Then the crew of the boat recalled a bump as they left their pier for the trip this morning. Immediately the propeller quit working. The crew then started the boat's other engine, and put to sea. They believed the deer must have been swimming when the boat backed away from its Yaquina bay moorage in early morning darkness.

Solons Back Payments to GI's Families

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (AP)—Federal payments of \$45 to \$85 a month to families of the lowest grades of enlisted men are provided in legislation approved today by senate and house committees.

A man would have to add \$40 a month to this out of his pay. A raw recruit starts at \$75 a month.

The bills vary greatly in detail, but both call the payments "quarters allowance." This is the term for allotments to families which are not provided homes at military bases. At present the lowest grades do not receive such allowances.

The senate bill, approved by the armed services committee, may be ready for senate consideration next week. In the house, an armed services subcommittee gave approval to its bill. It will go before the full committee for action.

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Rust Infestation Threat To Peppermint Crop

EUGENE, Aug. 17 (AP)—Rust infestation is threatening Lane county's peppermint crop.

County Agent W. B. Parker said this disease, making its first appearance in fields hereabouts, has no known control. The mint oil output will be reduced because of the outbreak, Parker said.

160 More Men To Answer Call Of Draft Board

Call for 160 more Marion county men to take pre-induction physical examinations in early September highlighted military developments Thursday in Salem.

Orders received during the day also gave the organized marine reserve unit a date of next Wednesday night to entrain for Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Still making final preparations to send the first 80 men for pre-induction physicals in Portland Monday and Tuesday, the county draft board received the new call for double that number. They will report to Portland September 1, 5, 6 and 7. Preparation for notification of this group has already begun.

Including an advance party of about eight men leaving two days early, the marines, Battery C of the 4th 105 mm howitzer battalion, will leave here with a strength of seven officers, 96 enlisted men and four attached navy hospital corpsmen.

Departure on a special train carrying the battalion, including troops at Portland and Eugene, will be at 10:30 p. m. from Salem. The units will arrive at camp, near San Diego, Friday morning.

Commanded by Maj. Leonard G. Hicks, the battery has been on active duty since August 8 at Salem naval-marine reserve armory. All unit equipment already has been dispatched to camp or to battalion headquarters, leaving the men only personal items to take.

One member of the marine instructor group here received orders Thursday to report September 2 to Camp Pendleton. He is Sgt. Donald L. Barnes.

Word was received from Hamilton air force base, California, that Cpl. Jack H. Miles, 640 Marion st., and Sgt. Raymond L. Mabry, route 9, box 619, both of Salem, have been recalled to active duty with the air force.

Bids for Clearing of Damsite Timber Due

PORTLAND, Aug. 17 (AP)—Army engineers announced today that bids will be opened September 28 for clearing of 790 acres of timberland in the Detroit dam reservoir area.

Col. Donald S. Burns said the work would be let in two parts: a 280-acre tract south of the Santiam river, and a 510-acre tract northwest of the Breitenbush river.

Captured North Koreans Tell Of Low Red Morale, Desertions

By Jack MacBeth
WITH U. S. 24TH DIVISION IN KOREA, Aug. 17 (AP)—Take it from three cringing, skinny North Korean prisoners of war, each of their regiments has a Russian adviser.

Captured Wednesday a short distance behind the American front line, the prisoners of war—fifty and dirty—carried two Russian rifles and a U. S. carbine. They were found mingling, in civilian dress, with a large group of refugees.

Interviewed through an interpreter, the captives told a dismal story of life in the North Korean army. None of them wanted to go back and all claimed they would be shot if they did return.

Each said there was on Soviet officer attached to each North Korean regiment.

Fighting Parson Kills 27 Commies Despite Wound

By Stan Swinton
WITH U. S. 25TH DIVISION IN KOREA, Aug. 17 (AP)—A fighting parson from Pennsylvania has killed 27 North Koreans despite a bullet in his thigh.

Capt. Logan E. Weston of Frank, Pa., who praises the Lord and passes the ammunition through his own M-1 rifle, led his men in an attack in which 400 North Koreans were killed.

The tall, rangy Pennsylvania spent seven and a half months behind the Japanese lines in world war II as a lieutenant in Merrill's Marauders in Burma.

After the war, with his diploma from the Transylvania Bible school, he returned to the church. Now he's back fighting with the 77th infantry regiment of the 25th division.

Don't Fade Away
"We used to hit the Japs hard and then fade away," he said. "The communists try it but don't do it very well. They strike and then stick around and get killed."

Weston was in a regimental command post the other day when 700 North Koreans attacked.

He grabbed a rifle and headed back to his company.

The reds were setting up two machineguns. He set them down. A bullet tore into his thigh.

The medics slapped on a bandage and tried to put the fighting parson to bed. They failed.

"He ran right back up that hill," one of his soldiers told a reporter. "They hit him twice more and he stayed right up there."

Afterwards the boys started counting they credited 27 of the enemy dead to the parson.

Weston—who already had a purple heart and a bronze star with two clusters—refused to talk about the fight.

"But you should have seen those guys in my company," he said.

'Token' Rail Strikes Called

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (AP)—Union officials today authorized new five-day "token" walkouts on two American railroads.

President Truman told his news conference he remains hopeful a settlement can be reached that will lead off a nationwide strike in this country. Both routes affected by the U. S. strike call—set for next Tuesday at 6 a. m.—are short line railroads.

The strikes were ordered by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Order of Railway Conductors against the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern railroad, with headquarters in Chicago, and the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie railroad, Pittsburgh.

Both are steel-carrying roads.

Operating Losses of \$1,429 for First Seven Months of 1950

Operating losses of \$1,429 for the first seven months of 1950 were claimed Thursday by the Hamman Stage lines in a state public utilities commission hearing on a request to boost fares between Salem and the Detroit dam-site.

J. O. Lewis, accountant for the firm, offered evidence to the hearing, claiming losses for the company in each of the months except March and May. Profits of about \$75 for those months were reported by Lewis.

The line is asking an increase in its commutation books for 12 trips from \$6 to \$7.50 on rides from Salem, Turner, Aumsville, Sublimity and Stayton to the dam-site. Boosts from \$4.50 to \$6 from Mehana and Lyons and from \$3 to \$4.50 from Mill City are also being asked.

There was no opposition voiced at the hearing, the commission reported. A ruling on the application is expected in about two weeks.

BASEBALL

Western International
At Salem 2, Tacoma 10
At Victoria 4, Vancouver 1
At Wenatchee 6, Spokane 10
At Tri-City 9, Yakima 1

Coast League
At San Diego 4, Portland 3
At Seattle 1-1, Sacramento 1-3
At San Francisco 1-5, Oakland 6-4
At Los Angeles 3, Hollywood 0

National League
At New York 6-1, Brooklyn 6-3
At Chicago 1, Cincinnati 2
At St. Louis-Pittsburgh, rain
Only games scheduled.

American League
At Detroit 6, Chicago 3
At Washington 2, New York 1
At Boston 10, Philadelphia 6
At Cleveland 3, St. Louis 4 (12 inn.)