



Prays for Massacre Victims—Army Chaplain Capt. A. M. Knier reads last rites for some of the 36 American soldiers found massacred with their hands bound behind them on hill 303 at Waegan, South Korea. Photo by Stanley Tretick, NEA-Acme staff photographer. (Acme Radiophoto)

First Major Victory in Korea Won by Firepower and Guts

By ROBERT C. MILLER

On the Nakdong River front, Korea, Aug. 21 (AP)—The dead have been buried and the wounded bandaged. So the Monday morning quarterbacks took over the battle of the bulge today, analyzing the Americans' first major victory in Korea to find out how 12,000 communist troops were wiped out.

There was no single answer. It was a combination of teamwork, superior firepower and guts that drove the North Koreans in the Yongsan bulge as far back as the Nakdong, killing and estimated 1,500 and destroying large quantities of communist guns and supplies.

There was not much real estate involved—seven miles at most—but the effect on both American and North Korean morale was tremendous.

The Americans proved decisively that the commies can be liked.

The Reds who got back across the river don't exactly know what hit them. But they must realize that their rosy visions of a victorious march through South Korea are gone and their future is a bleak one filled with American high explosives.

The battle was a joint armymarine job in which the marines made the most spectacular gains and suffered the most casualties.

But it must not be forgotten that the army 24th division weakened the North Koreans with 10 days of continuous punishment as it was slowly pushed back from the Nakdong line by overwhelming forces.

And every giant marine was willing to give a large share of the credit to marine and air

force planes, whose close air support paralyzed the enemy and rooted him out of well dug-in positions with strafing and bombing from only 100 feet in the air.

There was no "pinpoint" strategic bombing from high altitudes. It was all close-in, visual slugging that gave the Americans a hellish weapon they utilized most effectively.

The price was terribly high, measured in tons of shells and high explosives used against the Reds, but cheap in lives lost.

For every communist artillery and mortar shell fired at them the Americans tossed back 20. Artillery batteries accumulated mountains of shells; and on hill-sides which were objectives of the drive there is scarcely an acre not pockmarked by American shells.

The older inter-service rivalry which many have been trying to eliminate had much to do with our first big win.

When the battle started, the marines went in determined to show the army "how it should be done." And the army, battered and stung by five weeks of continuous defeat, had no intention of being shown up by the marines.

The combined ferocity of the twin drives was just too much for the North Koreans, who fell back in disorder once their thin crust of resistance was broken.

The communists have been credited with exceptional military skill in Korea, but they showed an astounding lack of it in the bulge.



Captured Rifles—Ignoring a dead North Korean soldier Pvt. William Quick, Dayton, Ohio, carries an armload of captured North Korean small arms to a rear area on the Nakdong river front. Photo by Ed Hoffman, NEA-Acme staff photographer. (Acme Telephoto)

COVERING THE KOREAN WAR

How Mac's Headquarters Puts Out the Battle News

By H. D. QUIGG

Tokyo (AP)—A swarm of little Japanese boys gather at the door of a public information office on the second floor of the air-conditioned Radio Tokyo building.

Dressed in white T shirts, long black pants, and canvas slippers or wooden clogs, they jabber and shove — waiting importantly to play their part in passing the biggest news story since World War II on to a waiting world.

Throughout the day they scouted the mimeograph section of the public information office and they know to the second when one of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Korean war releases will be rolling.

As an army man comes to the door of the office with the sheaf of releases, each boy makes a grab and runs down the hall to his office. There they jam the paper down in front of a writer.

It's a mimeographed copy of a single-spaced sheet, and it's headed "General MacArthur's, Far East command, public information office—Korean release No. so and so.

A press association writer pecks out a bulletin. His boy takes it and dashes downstairs and along the sidewalk 200 yards to the Japanese government teletypes which the press associations use to radio their news to the United States.

When the press associations hire a new office boy here now, they don't ask, "What school did you go to?" They ask, "How fast can you make the 200-yard dash?"

In another room of the public information office, 25 or so correspondents gather for their daily "briefing" on the war situation by spokesmen from Gen. MacArthur's headquarters intelligence and operations sections and from the air force and navy.

There is an international flavor to the assembled newsmen.

This is the hottest season in Tokyo, and they're dressed for it. Some wear civilian clothes, some army clothes, but all have open-collared shirts. Several have on khaki shorts and one wears white knee-length shorts and a white blouse. Several wear gaudy "Aloha" shirts.

Randolph Churchill, son of former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, a heavy, sandy-haired, pink-faced man, sits at the side of the room, wearing an orange-yellow sport short, gray shorts, knee-length brown socks and easy slippers. He is a correspondent for a London newspaper.

