



**'Barbarity and Murder'**—Shot through the head after his hands were tied behind his back, the body of an American soldier is shown as it was found midway between forward observation post and actual front line in South Korea. General Douglas MacArthur announced that this photo and others like it proved the massacre of U. S. prisoners by the communist invaders. He described the shootings as "barbarity and murder." Official defense department photo. (Acme Radio-Telephoto)

## Rugged Terrain in Korea May Help Dictate Strategy

Washington, D. C., July 13—Mountains may dictate the strategy in war-torn Korea if the present fighting is prolonged.

Ranges comparable in height to the Appalachians cover virtually all the country.

Granite hills up to 6,300 feet fold the terrain of the United States—sponsored Republic of Korea—the Indiana-sized southern three-sevenths of the peninsula. They form a twisting network of valleys which communist North Korean forces hammering southward, will naturally follow if they continue to press their surge of invasion.

So completely do the rugged hills erase the "land of morning calm" that rail and highway routes twist fantastically in connecting cities and towns.

Chief transportation artery of South Korea, for instance, notes the National Geographical Society, is the double-tracked, standard-gauge railroad running diagonally from Haeju in the northwest on the violated 38th parallel boundary through Seoul, Taean, and Taegu to the southeastern port of Pusan.

From Haeju to Pusan by way of the cities named is just about 290 air miles and 400 miles by rail.

This main line and extensive single-track mileage, mostly of standard gauge, give South Korea a generally adequate railroad system. New spurs have been constructed to mining regions being developed inland from the east coast.

Ties and rolling stock need replacement and repair, however, and skilled operating per-

sonnel has been scarce since the departure of the Japanese, who developed the peninsula from 1905 to 1945.

South Korea's highways are generally poor—theoretically a handicap for mechanized military equipment. Highway bridges are necessarily numerous over the many winding valley streams but are often washed out by the heavy downpours of the summer monsoon season.

At some time in the ancient past, nature's forces tilted the southward-pointing peninsula down on the west, or Yellow Sea, side, and up on the east, the coast of the Sea of Japan. As a result of this tilt, Korea, although it averages 150 miles in width, has its drainage divide only about 15 miles inland from the east shore.

South Korea is the agricultural part of the peninsula as divided arbitrarily at the 38th parallel in 1945 as a Russo-American military expedition for the disarming of Japanese troops.

Rice is grown on every flat space where irrigation is possible. Thatched farm houses and green terraces smudge in every narrow valley between the endless lines of folded hills.



**It's Rugged Country**—This photo of an air force B-29 flying over Korea on a recent mission to strike at invading forces and bases gives a vivid idea of the rugged nature of much of the fighting areas. (Acme Telephoto)

## Legless Men Would Serve

Detroit, July 13 (AP)—Among Detroit's potential army enlistees are two young men who sacrificed a leg each in the last war.

Thomas Schlager, a post office clerk, and Harvey T. Grose, an unemployed speedometer repair man, walked into a crowded recruiting office yesterday to state their desires.

Schlager lost his left leg and Grose his right leg in action against the Germans. Schlager served in the seventh army, Grose in the third army.

"I want to help if it's only swinging a pencil," said Schlager. "Me, too," said Grose. "And I want to see what's going on in Korea."

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## B-29's Hit Red Koreans In War's Biggest Air Blow

By RUSSELL BRINES

Tokyo, July 13 (AP)—Nearly 50 B-29 Superforts plastered a key North Korean military target with 500 tons of bombs today in the mightiest single air blow of the Korean campaign.

The mission inaugurated mass precision bombing by two groups of Superforts rushed here from the U. S. west coast bases.

World War II trained crews flew the four engine bombers from two Far Eastern bases through rain and mist for the largest mass foray of the campaign. The target was a railroad center north of the 38th parallel.

All of the planes and their eager, youthful veterans returned safely without meeting opposition on the daylight raid.

It took exactly eight days to deliver this new punch—from the date overseas orders were first delivered to the release of bomb bay.

In that time the men, their planes and most of their equipment were moved 8,000 miles and prepared for an air blow that meant a round trip of more than 1,500 miles.

Air officers said this proved the speed with which strategic bombing assignments could be carried out throughout the world.

One of the aircraft commanders, Lt. James T. Patrick of Carnation, Wash., said it differently: "This will make Uncle Joe sit up and take notice."

