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SUBJECT: Order of Battle, 45th Inf Div

TO: Commanding General  
45th Inf Div  
APO 86  
ATTN: Historian

1. Attached herewith are Orders of Battle prepared by the Military History Section, this headquarters, for your command for the period 1 January 1952 - 31 July 1953.
2. These Orders of Battle will ultimately be used as source materials in Department of the Army by the Office of the Chief of Military History.
3. Request they be reviewed by your headquarters as to the following:
  - a. General Comments
  - b. Verification of entries
  - c. Omissions, if any
4. Attached hereto is a list of information which is lacking to make Order of Battle complete. Request your headquarters furnish this information.
5. Further request, upon completion of review, that they be forwarded to this headquarters as soon as practicable, and not later than 21 January 1954.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL TAYLOR:

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Headquarters, 45th Inf Div (FWD), APO 86 19 January 1954

TO: Headquarters, Eighth United States Army, APO 301

Information, forwarded herewith.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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- 3. Corrections

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ADDITIONAL ATTACHED UNITS:

9th, 23rd, 38th Inf Regts, 2nd Inf Div (opnl cntl)	15 Jul 52 - 18 Jul 52
French Bn	15 Jul 52 - 18 Jul 52
Netherlands Det	15 Jul 52 - 18 Jul 52
62nd ROK Regt	11 Feb 53 - 16 Mar 53
217th ROK FA Bn	12 Jul 53 - **

INFORMATION ON ATTACHMENT OF UNITS:

No record of the 101st Regt, 101st KSC Div. However, there is a record of the

No record of the 2nd Plat, 567th Med Amb Co	
153rd Prev Med Det	24 Dec 51 - **
568th Med Amb Co (Log Supt)	18 Nov 52 - **

Study of status of units list indicates no 92nd Engr SLT Co, however, it does list the 92nd FA Btry (SLT). OI 446, Hqs X Corps, states "92nd FA Btry (SLT) - G/S X and III ROK Corps; 3rd Plat, 92nd FA Btry (SLT) detached control 45th Inf Div.

X Corps OI 441 indicates that the 2nd Plat, 92nd FA Btry (SLT) detached opn cntl 40th Inf Div and reverts to parent control.

From X Corps OI 420: "628th ROK FA Bn detached opn cntl 45th US Inf Div and atchd control X Corps arty eff 11 Jul 53"

No other information is available at the present. As far as available records indicate the information contained in incl 1 and 2 is correct. It is believed that I US Corps and/or X US Corps (Op) may be able to furnish further information.

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ORDER OF BATTLE  
US 45TH INF DIV

1 January 1953 - 31 July 53

a. RECORD OF EVENTS:

BACKGROUND: A National Guard Div from Oklahoma, the US 45th Inf Div was called into active service on 1 Sept 1950. It received fillers and began an intensive training program on 6 Nov 1950 at CAMP POLK, La. Under the command of Brig Gen James C. Styron, since activation, the Div arrived overseas in Apr 1951 with the dual mission of providing security for HOKKAIDO, Japan, and completing its training. On 18 Nov the Div was alerted for movement to Korea. The Inf Rgts of the Div moved to Korea as follows:

180th Inf Rgt          5 Dec

179th Inf Rgt          17 Dec

279th Inf Rgt          28 Dec

As of 17 Dec 1951, the Div was assigned to EUSAK. On 18 Dec, it was atchd to US I Corps. By 23 Dec, the Div assumed responsibility for a section of Line JAMESTOWN held by the US 3rd Inf Div. As 1951 ended, all elements of the US 45th Inf Div were in Korea in a combat status and the Div was performing its mission of defending its sector of Line JAMESTOWN.

JANUARY 52: The Div, CP at TAEGWANG-NI, occupied, defended, and improved psns in the relatively static US I Corps Sector of Line JAMESTOWN. The Div was deployed with the 180th Inf Regt on the right, flanking the 9th ROK Div, and the 179th Inf Rgt on the left, flanked by the US 3rd Inf Div. The 279th Inf Regt was in div reserve. On 15 Jan, the 279th relieved the 180th, which then reverted to div reserve. Div Arty supported the Div throughout the month. The 245th Tk Bn remained in Div reserve in the sector of the 9th ROK Div, blocking the most likely avenue of approach for enemy armor.

Throuxghout the period, recon, security, ambush patrols probed the enemy lines. Three (3) major raids were conducted. The remainder of the activity was centered about arty fire on known and suspected enemy psns and personnel.

