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SUBJECT: Congratulatory Remarks

TO: All Concerned

2. It is a pleasure to forward the message, reproduced below, from the Commanding General, 25th ID:

ITEM DESIRE TO CONGRATULATE THOSE單位 ON YOUR MAJORIZATION
WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE ACTION AGAINST HILL TWO-FIFTY SIX ON AUGUST 12, 1952. THIS RAID ON THE VILLAGE OF DASH DASH WAS SUCCESSFUL. GROUNDS FOR THE CONCENTRATION OF OUR FORCES, HILL WAS TAKEN AND THE PRINCIPAL ENEMY CASUALTIES INCURRED WITH ONLY MINOR LOSSES FOR OUR OWN. THE CLARITY INDICATES SUPERIOR PLANNING AND EXECUTION ON THE SIDE OF THE ENEMY.

3. In passing on the Army Commanders message, I desire to extend to all members of the 731st Infantry and French Battalion, and those elements in direct support of this regiment, including the following:

37th PA BN
Co B, 24th Engr BN
Rcn Co, 2d Inf Div
227th FA BN (elements of 1st and 2d Infantry)
1st Plt, 35th Inf Search Light Co
Co B, 2/30th Tank Co

for their loyal cooperation, efforts far above that we generally expect, and achievements of results only organizations with the spirit of the 731st To Form Team can accomplish.

George Morgan
Commanding Officer

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Introduction

During the month of July, the 23rd Regiment relieved elements of the 179th Infantry, 100th Infantry, and the 19th Bot (Phillipines) on line Jamestown vic 7427.

While this was being accomplished, on the night of 17 July, an enemy battalion attacked outpost positions of the 2nd Battalion on Hill 266, commonly known as "Old Baldy".

An initial series of attacks by the 23rd Regiment were unsuccessful in recapturing the hill; however the night of 31 July—1 August found the 1st Battalion reorganized and ready to resume the attack on Hill 266.

Action along the remainder of the regimental sector for the month had been principally confined to exchanges of artillery and mortar fire and patrol actions. The French Battalion received three enemy company sized attacks in its sector on 24 July. These attacks were successfully repulsed.

Below is listed the commanding officers and staffs of the units of the regiment as of 1 August 1952 and the changes effected during the month.

Regt 00       Col Mergens, George C.
Exec Off      Lt Col Garrett, Robert W.
S-1          Capt Bowen, Robert C.
S-2          Capt Sudderth, James A.
S-3          Maj Boatner, Mark H. III
S-4          Maj Bucholz, Oscar T. Jr.
Commo Off     Capt Scanlon, Frank C.
Asst S-3      Capt Shofner, Joseph M.
Liaison Off   1st Lt Sterk, Lloyd J.
Liaison Off   1st Lt Klein, Frank S.
Liaison Off   1st Lt Morgan, Hunton L.
Asst S-1      CWO Kerkais, Sydney C.
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Exec Off Maj Vassar, William F.
S-1 Capt Ross, Bernard A.
S-2 1st Lt Brinkmeyer, Robert W.
S-3 Capt Garten, Henry G.
S-4 Capt Bear, William A.

Company Commanders

Hq Co Capt Adams, George M.
"I" Co Capt Richey, Ralph D. Jr.
"K" Co Capt Martin, Robert R.
"L" Co 1st Lt Monger, Elmer E.
"M" Co 1st Lt Sinclair, Edward F.

French Battalion

CO Lt Col Borreill
Exec Maj DeSeze
S-1 Capt Gondran
S-2 Lt Liron
S-3 Capt deBazelsire
S-4 Lt Liblin
Comm Off Lt Midy
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II NARRATIVE OF TACTICAL OPERATIONS

II On 31 July, after approximately one week of rehearsals and detailed logistical preparations, Companies A and C, 23rd Infantry Regiment, prepared to launch a two pronged attack on Hill 266 (Old Baldy). The scheme of maneuver visualized Company A attacking the southwest and northeast portion, and Company B assaulting the southeast and northwest sectors. In general support of the attack were the following units: 23rd Infantry Tank and Mortar Companies, 37th FA Battalion and B Company, 2d Engineer Combat Battalion.