The newsmen stand with lowered heads, scribbling onto notebooks, clipboards and wads of copy paper.

The briefing spokesman stands before a huge map of Korea, thumbed on wallboard. Tacked over the map is a transparent acetate sheet. The positions of United Nations and enemy forces are drawn in and labeled in colored pencil—red, for the communist, blue for U.S. and Republic of Korea forces.

The transparent sheet is known as an overlay. Sometimes there is even an overlay on an overlay.

"The operation of enemy guerrillas leads to a belief they



Intelligence Chief — Gen. Walter Bedell Smith (above) former U. S. Ambassador to Moscow, will succeed Rear Adm. Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter as chief of the central intelligence agency. Gen. Smith was wartime chief of staff to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower. (Acme Telephoto)

may be organized as a regular unit of the North Korean forces, possibly with a communist nucleus," a spokesman said. "These guerrillas have been training for a long time."

The reporters scribble. The briefing ends.

A newsmen hurries to his office, bangs out a fast paragraph, opens the corner of his mouth and hollers: "Boy Sam!"

That means "Mr. Boy," and it is the way office boys are called around here.

The boy seizes the copy and clip-clops off. The news is on its way.

Three Minor Fires Controlled in Polk

In evidence of the continuous fire hazard resulting from the prolonged hot spell in the Willamette valley, three fires were reported in Polk county in the past four days.

Thursday a two-acre grass fire was reported at Grand Ronde which was put out by local volunteers and fire crew members.

Friday an eight-acre fire destroyed grass and small seed-growth timber in the Fir Grove area near Dallas. The blaze occurred on the Fisher Brothers logging lands as the result of a backfire from a power saw. The fire was controlled by Saturday morning.

Thursday grass and small trees were burnt in a blaze caused by dynamiting stamps near Falls City. Rev. James Royer, pastor at the Falls City church

Disease Germ Balloons Feared

Bly, Ore., Aug. 21 (AP)—The wartime Japanese balloon bombs may have shown the way for any Asiatic enemy to wage bacteriological warfare on the Pacific coast.

A Sixth army officer hinted of the possibility in a speech here yesterday at a ceremony dedicating a memorial to six persons killed by the wartime explosion of a balloon bomb.

Col. Karl C. Frank, Vancouver, Wash., said the Japanese balloons were not very effective as a major weapon. Fewer than 1,000 of the some 9,000 loosed into the trans-Pacific air currents fell within U. S. borders. The May 5, 1945, tragedy near here took the only casualties.

But the barrage did represent the first use of overseas unguided missiles. In any future war, Col. Frank added, they might be used in carrying disease germs to these shores.

Gov. Douglas McKay was also a speaker at the program at the Weyerhaeuser Timber company's tree farm near the Klamath-Lake county border. He called for tightening of military defenses during the Korean war and noted the progress of Oregon's civilian defense program.

The ceremony unveiled a stone monument at the forested spot where a woman and five children were killed. The monument bears a bronze plaque inscribed with the names of the victims and the circumstances of their death. It was erected by the Weyerhaeuser company.

The victims were Mrs. Elsie Mitchell, 28, wife of the Rev. Archie Mitchell of Bly; Jay Gifford, 13; Edward Engen, 13; Dick Patzke, 14, and his sister, Joan, 13, and Sherman Shoemaker, 11. The pastor was the lone survivor of the church picnic group.

who was swimming nearby, was the first to reach the scene and fought the blaze alone for some time before the Falls City rural fire protection truck arrived. Rev. Royer took a drink of water and collapsed from exhaustion. He recovered quickly, however.

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Reports Sought On Pool Plan

Strasbourg, France, Aug. 21 (AP)—The European consultative assembly's economic affairs committee asked today for a permanent link between the council of Europe and the Schuman steel-coal pool plan.

The committee voted unanimously, with one abstention, a resolution calling for regular reports to the assembly on operations of any overall authority envisaged under the plan.

The resolution also said that the members of a six nation common parliament, which would supervise the authority, should be picked from representatives in the assembly here in Strasbourg.

The Schuman plan calls for a common parliament of delegates from the French, Belgian, West German, Dutch, Italian and Luxembourg legislatures.

Paul Reynaud of France, committee chairman, said that both Hugh Dalton, British laborite, and Lord Layton, British liberal, supported this motion.

The resolution asked the six

nations in the pool plan to establish some machinery whereby non-pool nations, such as Britain, can eventually be associated with it.

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