

Marines Fighting Bloodiest Battle of Korean War

By DON WHITEHEAD

With U. S. Marines, Korea, Aug. 17 (AP)—The Marines were fighting their bloodiest battle of the Korean war today against Reds desperately trying to spread their bridgehead across the winding Nakdong river.

Under a searing sun the leathernecks advanced behind a hail of steel. But it is a slow and costly advance—this battle of the Obong ridge.

The fighting was close-in and savage. The Marines hit the North Koreans with everything they have except flame-throwers.

The Marines first went into action last week on the southern flank of the American attack toward Chinnju. They pushed deep into Red territory in that drive. But then they were pulled back and rushed to this sector to help the 24th infantry division wipe out the Red penetration across the Nakdong on the central sector of the front.

Early yesterday the marines camped beside the broad cool river where they could swim and relax.

Their tents were pitched in the shade of a pine grove. Marine units got their marching orders late yesterday. Last night they were on the move into the line, their convoys growing across dusty roads under a sky that sparkled with stars.

At 4:10 a.m. the second battalion was in the line ready to attack with "D" and "E" companies in the spearhead. Their objective was Obong ridge—a steep swabback hill covered with scrub growth and rock.

Their move had been swift. Shortly after dawn the attack began. Artillery and Marine Corsair fighter planes plastered the enemy-held ridge with explosives and machinegun fire. But when the leathernecks started up Obong ridge the enemy cut loose with mortars, machineguns and small-arm fire. They even lobbed grenades down the ridge into the faces of the Marines.

Prior to coming to Salem for duty Reynolds was on duty with the Army in Germany. He spent 34 months in Europe with the First engineer combat battalion of the First infantry division.

Replacing Reynolds in Salem will be Lt. Col. Charles B. Eggen, who comes from Vancouver Barracks, Wash. Eggen is with the engineer corps.

Another member of the instructor staff for the Army Reserve is also slated to leave Salem next month. Sgt. 1/c Walter C. Friesen has been ordered to report on that date to Vancouver Barracks for duty. Friesen has been in the Salem office for about two years.

A promotion was received August 16 by another member of the staff, Edward Snyder. Snyder, who was promoted from a master sergeant to a warrant officer, junior grade, on the staff in Salem for the past 18 months, he has been with the Army for 18 years. During World War II he spent 11 months in Europe with the 44th division.

GIs Can Cash Insurance

Washington, Aug. 17 (AP)—Many World War II veterans called back into service may have to cash in their converted National Service life insurance policies, the veterans administration (VA) said today.

They would do so because of inability to keep up the premiums while on military pay, a VA insurance official explained.

He added that since most veterans are well aware of the value of insurance coverage in military duty, many may decide to take out the cheaper so-called term policies upon returning to uniform.

The official told a reporter that VA is prepared to handle this type of business on a large scale. In effect it would be a reconversion of converted policies.

"A veteran can cash in his permanent-type policy at any time after one year," the spokesman said.

Rep. Rogers (D., Fla.) has introduced a bill to authorize VA to pay the insurance premiums—on commercial as well as government policies—for servicemen.

Under that plan, the policyholders would make good the payments on the installment plan, after their return to civilian life.

Tacoma Phone Strike Spreads Rapidly

Tacoma, Aug. 17 (AP)—A strike started by telephone operators spread today as the walkout became official and other employees of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company refused to cross picket lines.

Douglas M. Chisholm, president of the Washington-Idaho division 69, Communications Workers of America (CWA), said the union's international executive board had sanctioned the strike.

A telephone company official in Seattle said 340 Tacoma plant employees did not report for work after the union placed pickets in front of 15 buildings housing telephone installations.

Also off the job were the 316 operators who left work Tuesday in what union officials said was a protest against failure of the company to complete negotiations for a new contract.

