

Tank-Led U. S. Task Force Races to Free G.I. Prisoners

150 GIs Believed Held by Reds In Rail Tunnel

By ROBERT BENNYHOFF
Pyongyang, North Korea, Oct. 21 (AP)—A tank-led U. S. task force raced north from Pyongyang today in an attempt to rescue 150 American war prisoners believed held by the communists in a railroad tunnel 40 miles north of here.

The prisoners may be from a group of 250 or more Americans whom the North Koreans marched out of Pyongyang toward the Manchurian border last Saturday.

At least 20 American war prisoners who escaped from the communists said the 250-odd prisoners were all who were left out of 376 who began a "death march" from Seoul. Eighty-one others died on the way to Pyongyang from beatings, shootings, malnutrition, dysentery and exposure, they said.

One of the prisoners said a North Korean colonel had told him that Maj. Gen. William F. Dean, missing commander of the U. S. 24th division, died in communist captivity while being marched from Taejon to Seoul.

The prisoner, 2nd Lt. Douglas W. Blalock, 27, of Savannah, Ga., and Heflin, Ala., said he had met an American lieutenant in a prison camp who told him that he, Dean and several other Americans had hidden in the mountains near Taejon for 15 days after that city fell last July.

The lieutenant said the party separated, however, and he never saw Dean again, Blalock reported.

Later, a North Korean colonel told Blalock that Dean had been captured and had died shortly before reaching Seoul. He said



Survivor—Army Lt. Alexander Makarounis, 27, of Lowell, Mass., was one of only three survivors of 280 American prisoners of war on a North Korean death march from Seoul to the North Korean capital of Pyongyang. (AP Wirephoto)

the colonel refused to give any details.
Dean last was seen in Taejon with a bazooka team. He had just boasted to a command post that he had "got myself a tank."

Blalock was one of five Americans who escaped from a prison train north of Pyongyang Friday and hid in a cornfield until he heard an American tank column from the 1st cavalry division rumbling up a nearby highway this morning.

It was the 1st cavalry division which sent an armored task force racing north today on a tip that 150 prisoners were aboard a communist train stalled in a tunnel 40 miles north of Pyongyang.

Fellow prisoners who escaped from the train said the North Koreans told them they would be taken to Manjopin on the Manchurian border nearly 150 miles north of Pyongyang.

They said the train had only covered about 40 miles because of chaotic conditions along the railway.

U. S. fighter planes destroyed a railroad bridge and sections of the track north of the tunnel in an attempt to prevent its further progress.

During the five days they spent on the train, the prisoners said they had been given rice only twice. Their only nourishment the rest of the time was a hardtack type of cracker given them by guards.

Escaped prisoners were being flown from Pyongyang to Kimpo airfield outside Seoul as fast as they could be brought to the airfield here.

First to go were:
Pvt. Harold A. Warren, Brint, Ala.
Pvt. Russel Morris, Charlottesville, Va.
Pvt. Raymond Hamilton, route 4, Branson, Mich.
Pfc. Joseph Cerino, Jr., Bangor, Pa.
Capt. William D. Locke, of Enfield, N.C.

First Lt. Alexander G. Nakarounis, of Lowell, Mass.
First Lt. James B. Smith, of Columbus, O.
Sgt. 1st Class Robert L. Morris, of Chester, Pa.
Sgt. 1st Class William H. Jones, of Flint, Mich.

Pvt. at Class Edward G. Halcomb, of Hamilton, O.
Sgt. Pakeshi Kumagai, of Honolulu, Hawaii.
Corp. Jack C. Arakawa, of Honolulu, Hawaii.

Holcomb told this story: "A week ago today the original group of American prisoners housed in a red brick school in the northeast section of Pyongyang were lined up in columns of four after darkness and were told they were being taken to the Manchurian border.
"There were five of us—Morris, Jones, Arakawa, Smith and myself—who had been trying to escape for some time and we decided we might not get another chance.
"When the North Koreans started to march us up a dark alley, we five dropped out of line and squeezed up against the wall in the shadows, flattening ourselves as we could.
"The column went by with most of the guards at the rear, and they never saw us.

War Takes Time Out for 15 Minutes to Aid Fallen Pilot

By TOM LAMBERT
Pyongyang, Korea, Oct. 21 (AP)—The U. S. advance on Pyongyang once came to a halt for 15 minutes—to help one lone American in distress.

Tanks, guns and troops had been rolling up the road toward the Red North Korean capital through an autumn countryside vivid with color.

Now and then the tanks fired in angry roars. Machine guns chattered their annoyance at targets nearer the road.

Ahead U. S. airplanes bored through the air. Towers of smoke rose from towns and villages where their bombs and jellied gasoline fell.