12 JANUARY: Raid conducted by force from 180th Inf Rgt against enemy on HILL

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290, psns bitterly contested. En had 25 KIA, est 25 KIA, est 60 WIA. Friendly had 5 KIA, 27 WIA.

20 JANUARY: Boundary and limiting point changed between the Div and US 3rd Inf Div, giving US 45th Inf Div the responsibility for valley leading into sector.

23 JANUARY: Raid against HILL 223 by 179th Inf Rgt met extremely heavy resistance. Appreciable number of enemy casualties. Friendly had 3 KIA, 27 WIA.

24 JANUARY: Raid by 3 reinforced platoons from 279th Inf Rgt on HILL 290. Determined resistance from bunker psns on the objective. 2 bunkers destroyed, with 18 en est KIA. Friendly had 4 KIA, 5 MIA, 25 WIA.

Friendly casualties for the month were 27 KIA, 126 WIA, and 3 MIA.

FEBRUARY 52: The division continued its mission of occupying, defending, and improving its psns along Line JAMESTOWN in US I Corps sector. Constant contact with the en was maintained by an aggressive and continuous patrol program. Several raids were conducted by friendly forces. The Div was deployed with the 179th Inf Regt on the left, 279th Inf Regt on the right, 180th Inf Regt in reserve. On 6 Feb the 179th was relieved by the 180th. On 27 Feb the 279th was relieved by the 179th, which then reverted to div reserve psns. The 245th Tk Bn remained in reserve psns in the 9th ROKK Div sector.

From 10 - 16 Feb, during opn SNATCH (opn CLAM UP, EUSAK), all personnel remained out of sight and all wpns silenced to simulate a friendly withdrawal and deceive the enemy into exposing himself. Initially successful, the plans effect was materially lessened by alertness of enemy intelligence agencies in securing information as to friendly intentions.

Friendly patrols, during the month, destroyed 9 enemy bunkers, 43 bldgs in enemy territory, 1 MG emplacement, and damaged 16 enemy bldgs and 1 outpost. Friendly casualties were 6 KIA, 36 WIA, 1 MIA.

MARCH 52: The combat situation remained static. The Div retained its defensive mission as it occupied its previously reputed psns. The Div was deployed with the 180th Inf Regt on the left, the 179th Inf Regt on the right, and

the 279th Inf Regt in reserve. On 17 Mar the 180th was relieved by the 279th and reverted to reserve psns. The 245th Tk Bn, physically located in the sector of the 9th ROK Div, remained as part of div reserve, with one (1) co in D/S of the 9th ROK Div.

During the relief from 15 - 17 Mar, both regts and their suptg arty bns implemented opn REHEARSE, involving mvmts from Line WYOMING to Line CONSOLIDATE AND JAMESTOWN under a simulated tactical situation. Due to restrictions imposed by higher Hq, no large raids were conducted. The Div maintained an active defensive role, keeping contact with the enemy by aggressive operation of patrols. Ambuscades and listening posts were maintained nightly.

22 MARCH: Outpost in 179th Inf sector was probed and partially overrun by an enemy company. Other elements from 179th Inf counterattacked, reoccupied, and secured the psn. En had 31 KIA, 1 PW. Friendly had 8 KIA, 5 WIA, 2 MIA. Friendly casualties for the month of March were 21 KIA, 44 WIA, 7 MIA.

APRIL 52: The Div continued to defend its assigned sector on Line JAMESTOWN. Battle psns remained unchanged along the static front. The 279th Inf Regt occupied the left sector of the Div front, while the 179th Inf Regt occupied the right sector. On 9 April, the 179th was relieved by the 180th Inf Regt, which had been in Div reserve psn. On 28 April, the 179th relie~~x~~ved the 279th and assumed responsibility for the left sector of the div front, Div Arty supported the Div throughout the month. The 245th Tk Bn was in div reserve. On 26 Apr, one (1) Tk co was placed in D/S of the US 3rd Inf D~~x~~iv. While each Inf Regt was in div reserve, it implemented on "OPERATION REHEARSE."

~~X~~Due to the restrictions imposed by higher Hq, no large raids were conducted. The Div maintained an active defense role, keeping contact with the enemy by aggressive operation of patrols ranging in size to reingorced plats. One co-sized sweep per week was made in the Div sector.

OPERATION FERRET, conducted on 18 April, consisted of a search for unauthorized personnel in the Div's sector.