LATE SPORTS

Baseball NATIONAL
(First game)
Brooklyn002 122 010—8 12 2
New York000 120 030—6 8 1
Newcombe, Branca (8), Roe (8) and Campanella; Jones, Haring (6), Kennedy (6), Spencer (7), Jansen (9) and Calderone. WP—Newcombe; LP—Jones.
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Raffensberger and Framosa, Howell (7); Rush and Owen.

Morse Defends Dr. Paul Raver

Washington, Aug. 17 (AP)—Senator Wayne Morse, Oregon republican and a staunch foe of proposed Columbia valley administration legislation, asked congress yesterday to investigate circumstances surrounding an article attacking one of CVA's chief proponents.

The article, concerning Columbia basin power development, was published in the Reader's Digest under the authorship of former Governor Leslie A. Miller of Wyoming.

Morse said the article contains "an outrageous piece of libel against Dr. Paul J. Raver, administrator of the Bonneville project. It goes beyond all bounds of decency and stoops to character assassination."

He said the article referred to Raver as a "socialist."

Describing the article as a "concoction of half truths and whole lies" which should be investigated, Morse urged that Miller "put up or shut up" by proving or retracting statements in the article or denouncing it.

Morse said he is "completely opposed to CVA," but he added: "As an opponent, I have no intention of condoning what I consider to be improper tactics in our fight. We can win on the merits."

(Reader's Digest officials were not available in New York to comment on the Oregon senator's attack.

(In Cheyenne, Wyo., however, Miller commented that "Morse doesn't know what he's talking about. I wrote the article and I selected and checked all my facts very carefully.")

Pleasantville, N. Y., Aug. 17 (AP)—The Readers Digest is standing pat on an article which Senator Morse (R., Ore.) wants investigated.

The article, under the by-line of former Governor Leslie A. Miller of Wyoming, is about Columbia river valley power development.

Hillary Talks On Auditorium

A public auditorium in a city the size of Salem can be made a profitable business venture as well as promoting cultural development. This is the belief of Col. Mark Hillary, executive secretary of the Salem Memorial Auditorium association, after traveling several thousand miles and visiting many cities of the United States.

Colonel Hillary in a discussion before the members of the Salem Lions club Thursday noon presented figures, running into several hundred thousand dollars which would be attracted to Salem should an auditorium of proper size be built here.

One essential, said the speaker, was central location.

Colonel Hillary reported that General Carl A. Gray, Jr., veterans administrator of Washington, D.C., would be here for a dinner meeting September 22 when he would discuss matters pertinent to veterans. His presence here is being sponsored by the auditorium association.

Elizabeth Ann Baker (Miss Oregon) attended the luncheon and sang two numbers.

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Comes Home—Libby Holman leaves plane at Idlewild airport, New York, after a flight from France. Miss Holman hurried home on receiving word that her 17-year-old son, Christopher Reynolds, heir to a tobacco fortune, was lost while climbing Mt. Whitney in California. (AP Wirephoto)

San Carlos Fire Probe Sought

San Carlos, Calif., Aug. 17 (AP)—A spectacular fire and explosion last night leveled a chemical plant making material for the Korean battlefield. Adjoining buildings were damaged.

Owners said the plant may have been sabotaged. They requested an FBI probe. Damage was estimated at \$250,000.

Repeated blasts and flames, forming a mushroom-shaped fireball, were mistaken for an atomic explosion by some residents.

Firemen from several nearby San Francisco peninsula cities rushed to the scene.

Dr. A. C. Carlton, president of the Chemical Affiliates, Inc., the plant destroyed, said it processed petroleum products for the army and navy.

He said it was working on a \$150,000 government contract.

"Since the start of the trouble in Korea we have been working frantically," Carlton went on, "truly, we never were asked to produce this fast any time in World War II."

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Senate Votes Security Bill

Washington, Aug. 17 (AP)—The senate today approved and sent to the White House a bill bringing 10,000,000 additional persons under social security coverage and boosting benefits for 3,000,000 retired workers.

Approval was by voice vote. The compromise measure, worked out in a senate-house conference, was adopted by the house yesterday, 374 to 1.