To facilitate rapid consolidation of the operation a Forward Supply Dump was organized at 0200 hours. This dump was stocked with fortification materials and all other classes of supply in order to permit rapid resupply in support of the attack by the Korean Service Corps. A Forward Aid Station was established at 0200. Included in the detailed preparation for the attack were reconnaissance flights by key personnel, use of WP grenades and tracers as boundary markers, extra wire teams to insure continuous communication, and tank dozers to prepare defiladed positions on the objective.

At 2200 hours on 31 July Companies A and C crossed the line of departure and began the assault of the objective. No contact was established until 2250 hours when the enemy was engaged with small arms and grenades. At 0020 hours Company C reported that it was closing upon its portion of the objective and was receiving machine gun and mortar fire. At 0037 hours voice contact between the two companies had been made.

By 0145 hours the two companies had closed to within 100 yards on top of the objective although the area between them was swept by heavy machine gun fire. 57mm recoiless rifles and artillery were employed in attempting to destroy the machine guns. Company A was unable to move forward and at 0445 hours Company C was ordered to close the gap. At 0535 hours the companies had made physical contact and were receiving a considerable amount of mixed mortar and artillery fire. At daylight three men from Company A assailed the crest of Hill 266, and killed or routed the enemy machine

1. App 8 1 J-28 & 30 311800 July--011800 Aug 52
2. App C 1 J-38 311800 July--011800 Aug 52
3. App C 1 J-54 311800 July--011800 Aug 52
4. App C 1 J-56 311800 July--011800 Aug 52
gunners who had been delaying the complete seizure of the objective. By 0623 hours the companies were linked up and mopping up operations were in progress. At 0648 the commanding officer of Company C was wounded and evacuated.

An enemy counterattack was launched from Hill 228 at 0705 hours. This attack was repulsed in a brief fire fight and at 0840 hours the Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion declared Hill 266 secure, thus completing a successful operation. No stragglers were reported and casualties were light. On 1 August at 1435 hours one platoon of Company B was moved into position on Company A left flank. The enemy counterattacked the left slope of Hill 266 at 2300 and 2330 hours. Both attacks were driven off. Again at 0600 hours 10 enemy probed Company A. Seven of the enemy were killed.

On 3 August at 2155 hours Company B relieved Company A on Hill 266 and Company A moved to OTH 5297. Later, on the night of 3 August, two enemy platoons were observed approaching Hill 266 from the vicinity of Hill 228. Heavy artillery concentrations were placed upon the formation and the enemy withdrew. At daylight 25 enemy dead were counted.

While the 1st Battalion was engaged in the "Old Baldy" operation the remainder of the 23rd Infantry supported by the 37th FA Bn, Company B, 2d Engineers and the 82 AAA AW maintained positions on the KLA. On 3 August 149 bunkers were reported collapsed and all roads, particularly the roads to the forward supply point, were in critical shape due to the heavy rainfall. On the night of 3 August a patrol from Company I engaged six enemy dug-in near OTH 277246. The enemy returned the fire of the patrol employing small arms and hand grenades. After a brief fire fight the I Company patrol placed artillery fire upon the enemy and the enemy withdrew with an estimated three KIA's.

8. App C-1 J-121 511600 July 011600 021600 Aug 52 16. App C-1 J-52 021600 031600 Aug 52
10. App C-1 J-126 511600 July 011600 021600 Aug 52 18. App C-1 J-59 031600 041600 Aug 52
11. App C-1 J-127 511600 July 011600 021600 Aug 52 19. App B-1 FIN#30
12. App C-1 J-23 011600 021600 Aug 52

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On the morning of 4 August a N Company patrol engaged six enemy at OT295363, in a fire fight. One enemy was KIA. On 5 August 21 Division 6-5 ordered patrol elements of platoon size or larger be debriefed by the Regimental or Battalion commanders. At 052025 August the forward supply point was shelled by the enemy with a resulting two friendly KIA's and three WIA's. An estimated six man enemy patrol attacked I Company patrol vicinity GT271549 at 2245 hours.

