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Rapids GI Directs Fire on Ko-Reds

BY HAL BOYLE

On the Naktong River Line in Korea—(AP)—American air and South Korean ground units teamed Tuesday in near-perfect support to blast a strong force of Reds holding key hill-top positions in the see-saw fighting north of Waegwan.

The enemy strongholds were pinpointed by South Koreans who sent U. S. air power to the targets by waving white cloths and using smoke bombs.

The South Koreans—until help came—had contained the Reds with a thin line of infantry strung around the strategic heights which overlook the Naktong river near Waegwan.

South Korean estimates placed the number of enemy at between 200 and 2,000 men. The number was not determined but the South Koreans knew they didn't have enough troops or firepower to handle an attack.

So they asked a U. S. First Calvary command post to call in American air support. The South Koreans said they would outline the target area—and their own lines—with smoke shells and white cloths.

Lt. Col. Glenn F. Rogers, of Morriston, Tenn., warned the South Koreans that their troops might get hurt when the close-circling American planes came in on strafing and bombing runs.

But the South Koreans said they would take that risk—or any risk—to cut down enemy power in the area.

Rogers turned to his air control officer, Lt. Howard J. Landry, of Wisconsin Rapids, and said:

"Okay, tell your boys to give that mountain a haircut."

"Roger," said Landry and ran to his jeep radio to contact eight mustangs and jets which were over the area.

"They'll be here in five minutes," Landry reported. And they came on schedule.

Officers and men ran from the American command post to watch. Intervening hills blocked the view of the mountain on which the Reds were isolated. But they could see the planes swoop down time after time and hear the clatter of their 50-caliber machineguns feeling the crags for the hidden enemy.

Shortly after the planes swung away to attack seven Red artillery pieces on the other side of the river, Landry came in to report the air attack had been successful.

"They really clobbered that hill," he said.

And it wasn't long after that a message came to the command post from the commander of the South Korean forces grouped around the mountain. It said:

"The forces of the republic of Korea thank the American air force for its generous cooperation."

LT. HOWARD LANDRY

Faces Action For Firing Guardsman

Spooner —(AP)— A Spooner filling station operator was charged today with firing a National Guardsman because he attended the two week summer training session at Camp McCoy.

The charge was filed in municipal court against Robert LaPorte by Lt. Col. Glenn R. Douglas, judge advocate of the 32nd division, on behalf of George Thompson, 19. Thompson is a member of the heavy tank company of the 128th infantry regiment.

Colonel Douglas alleged that LaPorte discharged Thompson because he went to camp without permission. Under Wisconsin law it is a misdemeanor for anyone to "wilfully deprive" a member of the National Guard of his employment because he is a member of the guard.

According to the complaint Thompson, a part-time employe of LaPorte, reported for work Sunday upon his return from camp but was

Taylor Falls Behind in 3-Way Race For Idaho Demo Senate Nomination

By The Associated Press

Former Sen. D. Worth Clark was inching away from Sen. Glen Taylor today in their nip-and-tuck race for Idaho's Democratic senate nomination.

In 675 precincts of 839, Clark had 23,882 and Taylor 22,427, a lead of 1,455. A third candidate, Rep. Compton White, had 13,401. During the night, first one and then the other held a slight margin. The race is for a full six year term.

Sen. Henry Dworshak, serving by appointment, won the Republican nomination for the four year term. His two opponents, former Rep. Abe McGregor Goff, and Fentress Kuhn, Boise businessman, conceded.

The Taylor-Clark contest featured primary elections yesterday in Idaho, Nebraska and Arkansas.

Taylor ran for vice president on Henry A. Wallace's Progressive

Superior Is Hit Hard by Wind, Storm

Superior—(AP)—A violent electrical storm which rocked this area Tuesday night sent a Superior woman to the hospital.