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From: Commanding General
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps
Subj: 1st Marine Division (Reinf) Summary of Activities, 3-17 August 1953

Encl: (1) Overlay Plan of General Outpost and Main Battle Position

1. This letter constitutes a summary of the activities of the 1st Marine Division (Reinf) from 3 to 17 August 1953.

2. Enclosure (1) shows tactical dispositions at the end of the period. Two minor changes in the tactical disposition of battalion sized units will be noted. The 2d Battalion, 7th Marines defensive situation was adjusted slightly to take advantage of stronger terrain and so, improve its position. Also the boundary between the 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion and the 1st Korean Marine Corps Regimental Combat Team was shifted approximately one thousand (1000) meters to the west for the primary purpose of gaining depth in the defense of the 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion sector. At the same time, this boundary shift gave the left battalion of the Korean Marine Corps Regimental Combat Team a larger area thus alleviating what had been a crowded condition.

3. Organization and construction of the Main Battle Position continues. It is estimated that these positions are now thirty-five (35) percent complete. The majority of the materials for this position are being salvaged from the Demilitarized Zone by unarmed working parties. This salvage, under the terms of the Military Armistice, will continue until 13 September 1953. After this date all personnel are prohibited from entry into the Demilitarized Zone.
4. In accordance with certain terms of the Military Armistice, this Division was directed to construct a NO-PASS LINE fence across the entire Division sector approximately two hundred (200) yards south of the South Boundary of the Demilitarized Zone. This fence is to be conspicuously marked for observation from ground and air for the purpose of prohibiting unauthorized entry into the Demilitarized Zone. The 5th Marines (General Outpost), the Korean Marine Corps Regimental Combat Team, the 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion and the Kimpo Provisional Regiment are the units involved with the responsibility for maintaining, marking and patrolling those portions of the fence within their sectors. Construction of the fence has been completed; marking continues.

5. Information received from the Chief, Naval Advisory Group, Republic of Korea Navy, indicated that two infantry battalions of the Korean Marine Corps have become available from Task Force 95 due to the withdrawal of United Nations' troops from islands north of the Demarcation Line under conditions of the Military Armistice. The Chief, Naval Advisory Group, Republic of Korea Navy requested comments concerning possible augmentation of the Korean Marine Corps Regimental Combat Team with these battalions to form a brigade. This Headquarters recommended the formation of a second regiment of Korean Marines to be attached to this command and concurred in the formation of a brigade at such time as adequate service and supporting units can be trained and equipped. The matter is now in the hands of Eighth Army and Armed Forces, Far East. If the plan submitted by this division is approved, the second Korean Marine Corps regiment will be committed on the left (west) flank of the Division in the present Kimpo Provisional Regiment and 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion areas. Such commitment will strengthen the left flank of the Division and also permit the 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion to be withdrawn from its sector of the Main Battle Position and established in locations more suited to the development of amphibious techniques and training.
6. As part of an I US Corps program, a briefing was conducted by this Headquarters on 17 August 1953 for the Corps Commander and Commanding Generals and certain staff members of all other Divisions in this Corps. The purpose of the program is to acquaint the senior officers of all Divisions with the terrain and defensive dispositions in each Division sector in the Corps. A thorough orientation was held in the Division War Room and from a commanding terrain feature centrally located in the Division sector. This was followed by a mass helicopter flight throughout the Main Battle Position and General Outpost by which the group was enabled to view each strong point from the air.

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