After a twenty minute fire fight the enemy withdrew. The patrol continued forward but was unable to overtake the enemy.

The elements of the 1st Battalion, B and C Companies, on "Old Baldy" were relieved by F Company at 060545 August. The 1st Battalion was ordered into Regimental reserve positions as follows: GP vic OT304297, Co A vic OT300295, Co B vic OT309299, Co C vic OT206294, Co D vic 56296. Colonel Joseph W. Stillwell Jr. assumed command of the 23rd Infantry at 061600 August and the Regimental Command Post was shelled at 061730 August resulting in 1 KIA and 6 WIA.

On the morning of 7 August at 0630 hours a friendly patrol vic OT25139 was engaged by enemy dug-in vic OT250317. After a twenty five minute fire fight the friendly patrol withdrew under cover of artillery and mortar fire. At 2305 hours a N Company patrol located eight dug-in enemy vic OT278548. After a five minute fire fight during which small arms and hand grenades were employed, the friendly patrol withdrew with an estimated one enemy KIA.

On 8 August a tank position was completed by dozer on Hill 266. The Regimental Command Post was displaced to OT287307. At 082245 August, an I Company patrol engaged a dug-in enemy in a fifteen minute fire fight. The friendly patrol withdrew with no estimation of enemy casualties.

20. App B-1 FIR# 133 031800-041800 Aug 52
21. App C-1 J-90 041800-051800 Aug 52
22. App C-1 J-15 051800-061800 Aug 52
23. App B-1 FIR# 135 061800-071800 Aug 52
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27. App C-1 J-61 101800-111800 Aug 52
28. App C-1 J-2 111800-121800 Aug 52
29. App B-1 FIR# 138 011800-021800 Aug 52

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Company A was attached to the 2d Battalion, 23rd Infantry for operational control on 9 August. This attachment permitted the 2d Battalion to rotate one company on Hill 266 every four days and also maintain its MLR position. The 1st Battalion Command Post displaced to CT263316 on 9 August and another tank position was completed on "Old Baldy." At 1007 on 9 August a Company E patrol engaged an estimated reinforced enemy squad. The enemy fired upon the friendly patrol with small arms and mortar fire and the friendly patrol withdrew at 1100.

Four enemy probed 23rd positions via CT264317 on 10 August at 2218 hours. Enemy withdrew after a five minute fire fight. A 2nd Battalion patrol engaged the enemy at 2235 hours, a fire fight ensued until 2330 hours with the enemy employing intense mortar fire which followed the patrol back to the MLR. (34)

On the night of 11 August five light patrol contacts were made resulting in 5 enemy KIA and 8 estimated WIA. The 23rd Infantry received a warning order of impending relief by the 58 Infantry Regiment on 15 August.

On 150120 August an estimated enemy squad fired on a friendly patrol for five minutes. Friendly elements withdrew with no estimated enemy casualties.

On the night of 15 August French outposts on Arsenal held a long range voice discussion with the enemy in English, each requesting the other to surrender. The members of the outpost threw C ration cans to draw the enemy's attention, and as the enemy attempted to investigate, a searchlight and artillery fire were employed with an estimated 15 enemy KIA. Later as the enemy attempted to recover the bodies, more artillery was directed upon them resulting in an additional 10 estimated KIA.

On 170545 August a Company F patrol was met by the enemy via CT250317 and CT255316, a fire fight took place and the friendly patrol withdrew at 0600 hours. On the night of 17 August via CT257315, three enemy engaged a 2nd Battalion listening post, friendly employed hand grenades forcing the enemy to withdraw.

