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Period Covered: 1 through 30 April

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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The 38th Infantry Regiment with Netherland Battalion attached occupied and defended left regimental sector of LINE JAMESTOWN Vic GT13083 during the month of March 1953. Units in reserve conducted small unit training with emphasis on battle drill and patrolling. Period was marked by occasional encounters with the enemy on the Warsaw feature, Vic GT105106, and in the Sami-Chon Valley, CT115115.

Unit commanders and locations of the major components of the 38th Infantry on 1 April 1953 were as follows:

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<td>GT132097</td>
<td>Major James B Shanahan</td>
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<td>GT139093</td>
<td>Major Rex R Sage</td>
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The 33rd Infantry Regiment continued an active defense and improvement of LINE JAMESTOWN in its assigned sector during the first week of the month of April 1953. On 8 April the Regiment was relieved by the 29th Brigade of the 1st Commonwealth Division.

The Regiment, when relieved, left a considerably improved defensive position on LINE JAMESTOWN. Overhead cover was placed on fighting positions, trenches deepened and additional protective and tactical wire constructed.

The relief was accomplished without incident. Some interdictory artillery shelling occurred during the nights of relief brought on by the evident increase of friendly vehicular traffic in this sector. An additional burden was placed on the units with respect to the removal of stockpiled ammunition. The difference in armament places extra logistical difficulties on both the relieving and relieved units. In general, the cooperation and coordination between the units was excellent. Particularly, the direct support from the Canadian and British Artillery which this Regiment had during the period on line was commendable.

Training conducted during period 9-20 April placed emphasis on small unit tactics, patrolling, weapons familiarization and on subjects to develop esprit, morale, and appearance of all soldiers. On 21 April the Regiment took part in Exercise EVERYDAY GEORGE (ICorps CPX). Our participation consisted of a displacement forward to a defensive position. The movement was accomplished by motor, shuttle and foot march, marked by efficient staff and command planning and execution. The Regiment occupied LINE KANSAS with three (3) battalions on line and one (1) in reserve. Passive air defense measures were stressed during the exercise resulting in excellent dispersal and camouflage of command posts and other installations. Upon return to the reserve area on 23 April, the Regiment was alerted for a move to the IX Corps sector. This move was accomplished on 27 April 1953. Movement was planned, so that units would occupy their assigned sector of LINE KANSAS with the least delay. Upon occupancy detailed organization and scheduling of work plans were made toward the reconditioning and improvement of the defensive positions. Engineers, in direct support, improved
Narrative of Tactical Operations (Contd)

and developed roads and trails into battalion and company sectors. The work accomplished consisted mainly of digging and deepening trenches and weapons positions as no fortification materials were available. A short tactical phase during this period was conducted, during which units were inspected for camouflage, dispersal, organization of positions and work progress. As the period ended, the Regiment remained in this sector, continuing to improve the positions and preparing to effect another move.
INTELLIGENCE

1. During the period 1-6 April 1953, the 38th Infantry Regiment occupied positions on LINE JAMESTOWN astride the SAUCION River valley in the vicinity of PANGYUKTONG, CT129109. This valley is considered a natural axis of breakthrough for CCF armies and was a major avenue of advance of the April 1951 CCF offensive.

2. Enemy units in front of the regiment were identified as 2 battalions of the 399th Regiment, 133d Division.

3. Enemy ground activity was limited to the vicinity of WARSAW (CT105107). On 4 April, a "K" Co patrol screened this feature and established an ambush at 0105 hours. Five minutes later, a 4 man CCF patrol was observed and moved almost into the ambush before sighting the friendly patrol. A 10 minute firefight ensued after which the friendly patrol swept the area and picked up two enemy: 1 KIA and 1 WIA. The two enemy were returned to the MLR where, a short time later, the PW died. Several documents of intelligence value were removed from his body. One item indicated he was an officer.

4. Enemy and mortar artillery was moderate during this period. Total incoming rounds for period were 503 rounds of artillery and 316 rounds of mortar.