I was in Patrick's plane on an assignment representing the combined allied press. But a few miles after grunting our plane—and its 20,000 pounds of bombs—off the ground, we had to turn back with a faulty motor.

The remainder of the sleek bombers made a perfect over-water rendezvous and released their bombs at 12:02 p.m. Japan daylight time Thursday (8:02 p.m. (EST) Wednesday) through mist so thick that radar was used to sight the target.

Maj. Gen. Emmett (Rosy) O'Donnell directed this first mission of his new command, the Far East bomber command (provisional). The 43-year-old two-star general, once a West Point football coach, led the First World War II B-29 raid on Japan.

About 60 per cent of the men in his new command are combat tested, veterans of thunderous pattern bombing missions from Germany to Japan. They were geared for battle today with alert, confident eagerness.

"I wish they had forgotten my name this time," said Staff Sgt. William M. Kofmehl, Spokane, Wash., tail gunner on our abortive flight and veteran of the European air war. "But maybe it's better to get it over with now instead of getting pushed around all the time like we've been doing."

They know they have the planes and the experience to master this kind of war—and they know, too, what it was like for the infantrymen on the ground, most of them untested before two weeks ago, to be outnumbered and out-gunned.

"I sure hope our bombs help," Tech Sgt. Robert Asher told Flint O. Dupre, a former Dallas newspaperman. Dupre as public information officer flew in one of the planes reaching the



## Canadian Ships Join Task Force

Honolulu, July 13, (AP)—Three Canadian destroyers today had joined the U. S. naval task force "Yoke" assembling in Pearl Harbor.

Canadian Prime Minister L. St. Laurent announced in Ottawa the destroyers were being turned over to the United Nations for service in Korea. He said the warships would get orders to proceed to Korea "as soon as dispatches can reach them."

A Pacific fleet spokesman here said no dispatches had been received thus far.

Most of task force Yoke has arrived in Pearl Harbor, but its backbone was out at sea today.

Absent from their berths were the 27,000 ton carrier Philippine Sea, nucleus of the group; the heavy cruiser Toledo, and the escort carrier Sicily.

The Sicily's announced mission is ferrying planes and spare parts to Korea. The other ships possibly are conducting pilot-qualifying air exercises in Hawaiian waters.

Beginners Band Sought

Hubbard — Members of the school board of the Hubbard grade school have made tentative arrangements with Harold Beyers, band and chorus instructor for North Marion union high, to have a beginners band at the grade school this coming year.

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## Dallas Draft Board Reopens

Dallas — Polk county's selective service board will be opened in Dallas within a week, following a recent order from state headquarters to reactivate the local board, E. B. Hamilton, chairman, states.

The Dallas office is one of 13 in the state to be reopened after being combined with larger offices for over a year. The Polk county board was combined with the Marion county board at Salem.

Records are now being made ready for return here. A tentative location in the armory has been picked for the office, but it is possible that another place may be chosen because of difficulty of heating the rooms in the armory and other inconveniences.

A clerk of the board will be selected, and she will undergo several days' training in Salem. With records still in Salem, Hamilton was unable to state how many are registered from Polk county. However, Bill Blackley, board member who has been in charge of registering 18-year-old youths here states that he has signed over 100 during the past year.

Third board member is Wiley Gardner of Dallas. Blackley pointed out that many of those who attained their 18th birthdays were negligent in

doughboys shot with their hands tied behind their backs.

"Looks like they're teaching us early," he said.

They knew, Patrick, at 27 a veteran of 42 missions over the Hump in China, said, strapping on a revolver:

"If they knock us down, be careful what Koreans you trust—try to pick out the old ones because they might remember something of democracy."

The planes carried men like Staff Sgt. William T. Ayres, a tail gunner of Jonesboro, Ark., and Oroville, Wash. He was shot down in Europe and imprisoned by the Germans in World War II.

And yet what happened when our No. 4 motor started spouting oil?

"Nuts," said Patrick, "this is a fine way to make our first mission."

"Come on," said Capt. James L. Sefton, Bloomington, Ind., "we can make it on three engines. Come on, let's go."

But Patrick decided against it when we started losing a gallon of oil every three seconds.

We cut out the offending motor and circled over the ocean to drop our bombs.

They made a white ringworm on the blue sea.

"Nice shooting, Jimmy," someone said.

"Yeah," said Sefton. "They would have been that way on the target too."

"All that work," said Lt. John B. Wood, Jr., Utica, Pa., the navigator. "It took us two days to load those bombs."



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