30. App E-2 For# 676 071800-081800 Aug 52
31. App E-1 D-3 081800-091800 Aug 52
32. App E-1 D-59 091800-092400 Aug 52
33. App B-1 Fin# 130 091800-101800 Aug 52
34. App B-1 Fin# 140 101800-111800 Aug 52
35. App B-1 Fin# 141 111800-121800 Aug 52
36. App B1 Fin# 145 151800-161800 Aug 52

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Three to six enemy were also discovered approaching 23rd positions via GY274333 at 2335 hours. Enemy was fired upon with small arms and withdrew after a six minute fire fight. A third patrol action took place at 2340 hours when an L Company patrol drove off an estimated six to eight enemy after a short fire fight. (37)

From 1 August to 17 August the supporting arms fired the following number of rounds: Tank Company, 979; Heavy Mortar Company, 2102; 37th FA Battalion, 11,479; 82nd AAA AW (quad 50's) 154,445; and 72nd Tank Battalion, 615.

Communications during the period were excellent. Tank Company reported 38 bunkers destroyed and 21 damaged. 72nd Tank Battalion reported 31 bunkers knocked out and 12 damaged. There were approximately 20 air strikes during the period, one of which struck Company A on 11 August, no casualties resulted. (38)

The 38th Infantry Regiment assumed command of the 23rd sector at 1810 August. The main elements of the 23rd had been withdrawn from the line on 19 August, with "Old Baldy" secure. Morale and combat efficiency of all units was excellent. Final relief of the regiment was completed at 21100 August when the Regimental Tank Company closed into its reserve area via CT346110. (39)

The plan to effect the relief of the 23rd Infantry by the 38th was as follows: 2nd Battalion (left sector) by the 3rd Battalion, 38th Infantry on the 17th; French Battalion (right sector) by the 2nd Battalion, 38th Infantry on the 16th; 3rd Battalion (center sector) by the Netherland Battalion, 38th Infantry on the 15th; 1st Battalion (reserve area) by the 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry on the 18th, Heavy Mortar Company to move to reserve area after relief effected by Heavy Mortar Company, 38th Infantry. Tank Company, move out on order, individual tanks infiltrate to the rear after completion of regimental relief. Medical Company infiltrate to the reserve area as sections relieved. The security platoon to set up guard posts and direct traffic during the relief. (40)

37. App B-1 FIR# 147 171600-181600 Aug 52
38. App C-1 J-115 191600-111600 Aug 52
39. App C-1 J-31 171600-181600 Aug 52
40. App C-4 Opns C #9 15 Aug 52

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The 1st Platoon, A Company, 72nd Tank Battalion and Company B, 2nd Engineer Battalion were to revert to control of parent units after completion of the relief. The detachment of 61st Engineer SLT Battalion to pass to the 38th Infantry when control of the sector was passed. (40)

Supporting weapons rendered normal harassing and interdiction fire during the relief. Outposts were relieved under darkness. Elements on the MLR in view of the enemy were relieved in groups not exceeding 5 men. Normal patrol activities continued until each unit was relieved, and the units being relieved provided ambush patrols in avenues of approach. (40)

Armored vests, water cans, O rations and in some sectors, weapons were left for the relieving units. Units prepared Form 446's for the exchange of equipment. (40)

Battalions were ordered to complete reconnaissance of their reserve area via CT#14 by 161600 August and the rear Regimental CP was established that day.

