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NOTE DATED 12 APRIL 1951 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TRANSMITTING SIX COMMUNIQUEs ISSUED BY THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND IN KOREA

The Representative of the United States to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honor to transmit herewith for the information of the Security Council, the following communiques issued by the Headquarters of the United Nations Command, as indicated below:

Eighth Army Communique 301, issued at 8:00 P.M., Wednesday, April 11, 1951 (6:00 A.M., Wednesday, Eastern standard time)

Far East Air Forces summary of Wednesday, April 11, 1951, operations

United Nations Naval Forces summary of Wednesday, April 11, 1951, operations

Fifth Air Force summary of late Wednesday, April 11, 1951

General Headquarters Communique 851 for the period 6:00 A.M., Wednesday, April 11, to 6:00 A.M., Thursday, April 12, 1951

Eighth Army Communique 302, issued at 10:15 A.M. Thursday, April 12, 1951 (8:15 P.M., Wednesday, Eastern standard time)

EIGHTH ARMY COMMUNIQUE 301, ISSUED AT 8:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY
(6:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY, EASTERN STANDARD TIME)

United Nations forces encountered heavy enemy resistance in the area south of Yonchon to a point northeast of Yongong. Intense small arms and automatic weapons fire was received by United Nations elements in the Hwachon reservoir area.

Enemy casualties inflicted on April 10 were estimated as approximately 980.

1. Republic of Korea forces again crossed the Imjin River with little or no enemy contact. United Nations forces in the area south and southeast of Yonchon encountered heavy enemy resistance during the day. Turkish forces reported receiving a heavy volume of mortar fire at 9:00 A.M. United Nations forces north of the Yongpyong and Yongong sectors were also heavily engaged throughout the day with United Nations forces making limited advances against stubborn enemy resistance.

2. Little or no enemy contact was reported by United Nations forces in the area south and southwest of Hwachon. Other United Nations forces in the Hwachon reservoir area received heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire during the early morning hours with elements being heavily engaged between the hours of 7:10 A.M. and 11:10 A.M.

3. United Nations forces on the eastern Korean front encountered light enemy resistance during the day.

4. No significant enemy activity has been reported by Republic of Korea forces in the east coast sector.

FAR EAST AIR FORCES SUMMARY OF APRIL 11 OPERATIONS

Adverse weather in Korea yesterday failed to stop the incessant interdiction effort of Far East Air Forces against the Communist enemy. Far East Air Forces mounted 270 sorties, disrupted enemy resupply in the Red build-up area, and continued the air resupply of United Nations front-line forces.

Fifth Air Force fighter bombers and light bombers flew through rain and low clouds to destroy or damage approximately eighty enemy motor vehicles shuttling supplies into the Chorwon section of Central Korea. Fifth and attached shore-based United States Marine planes mounted about 110 sorties.

Far East Air Forces Bomber Command B-29 Superforts took advantage of the poor weather for a maintenance "stand down." It was one of the few occasions of the Korean war on which no sorties were flown by the medium bombers.

The 315th Air Division (Combat Cargo) sent out approximately 155 planes on resupply missions to forward air bases in Korea with 580 tons of war supplies, the majority of which was for front-line troops.

Last night as the weather improved more than fifty night intruding planes patrolled enemy supply routes and dropped flares for friendly front-line forces.

They sighted an estimated 800 enemy vehicles along North Korean roads.

UNITED NATIONS NAVAL FORCES SUMMARY OF APRIL 11 OPERATIONS

Although hampered by bad weather, United Nations Naval Forces continued bombarding military installations on North Korea's east coast yesterday from the sea and from the air.

British and Marine planes flying from the carriers U.S.S. Bataan and H.M.S. Theseus ranged from the Songjin area south along the coast to the vicinity of Kosong.

Targets hit by fast carrier planes in night and early morning flights included twenty-eight small water craft, vehicles, boxcars and a supply dump.

South of Wonsan, the Navy planes' bombs started a large landslide blocking a road pass. A locomotive, warehouse and eight buildings were destroyed also by the British Navy and United States Marine pilots.

While screening the fast light carrier task group, the Canadian destroyer Athabaskan destroyed a floating mine.

The heavy cruiser St. Paul and light cruiser Manchester led the fifty-third day of bombardment at Wonsan. In around-the-clock firing, rail and road networks north and south of the city were pounded by the cruisers with the destroyer Brown and British frigate Alacrity.

Last night during a light snowfall, a locomotive was spotted near Wonsan and destroyed by the cruisers' gunfire.

United States Navy destroyers Walker and Hank hit bridge approaches, road junctions and road traffic near Songjin despite rain and fog in that area.

To the north near Nanam, the destroyer Hubbard and destroyer-mine-sweeper Thompson bombarded approaches to the Kyo-Man bridge.

On the west coast near Chinnampo, a Republic of Korea patrol frigate fired on Communist troop concentrations in an early morning bombardment.

FIFTH AIR FORCE SUMMARY OF LATE WEDNESDAY

Rainy weather and overcast skies blanketed all of Korea today and limited Fifth Air Force fighters and light bombers to about fifty sorties by 6:00 P.M.

This is the lowest number of sorties flown on a single day since March 6 when bad weather limited the Air Force to twenty-nine combat sorties.

Since that day tactical aircraft of the Fifth Air Force and attached units have averaged more than 650 sorties each day.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS COMMUNIQUE 851 FOR THE PERIOD
6:00 A.M., APRIL 11, to 6:00 A.M., APRIL 12

Enemy resistance stiffened yesterday in most sectors with the heaviest opposition encountered in the west-central area and in the vicinity of Hwachon.

In the area south of Chorwon, United Nations' ground forces pressed steadily forward to overcome increasing resistance from well dug-in enemy troops using small arms, automatic weapons and artillery fire. Action in the Hwachon area was characterized by heavy fighting throughout the day. Patrols operating in the area north of Yangyang reported meeting only slight resistance from scattered enemy groups.

Despite inclement weather, United Nations' naval forces continued their bombardment of military targets along the eastern Korean coast. United States and British naval and Marine aircraft hit communication facilities from Songjin south to Kosong.

Striking through low cloud banks, fighter and light bomber aircraft attacked enemy vehicular traffic with excellent results. Cargo aircraft continued routine delivery of vital supplies to the Korean battlefield.

EIGHTH ARMY COMMUNIQUE 302, ISSUED AT 10:15 A.M., THURSDAY
(8:15 P.M., WEDNESDAY, EASTERN STANDARD TIME)

Moderate to heavy enemy resistance was encountered by attacking United Nations forces on the Eastern Korean front and in the area north and northeast of Yongong.

1. Republic of Korea patrols encountered and engaged small groups of enemy north of the Imjin River in the area north of Munsan. An estimated enemy regiment offered moderate to heavy resistance to the advance of friendly elements in the area north of Yonchon. Turkish forces were heavily engaged with an estimated enemy battalion and closed in in hand-to-hand combat to secure the enemy-held positions in that area southeast of Yonchon. Farther to the east, United States forces encountered enemy resistance during the day.

2. Light resistance was reported in the area northwest of Yongong and moderate to heavy enemy resistance was experienced in the area north and northeast of the Yongong as United Nations forces continued to attack northward. United Nations forces southwest of Hwachon encountered light enemy resistance and reported receiving sporadic mortar and artillery fire throughout their sector.

3. Light to no enemy resistance was encountered by United Nations forces south of the Hwachon Reservoir. Patrols entering Inje reported no enemy contact

4. No significant contact other than patrol contact has been reported in the east coast sector by Republic of Korea forces.