Dotted trails of smoke puffed from their strafing guns. And then the stutter of the explosions from the 50-caliber cartridges came down the wind.

The riflemen in the advancing column paid little attention to the warplanes.

Then four F-51s came thundering over the column from a swift run on a nearby target.

The men in the column saw one plane waver and jerk up. The plexiglass canopy fell off and flashed end over end in the sunlight.

The fighter plane tipped up on its left wing. It faltered and began its straight and seemingly certain dive to destruction.

At about 300 feet the pilot baled out. His body hurtled for a moment like a bomb.

Jeeps, tanks and trucks squealed and groaned to a halt. There was furious profanity aimed either at the enemy gun that may have got him or at the mechanical failure. They knew not which.

"Well, Goddamnit, let's go," a medical sergeant shouted. Medics carrying a litter ran into the field.

The three other F-51s flew over their fallen comrade in tight, whining circles. They wagged their wings, guiding the medics through the rice field.

The advance on Pyongyang was forgotten.

Swearing infantrymen jumped from the trucks and started into

the field. A tank lurched down from the road after them.
There was a village out there, and the enemy could be lurking. And infantrymen love pilots for battering and softening the enemy—if men can be said to love those they never see face to face.

The medics found the pilot beneath the great white blossom of the opened parachute.

There was a blue bruise on his forehead. A thin streak of blood, like a red pencil mark, ran from his mouth.

A medic felt his pulse. "He's still alive," he said.

The medics picked up the pilot carefully. They carried the litter off across the field and over a muddy stream.

Good, the riflemen said, he's still alive. Then tank, medics, riflemen and the injured pilot went back to the road.

They put the pilot in a jeep ambulance and it went back down the road to the rear. The column moved on again toward Pyongyang.

It was a good 15 minutes spent, the riflemen thought, even though it was 15 minutes lost in the race with South Koreans to Pyongyang.

An hour later the ambulance jeep came back. The riflemen in the column looked at the medic.

"The pilot died," the medic said.

The riflemen cursed and went on up the road to Pyongyang.

Red General Dies

Moscow, Oct. 21 (AP)—The death of Soviet Col. Gen. Gavril Zashikhin, 52, was reported today. Zashikhin served in the Russian army from 1918 when he enlisted. During World War II, he commanded large army units at Leningrad.



Cutting Escape Route—American paratroopers, viewed from General MacArthur's plane, drop into North Korean territory 85 miles south of the Manchurian border to cut off escape routes of Red soldiers fleeing Pyongyang. NEA-Acme Radio-Telephoto by Ernest Hobercht. (Acme Telephoto)

'Sure, We're Scared'

Paratroopers Like School Kids

By JOSEPH QUINN
Kimpo Airfield, Korea, Oct. 21 (AP)—The daring young American paratroopers who took off for North Korea yesterday looked more like a bunch of high school kids on the way to a Sunday picnic than the tough fighters who are helping bring the Korean war to a close.

As they trooped aboard the "flying boxcars" that carried them north to the big jump, many were wearing bright-colored caps. Almost every man had a red feather stuck somewhere in his jump harness.

Ground crewmen and supply soldiers at the field laughed with the intrepid sky troopers as they swarmed up steep ladders into the big planes.

But as the first planes of the huge air armada trundled down the field, the men left behind stood motionless, praying silently that each heavily loaded transport would get off the runway safely.

"The column went by with most of the guards at the rear, and they never saw us.

"Later, Corp. Arakawa, who looks like a Korean, pretended he was our guard and marched us through the city hollering 'Bali, bali,' meaning hurry. The goods did not pay any attention to us. We had trouble, though, when we passed a North Korean police box.

"We ran down a side street into an alley when the police fired two shots at us. We found a vacant house and broke open the door and stayed inside the next several days.

"We had a few pieces of bedding, three slices of bread and three apples, which we had eaten by the second day. We found a 15-pound sack of flour mixed with seeds and water and lived on that. We didn't dare go outside because we were in the middle of some sort of community.

"On the fifth day we heard a lot of people shouting 'banzal' but had no indication that the city had fallen. We looked through door cracks and saw ROK flags flying and wondered what was going on.

"Finally we called in a young Korean who told us in Japanese the city had fallen.

"Later we decided to go out, and South Korean soldiers came over and shook hands and took us to their commanding officer."

The Americans said the march from Seoul to Pyongyang took 20 days.

"If one prisoner fell down, another would pick him up and carry him," Morris said. "If both fell, the guards beat or shot them. Eighty-one died either from shootings or beatings or exposure during the march."