5. No enemy armor activity was noted.

6. During the brief period, 9 patrols were dispatched with one contact.

7. Enemy losses:

   Counted KIA 4  
   Estimated WIA 6
   PW 1

8. During the period 7-26 April, the Regiment assumed a reserve role and moved into Battalion camps in the FORT GEORGE area. The major intelligence activity was one of counter-intelligence and security. A great deal of practical benefit was derived from the patrolling which was carried on to protect installations at night. Battalion intelligence sections conducted comprehensive training programs; particularly the Dutch Battalion which has received a number of replacements.

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9. An excellent opportunity for training in the operations sections at both battalion and regimental level was presented by participation of the regiment in Operation EVEREADY GEORGE, a training exercise which tested mobility and field operation of all units in the regiment. Throughout the problem, all units of the regiment maintained excellent security. The thorough removal or obliteration of unit designations in keeping with the play of the problem was noteworthy.

10. During the last week of the month, 27-30 April 1953, the Regiment moved into and occupied positions on LINE KANSAS in the IX Corps sector. Great stress was placed on camouflage and dispersion of CPs, supply areas, vehicle parks and troop areas in the LINE KANSAS positions.
SECTION I: STRENGTH

Strength as of 1 April 1953: 84.4% of authorized T/O&E.
Strength as of 30 April 1953: 99.9% of authorized T/O&E.
Strength of the Netherland Battalion attached: 53 Officers. 756 EM.
KATUSA attached to the Netherland troops: 173. KATUSA attached to the US troops: 480.

SECTION II: ADMINISTRATIVE

During the period 1-30 April 1953 continued emphasis was placed on maintaining high administrative standards. Routine administrative inspections were conducted by this and higher headquarters with an overall rating of satisfactory. Casualty reporting procedures and processing of personal effects were closely supervised and no problems were encountered. The period 11-30 April was spent in reserve. The reserve area was located at a considerable distance from the division administrative center and involved a two hour drive one way. Telephone communications to the regimental personnel section were poor and certain minor administrative problems were encountered as a result. The tactical situation prevented holding the regular monthly administrative conference.

SECTION III: AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

The following awards and decorations were awarded or recommended during this period:

- Legion of Merit: 1
- Silver Star: 6
- Bronze Star (V): 15
- Bronze Star (M): 33
- Army Commendation Ribbon: 16
- Soldier's Medal: 3

SECTION IV: MORALE AND PERSONNEL SERVICES

Morale during the period was excellent. One USO show was presented during the period. Movies were available in all units on an every other night basis. Mail delivery was normal. The post exchange, centrally
located at the regimental shower point, continued to operate successfully. Post exchange items were varied and plentiful.

The Soldiers Deposits program was successfully implemented and again over $30,000 was deposited by the regiment.

SECTION V: CASUALTIES

During the above period there were:  
KIA 1  
MIA 9  
MIA 0  
NEC 72

SECTION VI: REPLACEMENTS

The replacement picture for the period was favorable. An increase over the preceding months was received and the enlisted strength rose to 90% of T/O. Additional KATUSA replacements were also received bringing the total KATUSA strength up to its ceiling of 485. KATUSAs were assigned in keeping with prescribed policy.

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1. During the period covered by this report the regiment completed two moves. On 8 April 1953 the regiment was relieved from the defence of Line Jamestown in its assigned sector and moved into a reserve training phase at CT 251927. This move was accomplished with a minimum of difficulty with the exception of transportation. The shortage of truck transportation hindered an otherwise well-planned and well-regulated move.

2. Upon being relieved from the defense of Line Jamestown, a most unusual problem was encountered in that the regiment was required to remove all ammunition from positions in that the relieving units of the Commonwealth Division had different ammunition requirements.

3. Again on 26 April 1953 quartering elements of the regiment commenced to move to its present location at CT 42044. Move was completed 27 April 1953. Mission of the regiment was to occupy, organize, and simulate the defense of Line Kansas with stress being laid on the development, reconditioning, and improvement of existing defenses. No serious difficulty was encountered in this move as less stringent time requirements were made on the regiment, and additional required truck support was made available. Sufficient shovels, picks and sledges were made available to the regiment for renovation and rehabilitation of Line Kansas.