The 1st Battalion, 23rd moved to positions on Line Wyoming for the purpose of building and repairing fortifications. A rotation schedule was set up for this repair work. The 2nd Battalion took over on 1 September with the 3rd and French Battalions scheduled to take over later. (41)

The mission of the Regiment in its reserve area was to conduct a progressive one month training program beginning 25 August 1952, 8 hours a day, 6 days a week, to attain the highest state of combat efficiency in the regiment. (42)

The scope of the training included 1 battalion formation a week, 4 hours of map reading, command inspections, 2 hours of intelligence training, 24 hours of field fortifications, 13 hours of tactical and protective wire instruction for riflemen, 2 hours of demolitions, 8 hours of attack and defense of a river line, 3 hours of company tactics, crew served weapon tactics, terrain analysis, patrolling, Tank-Infantry training, and platoon tactics. (43)

40. App C-4 Opns C # 9 16 Aug 52
41. App C-7 Letter 0 20 Aug 52
42. App C-7 Letter 0 16 Aug 52
43. App C-6 TM # 17 21 Aug 52
A special platoon was organized of volunteers for the express purpose of patrolling. It is expected that after rigorous physical and technical training, this platoon will be capable of making deep penetrations into enemy territory and taking prisoners.

The regiment continued this scheduled training program through the end of the month.

III PERSONEL

At the end of August the 23rd Infantry Regiment was 9% understrength with a combined total of 4034.

The unit breakdown ran as follows; 1st Battalion, 56 officers, 795 enlisted men; 2nd Battalion, 56 officers, 817 enlisted men; 3rd Battalion, 56 officers, 749 enlisted men; French Battalion, 52 officers, 965 enlisted men; ROK, 2 officers, 528 enlisted men; the balance being in the regimental service and support units.

The regiment had 343 replacements during the month and 386 hospital returnees. 27 men joined the regiment from other sources.

There were 233 casualties during the month. 125 battle losses and 110 of a non-battle nature.

19 officers and 393 enlisted men were rotated in August.

The French Battalion did not receive any replacements, however they lost 123 men by rotation and transfer. Also they had 32 battle and non-battle casualties, and 46 men were returned from the hospital.

The ROK forces dropped 15 men during the month.

The Courts and Boards Section handled three general courts-martial, two special courts-martial, and one summary during the month.

No prisoners of war were taken.

70 bodies were evacuated through Graves Registration Office during the month. 41 from the 23rd, 7 French, 5 KSO's, 1 ROK, 2 from the 72nd Tank Battalion, 1 H & S, 2nd Division, 1 from the 1st Infantry Regiment and 12 were unidentified.

The morale of the Regiment could be considered excellent during the month of August. A buddy system was incorporated. Each man was assigned a buddy, and he had to accompany his buddy everywhere. It is felt that this
will keep morale high, as the men will always have someone who is looking to them for assistance.

Two R & R groups left for 5 days in Japan during the month. American Red Cross Services were available and 5 Chaplains held services throughout the regimental area. Movies and special service shows were given to all units as often as practicable.

The Labor Office had 677 civilians, 85 indigenous and 792 KSO's in its employ at the end of the month, a considerable drop from almost 1400 in July.

IV INTELLIGENCE

In August the regiment was opposed by three battalions of enemy infantry on line with one battalion in local reserve. The strength of these units was estimated to be 75% in men and equipment (1750 troops). They were echeloned in depth. They were supported by 7 Battalions of artillery, elements of 2 anti-tank regiments, elements of one unidentified tank regiment, and elements of a rocket launcher division.

It was possible that battalion sized elements could be relieved by fresh units because of heavy casualties in recent fighting.

The enemies capabilities for the month of August were as follows:

A. They could have continued an active defense and screening action along the present line with elements of 114th Division, 39 CCF Army, and the 115th Division and 113th Division, 38 CCF Army, supported by elements of one CCF Armored Division; and also possible elements of an unidentified rocket launcher division.

B. They could have made limited objective attacks at any time with elements of forces from the 38th and 39th CCF Armies presently committed or with reserve elements of these armies. These attacks would be supported by those elements already mentioned.

C. The could have at any time been reinforced with the 114th Division, 38th CCF Army and 116th Division, 39th CCF Army; and units of the 47th CCF Army within two days by motor or four days by foot, and launch a general offensive. These units would have totaled 24 battalions. They could have attacked along the T'eesan-Chorwon Corridor or along our entire front.