MacArthur in Red Capital—General Douglas MacArthur (right) is greeted by Gen. Walton H. Walker at Pyongyang after watching American paratroopers drop into North Korean territory 85 miles south of the Manchurian border. More than 4000 U. S. troops parachuted to block fleeing Red Soldiers. NEA-Acme Radio-Telephoto by Ernest Hobercht. (Acme Telephoto)

Red Cross Sends Aid
Washington, Oct. 21 (AP)—An air force plane is scheduled to leave the U. S. Monday carrying six tons of Red Cross supplies for victims of a recent earthquake in the Assam province of India.

Henry L. Stimson, Cabinet Officer Four Times, Passes

Cold Spring Harbor, N. Y., Oct. 21 (AP)—Henry L. Stimson, the first American to hold cabinet office under four presidents, died yesterday of a sudden heart attack. He was 83 years old.

Stimson was secretary of war under Presidents William Howard Taft, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry Truman, and was Herbert Hoover's only secretary of state.

Three months ago Stimson fell and broke his hip, but was making a good recovery and getting about with wheelchair and crutches. Yesterday afternoon he and Mrs. Stimson set out on a drive around the estate. He was stricken in the car, was taken home immediately, and died a few minutes later.

Stimson was the first leading statesman in any western country to demand a tough crackdown on the aggressors of the 1930s. His policy failed at the time, but as America's secretary of war from Pearl Harbor to Hiroshima, he directed the army and air force that helped redeem it.

While Stimson's four years as secretary of state, 1929 to 1933, were distinguished, military men and historians have ranked him with Lincoln's Edwin M. Stanton as one of the two greatest secretaries of war in American history.

His association with the war department was unique. He was given the office in 1911 by President Taft. At that time the American army had only 75,000 men and had just taken over the German general staff system that had been adopted by every big army in the world.

He left the post in 1913 and did not take it up again until 1940—27 years later—when Franklin D. Roosevelt called him back to duty on the eve of World War II at the age of 73.

A life-long republican, Stimson was asked to serve in a move to gain bi-partisan support in the war emergency. As a result of his acceptance, he was read out of the republican party.

When he left the office for the last time in September, 1945, he had directed the mobilization and use of an 8,000,000-man army that fought in every part of the world and had won praise from defeated German generals for its combat efficiency.

Tall, austere and described as "a New England conscience on legs," Stimson was a Wall Street lawyer whose private practice was continually interrupted by public duty.

He took office first at the age of 40 when President Theodore Roosevelt appointed him U. S. attorney for the southern district of New York. Although a natural conservative, Stimson swung behind "TR's" trust-busting campaign and smashed several combinations between the railroads and the sugar trust—netting the government millions in fines and back customs duties.

Select Club Officers
Macleay—At the meeting of the community club, held at the school house last week, officers for the coming year were elected. They included president, Harry Martin, Jr.; vice president, Sam Miller; secretary, Mrs. Harry Martin, Jr.; treasurer, William Bettelouin; sergeant-at-arms, James Hudec; song leader, W. F. Cole; musician, Mrs. Elsie Carpenter. Sunshine committee, Mrs. Wilbur Miller and Mrs. Sam Miller.

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Protection against whooping cough, diphtheria, tetanus and smallpox will be offered to infants over six months of age. There is no charge for this service which will be given by the Marion county health department, and volunteer workers. No appointments are necessary.

Clinics of this nature are held on the fourth Monday of each month. Dr. W. J. Stone, county health officer, will be at the November 27 clinic when examinations and conferences will be offered. Those interested in appointments are urged to contact volunteer chairmen which include Mrs. Carl Smith at St. Paul, Mrs. Burnell Olson at Ray Bell, Mrs. John Kaufman at Four Corners, Mrs. Robert Coleman at Mahoney and Mrs. Donald Coleman at Fairfield.

The Philadelphia Athletics this season have five men who were with other big league teams last fall—Bob Dillinger, Ed Klieman, Joe Tipton, Billy Hitchcock and Paul Lehner.

Club Prepares For Shrine Event

Elmer J. Church, president of the Salem Shrine club, Saturday announced the chairman of committees to prepare for a western Oregon Shrine ceremonial, slated for Salem on November 18.

It is expected that more than 1000 members of the Shrine will participate in the ceremonial, the first to be held in Salem in many years.

The committee chairmen named are:

Tom Tomlinson, chairman membership committee; Ted Medford, chairman parade committee; Russell Beutler, chairman provost guard committee; Robert Stutzman, chairman decoration committee; Fred Birch, chairman housing committee; Al Loucks, John Graybill, Claude Post and Dick Meyer, chairman hospitality and greeters committee; Ray Linton, chairman luncheon and banquet committee; Harris Lietz, chairman transportation committee; William Braun, chairman stage committee; Rollin Lewis, chairman degree committee; Manche Gadwa, chairman public address committee; Robert White, chairman parking committee, and Jake Fuhrer, chairman finance committee.

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