4. Our Quartermaster supply support is satisfactory. The time element in the repair of boots has continued to draw some criticism from unit commanders. Continuing emphasis must be placed by all supply agencies on clearing boots for repair to the next agency in the shortest possible time in order for the current system to be effective. Turn-in of items of winter clothing commenced on 13 April 1953 and plans were completed for a phased turn-in of the remainder of winter clothing items.

5. Our Ordnance support in the replacement of vehicular parts remains critical. To date the regiment has 130 valid, unfilled requisitions for vehicle parts. It has been impossible to build up our required stock level control in Ord 7 vehicle parts; therefore, a vehicle must be deadlined in order to receive certain types of critical parts. During the past month our Ordnance support platoon joined the regiment for the first time and has given us excellent support.
SUPPLY (LOGISTICS) CONT'D:

6. Our Engineer support in most cases continues to be excellent. Services rendered by our support Engineer Field Maintenance Company in the repair and overhauling of Compressors, Generators, and like items has been noticeably poor. At the present time we have had such equipment evacuated for over two months with no action. Again it is noted that drafting and duplicating expendables are still at a premium.

7. Our Signal support has been excellent. On 15 April 1953 the regiment received one hundred seventeen (117) Radio Sets AN/PRC-6 and turned in all Radio Sets SCR-536 for future use of ROKA. Changeover accomplished smoothly.

8. Our combat losses for the first eight days consisted of the following:

   Antenna, AT272/PRC          1
   Bayonet, knife, M4, w/scabbard 4
   Gun, machine, cal .50, w/mount 1
   Canteen                       3
   Belt, cartridge                3
   Helmet, steel                  4
   Liner, helmet                  4
   Cap, field, pile               3
   Vest, Armored, M-52            4 (M/R)
   Flashlight, TL-122             3
   Boots, rubber, insulated       4 pr
   Boots, combat                   1 pr
   Shirt, wool, OD                3
   Pack, field, cargo             4
   Pack, field, combat            4
   Cup, canteen                   4
   Undershirt, wool               4
   Binoculars, M13A1              1
   Drawers, wool                  4
   Socks, wool, c/s               12 pr
   Jacket, field, cotton          5
   Jacket, field, pile            3
SUPPLY (LOGISTICS) CONT'D:

- Trousers, field, cotton 4
- Parka, shell 4
- Parka, liner 4
- Rifle, US, Cal .30, M1 3
- Radio, SCR-536 2
- Telephone, EE-8 2
- Switchboard, BD-92 1
- Tool Equipment, TE-33 3
- Handset, TS-10 4
- Handset, SA-11 4
- Bag, sleeping, mountain 4
- Handset, AN/PRC-10 2
- Pad, sleeping, inflatable 4
- Watch, wrist 1

9. The total amount of Statements of Charges for the period is five hundred forty dollars and seventy-six cents ($540.76), a decrease of eight hundred thirty-three dollars and fifty-one cents ($833.51) under the previous month.

10. On 22 April 1953 the 2d Quartermaster Company assumed operation and command of the regimental shower point. Since 27 April 1953 it has been inoperative because of tactical problem on Line Kansas, and pending move to new reserve area.

11. Personal effects of eighty (80) persons were processed by the Graves Registration Section. Three (3) bodies of which one (1) was American dead and two (2) enemy dead were evacuated during the period.
Summary for Month of April 1953

From period 1 thru 6 April 53 Regt cont def and improvement of pans on LINE JAMESTOWN with one (1) patrol contact.

On O40112 friend patl engaged est 4 en vic CT105106. 10 min FF. En W/D.

From period 7 thru 9 April 53 38th Inf rel on LINE JAMESTOWN by 29th Brig.

On 080650I Apr 53 29th Brig assumed Resp for 38th Inf sector. All units D/S and G/S (- C Co 2nd Engr BN) 38th Inf reverted to par unit. C Co 2nd Engr (C) BN remained D/S 38th Inf.

Tk Co 38th Inf passed to opn ctl 29th Brig at 080650I Apr 53.

38th Inf opened new CP vic CS251927 at 071800I Apr 53 and clsd old CP at 081200I Apr 53.