The enemy's morale and combat effectiveness were excellent throughout
The month. There was apparently little movements among the units, also the enemy was reticent to make contacts with our patrols.

The CCF forces were continually observed building or repairing defensive positions along their MLR and OPLR. They have developed a very extensive system of bunkers and commo trenches.

The enemy made no use of air during the month. Their artillery and mortars fired approximately 9,310 rounds into the regimental area.

TLO activity (line crossings) was heavy during the month and several were identified as communist agents. Operation Sweep-Up was held to clear the area of all unauthorized indigenous personnel. The number of Koreans on the regimental security force was cut and U.S. soldiers replaced them. All indigenous personnel were ordered to stay off the MSR unless they had a pass or were accompanied by a U.S. soldier.

The French located a series of tunnels on T-Bone which were full of enemy equipment, documents, and bodies. They had apparently been used as an evacuation tunnel, as well as a supply route, since the bodies showed evidence of having been wounded. The regimental S-2 felt that these tunnels cut through T-Bone back to the river. Exploration and evacuation of equipment continued until the regiment was relieved.

There were numerous sightings of truck lights in the enemy area during the month. It was apparent that the enemy was exploiting the lull of UN artillery to resupply after the action on Baldy.
V. LOGISTICS

The Regiment was on line via CT 3427 during the period 1 to 18 August 1952. On 18 August 1952 the Regiment moved in to Division Reserve area via CT 3414. One Battalion moved back to Wyoming Line to improve fortifications.

Movement to the Division Reserve area was accomplished by pooling trucks from 23rd Infantry Regiment, 38th Infantry Regiment and 2nd Quartermaster Co. This proved to be a very satisfactory arrangement.

During the action which centered around Hill 266 in the period 1 to 18 August 1952 utility vehicles, M-39, were used to evacuated casualties from Hill 266 to the Forward Aid Station. After treatment patients were evacuated by litter jeep to the Collecting Station. This method was satisfactory except following the heavy rains which made the road from the Forward Aid Station to the Collecting Station impassable for wheeled vehicles. A Weasel was then put into service between the Forward Aid Station and the Forward Collecting Station. This method proved satisfactory for evacuation of casualties.

Supply of troops in the vicinity of hill 266 was accomplished with the same vehicles used for evacuation. They were used for supply from the Forward Aid Station to Hill 266. A forward supply point was maintained near the Forward Aid Station and operated by the Battalion S-4 located in that sector. One thousand (1000) "O" Rations and two (2) battalion basic loads of ammunition, two (2) days supply of expendable signal equipment, 10,000 sandbags and several truck loads of barbed wire and concertina were maintained in this dump at all times. Two (2) water trailers and 150 cans, water, 5gal were also kept at this point and used to supply forward troops.

All supplies were loaded in the M-39 utility vehicles and taken to the base of hill 266 where they were unloaded and carried to the top by Korean Service Corps laborers. American troops were used to guide the carrying parties to each platoon area. In some instances carrying parties were composed solely of American troops.
The lessons learned during the period were:

(1) United States troops cannot depend solely upon Koreans to carry supplies under combat conditions and must be prepared to carry their own supplies.

(2) Tracked vehicles such as M039's and Weasels can be used advantageously as supply and evacuation vehicles when road conditions do not permit the passage of wheeled vehicles.

During the period 19 to 31 August 1952 normal resupply was carried on by the use of trucks over existing road nets which were entirely satisfactory. During heavy rains during the latter part of the month a Utility Vehicle, M-44 and a Weasel were used to resupply the Battalion improving the Wyoming Line. This was necessitated by the roads becoming impassable for wheeled vehicles.

a. Logistical Situation:

(1) Service Trains were located at vic CT317271 (1 to 18 August 52)

(2) Service Trains were located at vic CT351138 (19 to 31 August 52)

(2) Forward Supply Point located at CT272317 (1 to 18 August 52)

(3) Forward Aid Station located at CT272317 (1 to 18 August 52)

(4) Forward Collecting Station located at CT300298 (1 to 18 August 52)

Collecting Station located at CT356138 (19 to 31 August 52)

(5) ASP located at CT321267 (1 to 18 August 52)

ASP located at CT351138 (19 to 31 August 52)

b. Supply:

(1) Average strength supported 6157

(2) (a) Captured material was evacuated to the Technical Service concerned

(b) Salvage was collected by each unit, brought to a central point and picked up by the Regimental Supply Office and evacuated to the Technical Service concerned.

