

U. S. Casualties Still Mounting In Korean Conflict

Tokyo, Dec. 21 (UP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today that American casualties in Korea since the start of his abortive "end-the-war" offensive Nov. 24 totaled 11,964.

Dead, wounded and missing among other United Nations troops totaled 1,011, he said, for an overall toll of 12,975. However, the figures do not include South Korean army casualties.

The figures covered the period from Nov. 24 to Dec. 12 on both western and eastern fronts. They included losses in the brief allied "win-the-war" offensive, the Chinese counter-offensive and the 125-mile allied retreat on the western front, and the 60-mile retreat of encircled U. S. marines and infantrymen on the northeastern front.

The announcement said enemy casualties were estimated by allied field commanders at 10 times United Nations losses.

Given By Divisions
By divisions, American casualties totaled:
1st Cavalry—443.
1st Marine—2,891.
2nd Infantry—650.
3rd Infantry—650.
7th Infantry—2,097.
24th Infantry—146.
25th Infantry—1,606.

The 2nd Infantry division, hardest hit of the American units, caught the brunt of the Chinese counter-offensive against the allied Chongchon river line above Pyongyang late last month.

Also on the northwest front were the 1st cavalry, 24th and 25th Infantry divisions.

Elements of the 1st marine and 7th divisions were encircled by the Chinese on either side of the Chosin reservoir in northeast Korea and had to fight their way through attacking Chinese all the way back to the northeast port of Hungnam, 60 road miles to south.

The third division sent a rescue column to meet the encircled forces north of Hungnam and is defending the perimeter of the present northeast beachhead.

In releasing the casualty figures, MacArthur's headquarters said:

"Unofficial, persistent and speculative casualty reports from the Korean theater continue the artificial nuance of 'disaster' that has been given to UN military operations which are not unusual in comparison with similar situations in other wars.

Replacements Made
"Personnel replacements are furnished on experience tables which make a distinction between intensive periods of combat and other activities, between battle casualties and non-battle casualties, which include incidents of illness or disease.

"These experience tables normally consider approximately 1 per cent of over-all strength a day as a command yardstick.

"The casualties of every category on all fronts in Korea are well within this bracket. Total losses since June, over a period of 5½ months, have not even approximated battle losses in certain comparable operations of world war II."

"Field commanders report corresponding enemy losses in a ratio of 10 to 1. The effect of these losses is already noticeable in a perceptible slowdown of the enemy's current rate of advance."

Numbers Overwhelming
The communique said the allied withdrawal from the Chongchon river line was dictated not by battle losses or "the acceptance of defeat," but by overwhelming Chinese numerical strength.

It said four UN corps totalling 12 divisions suddenly were confronted with nine Chinese corps totalling 27 divisions.

The nine Chinese front-line corps, the communique said, total only 20 per cent of China's organized military manpower with 15 to 25 additional divisions known to be massed in reserve along the Yalu river frontier and within Manchuria.

Under such conditions the communique said, "the assumption of the defensive in position of readiness and tightening of frontages is an almost commonplace military maneuver."

United Nations Forces Not Whipped, MacArthur Insists

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Gen. Douglas MacArthur seems to be telling the United Nations not to bargain too cheaply over Korea.

He says his Korean command still is undefeated and still packs a terrific fighting punch. And nothing seems wrong with the morale of his army, even after two weeks of steady retreat.

Maj. Gen. Oliver P. Smith, with his forces surrounded and outnumbered more than five to one, said it this way for the marines: "Retreating, hell! We're just attacking in a different direction."

A British Tommy with the British 29th Brigade on the northwest front said:

"This is no life going backwards. Soon as we dig in, we're on the move again. Why can't we stand our ground and find out just how good these Chinese are?"

"Part of this matter of morale may be due to the enormous forward strides which have been taken in this war in care of the wounded.

An example is the 13-day fight just concluded by the U. S. marine 1st division in escaping a Chinese death trap around Hagaru and Koto Ri in northeast Korea. The campaign was one of the costliest in marine history. Man for man it may rival losses at Iwo Jima where the marines lost

more than 4,000 dead and had more than 15,000 wounded. Conditions in Korea were, if possible, even more rugged. Sub-zero temperatures were the worst ever encountered by American fighters. Snow-covered, cliff-lined mountain trails were perfect for enemy ambush.

Even so, out of two tiny hack-out airfields the Americans evacuated more than 5,000 of their wounded—an accomplishment unheard of in any other war.

The advent of the helicopter has meant that even pilots shot down many miles behind enemy lines have a good chance of being picked up under the noses of the enemy.

News Blacked Out
A virtual news blackout has descended over future movements of the U. S. 10th corps on Korea's northeast coast and the 8th army retreating toward Seoul.

However, enough is known to suggest that the allies plan a fairly determined stand in the Seoul-Inchon area. The Han river forms a natural defense line to the north and west of the city, and Inchon gives us an evacuation port should one be necessary.

Whether the badly chopped up forces of the 10th corps eventually will be transferred to the west to join the 8th army still is a matter of military secrecy.

We don't know how much of

LIFE TANGLED UP

Falls City, Neb. (UP)—Things got rather involved in the county jail here. Both the present and former husband of a local woman shared the jail's facilities. She couldn't do any visiting, however. She was in the hospital recovering from a beating administered by husband No. 2.

He was in jail after pleading guilty to the assault. Husband No. 1 was locked up on a charge of failing to support his two children, both in her custody.

The South Korean Capitol division made good its escape from the northern Chongjin area, nor do we know the fate of the U. S. 17th regimental combat team which reached the Yalu river border with Manchuria at Hyesanjin.

We do know however that MacArthur says he still has a formidable fighting force which, gathered into a small perimeter, is capable of fighting a long time. We also know that the farther they advance from their own border, the more the Chinese will be open to devastating attacks from the air.

The Chinese have demonstrated they are willing to take losses of 10 to 1 or worse to win an objective. Even so, it looks as if we can stay in Korea just about as long as we want to, and that our diplomats are not without their own bargaining weapons.

The aggregate weight of the Dionne quintuplets at birth was 13 pounds 6 ounces.

Children's Choir Plans Program

The children's choir of St. Francis school, composed of 75 boys and girls from the fifth to the eighth grades and under the direction of the Sisters of the Holy Names are to be presented in a recording over radio station KEND Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. The program will be themed on Christmas with "Silent Night" the first number, followed by "Angels We Have Heard On High" and Sanger's "First Christmas."

Other numbers will include "Alleluia, Christ is Born," "Sleep, Holy Babe," "Adeste Fideles," "Peace on Earth," "When Flowers Blossomed 'Mid the Snows" and "O Jesu Mi."

Mountainous Japan has 17 million acres of agriculture land out of a total of 91 million acres.

PATIENTS SEE HORSE

Lincoln, Neb. (UP)—Patients at the Lincoln Veterans' hospital got a look at the horse Admiral William Halsey once said he would ride down the streets of Tokyo but never did.

The animal, First Frost, once the prized Arabian stallion of Emperor Hirohito, strutted in regal dignity before the patients.

He was shown as a morale-boosting service of the Lincoln American Legion post.

Dick Ryan, owner of the 16-year-old animal whose Japanese name is Ha Tau Shi Mo, bought the horse after Gen. Douglas MacArthur refused it as a gift from Hirohito.

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