1st BN clsd new res area vic CS255922 at 081100I Apr 53.
2nd BN clsd new res area vic CS203965 at 071600I Apr 53.
3rd BN clsd new res area vic CS260945 at 081700I Apr 53.
Neth BN clsd new res area vic CS256916 at 071100I Apr 53.
Med Co clsd new res area vic CS260927 at 081615I Apr 53.
Hv Mort Co clsd new res area vic CS223937 at 081100I Apr 53.
Hq and Hq Co clsd new res area vic CS251927 at 081315I Apr 53.
Sve Co clsd new res area vic CS28927 at 091500I Apr 53.

At 090930I Apr 53 Tk Co 38th Inf rel atmnt 29th Brig and atc!d opn ctl 72d Tk BN. Tk Co 38th Inf clsd new area vic CT332103 on 091230I Apr 53.

From 10 thru 20 Apr 53 Regt remained in res pans and conducted unit and specialist tng. Tk Co remained atc!d 72d Tk BN.

From 21 thru 23 April 53 Regt participated in Exercise Eveready George.

Tk Co remained atc!d 72d Tk BN. 38th Inf opened Fwi CP vic CT156002 at 211800I Apr 53. 1st, 2nd and 3rd Bns occupied pans on LINE KANSAS. 1st BN CP vic CT104974. 2nd BN CP vic CT140022. 3rd BN CP vic CT132012. Neth BN occupied res bn pans vic CT166983. Hv Mort Co CP vic CT138015, 1 plat Hv Mort Co D/S of each frontline BN. Med Co (-) and Hg Co (-) CPs vic CT156002. On 230715I April 53 Exercise Eveready George terminated and all units ret to prev asgd res

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From period 24 thru 26 Apr 53 Regt remained in res pens and participated in 2nd Division field meet on 25 Apr 53.

On 260001I Apr 53 Tk Co reverted ctl 38th Inf and moved to new res pens vic CT456026, closing at 261300I Apr 53.

On 27 Apr 53 Regt moved to new res pens and prep to develop, recondition and improve existing def on LINE KANSAS from CT380002 to CT462072. 38th Inf opened new CP vic CT423045 at 1000 hrs and closed out old CP at 1040 hrs.

1st Bn clsd in new area vic CT449048 at 0700 hrs.

2nd Bn clsd in new area vic CT129057 at 1000 hrs.

3rd Bn clsd in new area vic CT424057 at 1040 hrs.

Med Co clsd in new area vic CT424039 at 1230 hrs.

Hq & Hq Co clsd in new area vic CT423039 at 1330 hrs.

Svc Co clsd in new area vic CT451016 at 1120 hrs.

From period 28 thru 30 Apr 53 Regt conducted development, reconditioning and improvement of existing def on LINE KANSAS.
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EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The few days that this Regiment spent defending LINE JAMESTOWN produced no incidents of note. The relief by the British Commonwealth Division proceeded smoothly from the tactical side but was rather difficult administratively. This was due to a shortage of transportation to make the move. This condition was aggravated by the fact that all of our ammunition required movement off the position. That the Commonwealth Division could not use our ammunition demonstrated very graphically the desirability of standardization of weapons.

The field exercise for the occupation of LINE KANSAS and the subsequent move to IX Corps were excellent training for our units. They brought out the requirement for SOPs in all units for movements of all types. There appears to be a tendency to let administrative considerations outweigh the tactical. Training moves such as this Regiment made during April were very effective in counteracting this type of thinking.

Although the present system of consolidating unit personnel sections under the Adjutant General has certain advantages it is believed that more efficient administrative operation can be secured by maintaining unit personnel sections with their parent unit. In a static situation such as now exists, it is believed that better administrative efficiency can be effected if the unit personnel section is returned to its organic place in the regiment.

Certain minor problems have been encountered in the replacement system. Replacements are trained in four day cycles at the division battle training center and then sent forward to units. Normally replacements are received during the morning or early afternoon hours, allowing sufficient time for arrival at their respective company prior to darkness. When large numbers of replacements are received at division it sometimes necessary to send replacements to units during the evening. This procedure creates a hardship in receiving units, particularly when the unit is on line. Although this happens infrequently it is considered worthy of mention.