Evacuation:

(1) Casualties were evacuated from the front lines by litter or Armored Personnel Carriers, (M-39) to forward aid stations, from forward aid stations, to a forward collecting point to clearing company by ambulance or to MASH unit by helicopter.
(2) Prisoners of War were evacuated through normal S-2 channels from Battalion level to Regimental level and to Division IPW teams.

Transportation:

(1) Supplies were hauled from railhead via CP345270 to Service Trains and thence to units by two and one half ton vehicles.

Service:

(1) Maintenance Section located at CP317271 (1 to 18 August 52)
(2) Maintenance Section located at CP331138 (19 to 31 August 52)
(2) Trains Area located at CP317271 (1 to 18 August 52)
Trains Area located at CP331138 (18 to 31 August 52)

VII CHRONOLOGICAL TABLE

1 August 52: A and C Companies secured Baldy
6 August 52: 2nd Battalion relieved 1st Battalion
9 August 52: A Company attached to 2nd Battalion for operational control
13 August 52: Werning order for relief by the 50th Infantry
17 August 52: Relief began
21 August 52: Relief completed
25 August 52: Training program in reserve area began

VII DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION

No changes in doctrine, organization, training, tactics, technique, administration, or equipment are recommended at this time.
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III REPLACEMENTS: 252 replacements were received during period covered by this report.

VII CIVIL AFFAIRS - MILITARY GOVERNMENT: None

IX CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT: 950 civilians were employed during this period.

X 133 officers and 19 warrant officers. 47 officers and 330 enlisted men were rotated during the period covered by this report.
**PERSONNEL PERIODIC REPORT**
31,800 to 35,100 August 52
MAP: KOREA 1/25,000 CT284307

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**II. REPLACEMENTS:** 252 replacements were received during period covered by this report.

**III. DISCIPLINE, LAW AND ORDER:** Number of Courts-Martial during period covered by this report: Three (3) General Courts-Martial; One (1) Special Courts-Martial.

**IV. PRISONERS OF WAR:** None

**V. BURIAL AND GRAVES REGISTRATION:** Bodies evacuated to GBS during period covered by this report:
- 234th Infantry Regiment
- 3rd Infantry
- Korean Service Corps
- Republic of Korea Army
- 7th Tank Battalion
- K & S, 2nd Inf Div
- 180th Infantry Regiment
- Organizations Unknown

**VI. MORALE AND PERSONAL SERVICES:**
- No calls: Excellent
- Services of American Red Cross available to all personnel through Mr. Lawrence P. Warner, 17 Division, American Red Cross.
- Religious services for all faiths were conducted during this period.
- Movies and Special Service Shows were made available to this unit by the Special Services Office.

**VII. CIVIL AFFAIRS—MILITARY GOVERNMENT:** None

**VIII. PROCEDURES:** Not applicable
II INTERIOR MANAGEMENT: Not applicable

X CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES: 850 Civilians were employed during this period.
Indigenous: 74 and USG: 776

XX 153 Officers and 19 Warrant Officers, 90 Officers and 530 Enlisted
Men were rotated during the period covered by this report.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

SYDNEY C. KIRKIS
CMO USA
Asst Adjutant
PERSONNEL PERIODIC REPORT
31 July to 31 August 1952
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III DISCIPLINE, LAW AND ORDER: Number of Courts-Martials during period covered by this report: None

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FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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