



AGGRESSIVE ACTION

Raiders Specialize in Night Work

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SOMEWHERE IN KOREA (AP)—They call it an outfit that doesn't look its best until life is at its worst.

It's a raider platoon, specializing in night patrols. When it is in action it does more than half the patrolling of no man's land for the 1st Battalion of the U. S. 38th Regiment, 2nd Division.

In one 14-day period, men of the raiders made 30 patrols. Only three were wounded. Two were shot in the legs. Another was creased by a slug from a Red burp gun.

"They do it mainly by aggressive action," says the battalion executive officer, Maj. Jack Dunlap of Charleston, S. C. He organized the raiders.

Here's how they work: One dark night recently a patrol from the raiders went through a Chinese position with all guns firing. The surprised Reds lost about 12 men. The patrol went on to its objective, then came back unharmed.

"They just barreled through," said Dunlap. The big reason the platoon gets through is because of the men themselves. All are volunteers. It has men like Pfc. Dale Hunter, a 19-year-old red-haired kid from Los Angeles who is on his second Korean combat tour. He was wounded in the Chinese Red offensive of May, 1951. After six months in a hospital at home, he volunteered to come back.

There is Pvt. George Hender-

son of Brooklyn, N.Y. He says he doesn't want to be anything but a private. When he comes off patrol he returns to the front to take pot shots at the Chinese.

The platoon leader, Lt. George A. Hoyem, Missoula, Mont., was selected because the battalion executive officer "liked his attitude."

Police Killed By Guerrillas

PUNSAN, Korea (AP)—Communist guerrillas ambushed two groups of South Korean police and navy personnel on Cheju prison island Saturday night, killing four policemen and one sailor, it was disclosed Tuesday.

Police said the action started when guerrillas surrounded and fired on a police box little more than a mile from Cheju city at the northern end of the island.

One group of reinforcements sent to the scene was ambushed at 10 p.m. and another group was trapped a few minutes later at almost the same spot.

Police claimed no casualties among the guerrillas.

Despite a blonde mustache, he's sometimes known as "Babyface."

"He knows what he's doing," said the executive officer. Hoyem had never been in combat before he took over the platoon.

When the outfit was formed, the men had only one week's training together. From then on it was experience that did the teaching.

"We buddy up," explained Sgt. Thomas Briggs of Lobo, Kan. "When we go out in small groups each group does a good job."

The men choose a partner on patrols. It makes for teamwork that has brought patrols out of tight spots.

The raiders were called out in a hurry shortly after midnight recently to rescue another patrol that had run into trouble, and had one killed and several wounded.

The raiders found the wounded and brought them back through bursting mortar shells and a stream of machine-gun fire, shooting all the way.

"The old boy upstairs had a lot

to do with that," said Cpl. Ronald Pike of Beloit, Wis.

"The guys used their heads," said Pfc. Jesse Owens, a Rover, Mo., raider.

The wounded all had to be helped back. The Chinese had moved behind the patrol. In the darkness and confusion the trained raiders kept the group of wounded together, slipped by the Chinese who had cut them off and came out without having a raider hurt.

The raiders travel light when they move at night. Some don't even carry canteens. But they all wear the new armored vests issued to patrol units.

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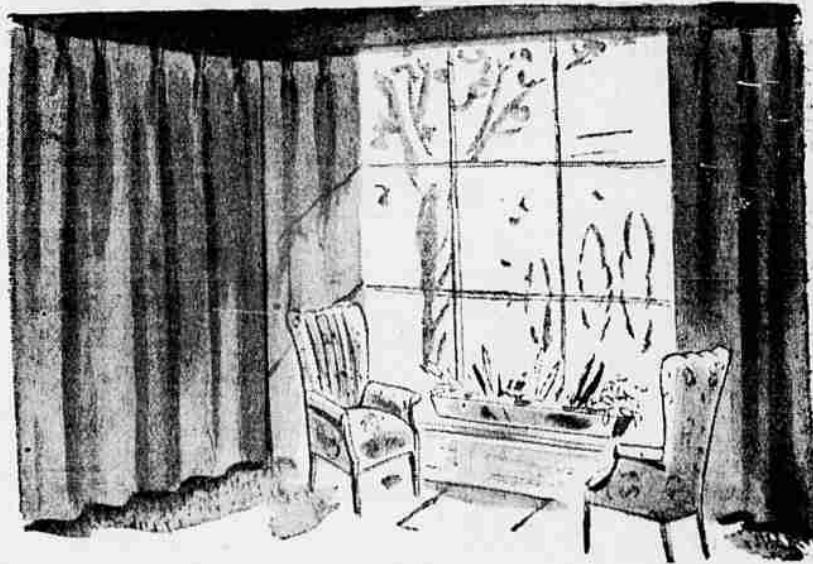
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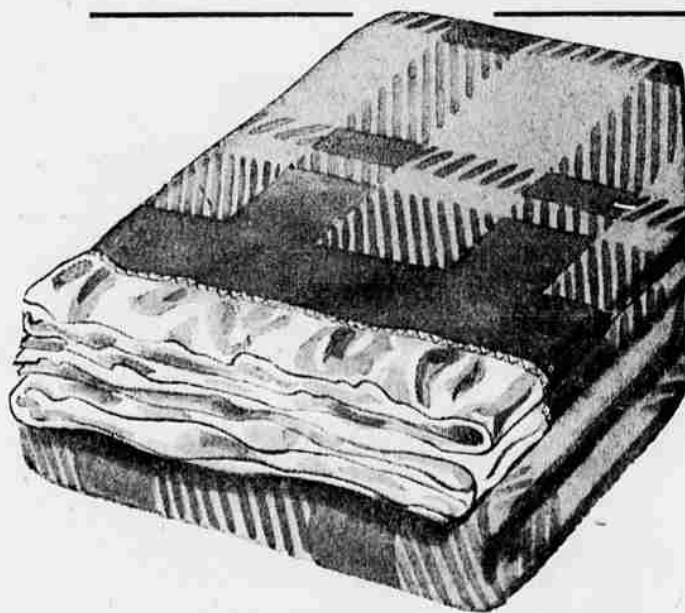
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