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Summary of S-2-3 Journal for Period 010001 I Apr 53 through 302401 I Apr 53:

Bn continued to defend and improve pens on LINE JAMESTOWN.

Bn relieved British B/W at 0950 hours 08 Apr 53. Bn closed in new rea area via Farun-ni, G9253922, Korea, 1/25,000, 6627 II SW 061100 I Apr 53.

Bn participated in OPX EVERREADY GEORGE; opened OP, G9114965, 211850 I Apr 53, closed OP 230905 I Apr 53 - closed into prev aged area 231015 I Apr 53.

Bn moved to asgd sector LINE KANSAS with man organize and improve pens. OP opened via Farun-ni G949048, 270700 I Apr 53.

Bn remained on LINE KANSAS with man organize and defend pens, at close of period.
MONTHLY S-3 JOURNAL SUMMARY FOR MARCH 1953

Period Covered: From 3018001 Mar 53 To 3018001 Apr 53

On 02 April 1953 Lt. Gen Kendall, I Corps Commander met with the Bn Staff at Red Bn CP.

On 8 April 1953, Blue Bn completed a move to new area, vic Ibam-ni SK CS228944.

From 09 April 1953 to 21 April 1953 Blue Bn remained in Corps Reserve and conducted small units trng which was inspected by Div, Regtl and Bn Staff officers.

On 15 April 1953 Maj Gen Clarke, I Corps Commander and Maj Gen Fry, 2nd Div Commander visited Blue Bn CP.

On 2113001 April 1953 "Ever Ready George, CPX problem, Commenced.

On 2313551 April 1953 "Ever Ready George" ends and Blue Bn returns to trng area.

On 2709301 April 1953 Blue Bn moved to "Line Kansas" vic CT423Q3, where L,K and L Co's with M Co Platoons atchd, will work on "Line Kansas".

From 27 April 1953 to 30 April 1953 Bn works on "Line Kansas".

On 3009201 April 1953 Bn CP moved to tactical psn. Co's cont work on "Line Kansas".

Bn situation remained unchanged at end of period.
S-1 Monthly Unit Summary Cont.

16 Apr - 25 replacements received from 2d Repl Co at 2100, Hq Co-4. R & R quota 25 EM departed for Svc Co enroute to R & R Center Div Rear at 1100 hours.

17 Apr - 20 EM departed on Big R for Rotation Center Div Rear at 0730 hours.

18 Apr - 38 replacements received from 2d Repl Co at 1500 hours, Hq Co-1, I-12, K-12, L-11, M-2.

19 Apr - 21 replacements received from 2d Repl Co at 1200 hours, Hq Co-6, I-4, K-4, L-5, M-4.

20 Apr - Four EM returned from NCO Academy. Four replacements received from 2d Repl Co at 1700 hours, K-1, L-1, M-2. Big R quota of 29 EM received. Dusted today at 1000 hours.

21 Apr - Big R quota departed at 0700 hours for Svc Co enroute to Rotation Center Div Rear, Hq Co-5, I-3, K-6, L-5, M-9. Adjutant and Sgt Major moved out on "Everready George" CPX at 1300 hours. One man left at rear S-1 to handle normal administrative problems.

22 Apr - "Everready George" continued in forward area. Three EM departed for Svc Co enroute to NCO Academy. Big R quota received. EM will depart 0800 hours 23 Apr.

23 Apr - Big R quota of EM departed at 0730 hours for Rotation Center Div Rear. Hq:08-4, I-2. Adjutant and Sgt Major returned from "Everready George" CPX at 0845 hours.

24 Apr - Normal organizational duties.

25 Apr - Division Field Day was held in Nordic Bn Area. All elements of Division entered teams. Refreshments were served at the field. Division Commander presented awards.

26 Apr - Normal organizational duties

27 Apr - Moved from old area into IX Corps area.

28 Apr - Normal organizational duties.

29 Apr - Normal organizational duties.

30 Apr - Moved to 27th Inf area and set up S-1 section and officers mess.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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1st Lt., Inf
Adjutant