Despite objections to some features of the measure, President Truman was expected to sign it into law.

This would mean that retired workers eligible for benefits would receive an average of \$48 monthly, instead of the present \$26, effective next month.

Espee to Build 5,000 Boxcars

Portland, Ore., Aug. 17 (AP)—Southern Pacific announced plans today for purchase of 5,000 new freight cars and 46 diesel locomotives, and also declared a \$1.25 a share quarterly dividend.

President A. T. Mercier made the announcements at the close of a meeting of the road's board of directors here.

He said delivery of the new equipment likely will be started within the first half of 1951. The purchases will bring to 28,630 the number of new freight cars purchased since the end of World War II, and increase the number of diesel locomotives acquired in this period to 350.

The dividend will be paid September 18 to stockholders of record August 28.

With these new purchases, Southern Pacific's outlay for new rolling equipment since the war has reached \$307,000,000, Mercier said.

The new car program includes acquisition of 3500 new boxcars, 1100 gondolas, 250 covered hopper cars and 50 cabooses. The road is adding to its new freight car stock at the rate of nearly 500 cars a month on previous purchases, the president said.

Car Shortage to Grow Worse—McKay
Governor Douglas McKay said today that the northwest's railway car shortage will get worse before it gets better.

He said the federal interstate commerce commission is responsible for getting enough freight cars for the region.

The governor made the statement after a conference with state officials.

The state unemployment compensation commission reported to him that the country faces manpower shortages worse than in 1942.

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Truman Raps Senator Wherry

Washington, Aug. 17 (AP)—President Truman denounced today as "contemptible" and "beneath comment" a statement by Republican Senator Wherry that the blood of American dead in Korea is on the shoulders of Secretary of State Acheson.

Mr. Truman gave reporters at his news conference permission to quote directly these words in his sharp denunciation of the Nebraska senator.

The president declared it was "a contemptible statement and beneath comment."

Wherry laid the responsibility for the shedding of American blood in Korea on Acheson in a senate speech yesterday.

The senator said Acheson had followed a policy of equipping the South Koreans with only police arms instead of the more powerful military weapons intended under aid programs approved by congress.

Wherry's speech was only one of several from republicans criticizing administration policy in the Far Pacific.

CIO Longshoremen For Hiring Halls
North Bend, Ore., Aug. 17 (AP)—The CIO longshore caucus today was pledged to a court fight—and perhaps a strike—to hold ILWU control of waterfront hiring halls.

Delegates voted yesterday to ignore a National Labor Relations Board ruling that the union's hiring halls are illegal.

The caucus statement said: "We will strike and we will call upon whatever friends we have to support us in whatever fashion they can in such a fight."

VFW Leader Raps Johnson

Detroit, Aug. 17 (AP)—Commander Clyde E. Lewis of the Veterans of Foreign Wars charges "gross incompetency" to Secretary of Defense Johnson. He says that Johnson should leave office or be removed.

Lewis denounced Johnson in a speech here last night in which he accused the defense secretary of having "gambled" with American security "in the name of vote getting 'economy.'"

He said Johnson had "lost" and added that the security "should go" and so should his "little oligarchy" in the defense department.

The VFW chief said that Secretary Johnson had left the impression that the nation was in "excellent shape" militarily but that "we stand revealed as unbelievably weak."

"I indict Johnson," Lewis said, "on a charge of either abysmal ignorance in not recognizing the ominous threat of communist aggression in Asia . . . or bad faith with United States citizens in not informing them of the great dangers we face . . ."

Goldwyn Couple Honeymoon at Carmel
Carmel, Calif., Aug. 17 (AP)—The Samuel Goldwyns, Jr., are honeymooning here. The movie magnate's son and Jennifer Howard, 24, daughter of the late playwright, Sidney Howard, were married yesterday at Berkeley. They will reside in Beverly Hills. Young Goldwyn, 24, is associated with his father in producing motion pictures.

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