11 APRIL: 20th BCT (PEFTOK) and Btry "D", 10th FA Bn (PEFTOK) atchd to US 45th Inf Div.

Friendly casualties for the month were 22 KIA, 79 WIA, 1 MIA.

MAY 52: The Div, with CP at TAEGWANG-NI, retained its defensive mission and continued to occupy and defend its assigned sector. Although the enemy exhibited a more aggressive attitude and employed arty in increasing amounts, the cbt situation in the Div sector remained static.

The Div was deployed with the 179th Inf Regt on the left, the 180th Inf Regt on the right, and the 279th Inf Regt in reserve. On 17 May, the 180th was relieved by the 279th and it reverted to div reserve. Divv Arty supported the Div throughout the period. The 245th Tk Bn (-) remained in div reserve psns. The 1st ROK Div was on the left flank, and the 9th ROK Div was on the right flank.

The Div maintained an active defense, keeping in contact with the enemy by aggressive patrol action. The enemy strongly resisted friendly patrols, and displayed a great deal of aggressiveness in small scale attacks on friendly outposts.

18 - 21 MAY: Cbt patrols from 20th BCT raided Outpost EERIE. Elements of this unit, in five attempts, twice reached the tactical barbed wire surrounding the objective. Six enemy bunkers were destroyed, 7 bunkers damaged, 71 enemy KIA, 10 WIA. Friendly had 10 WIA, 1 MIA.

21 MAY: Maj Gen David L. Ruffner assumed command of the Div.

26 MAY: Enemy attacked outposts on Hill 200 with an est 2 reinforced cos. Outpost reinforced by a plat from MLR. After four hours firefight, enemy withdrew. Friendly casualties for the month were 25 KIA, 111 WIA, 10 MIA.

JUNE 52: The Div continued to occupy, defend, and improve its psns. Action increased sharply, and the need to strengthen the OPLR clearly indicated. Div forces seized and occupied a series of selected terrain features, in OPERATION COUNTER, the possession of which provided an adequate OPLR. Enemy forces react-

ed violently, particularly in the left sector at OUTPOST EERIE, with comp to regimental size attacks in addition to numerous smaller engagements. By 14 June, the desired OPLR was established.

The Div was deployed with the 179th Inf Regt on the left, the 279th Inf Regt on the right, and the 180th Inf Regt in reserve. On 2 June, the 180th relieved the 179th (with atchd 20th BCT). On 10 June the 19th BCT (PEFTOK) atchd and 20th BCT (PEFTOK) was relieved from attachment. On 17 June the 179th Inf Regt (with 19th BCT) relieved the 180th Inf Regt. The 245th Tk Bn maintained one (1) Tk co in D/S of 1st ROK Div.

4 - 12 June: First phase, OPERATION COUNTER, conducted with elements of 180th and 279th Inf Tegts occupying 10 outposts objectives.

12 JUNE: Second phase, OPERATION COUNTER, began with elements of 180th Inf Regt and 245th Tk Bn raiding objectives on POKKAE RIDGE and OUTPOST EERIE. Tk-Inf atk on PIKKAE RIDGE resulted in 31 enemy KIA, est 35 WIA. Friendly had 4 WIA, 1 tk lost.

13 JUNE: Outpost EERIE secured after bitter atks in which close air and arxty support were used. Repeated counterattacks repulsed.

Friendly casualties for the month were 184 KIA, 712 WIA, 108 MIA.

JULY XXX 52: General mission of the Div remained defensive in nature. On 14-18 July, the US 2nd Inf Div relieved the Div in psns on Line JAMESTOWN, pursuant to Plan THUNDER-INDIAN. The US 45th Inf Div moved by echelon to reserve psns in US X Corps sector, assuming the role of an Army reserve force.

As the period began, the Div was deploued with the 279th Inf Regt on the right, 179th Inf Regt on the left, and the 180th in reserve. On 2 July the 180th relieved the 279th.

U Upon relief, completed 18 July, the Div was atchd to US X Corps, Div Arxty was placed under opnl cntl of US X Corps, in supt of 7th and 8th ROK Divs.

245th Tk Bn atchd to US 2nd Div until 29 July. The inf regts took up blocking psns as follows: 179th at YANGGU, 180th at HWACHON, 279th at INJE. New Div H

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Div Hq was at YANGGU.

Action from 7 - 18 July was heaviest of entire time spent on line. Enemy atk of bn size made repeatedly against OPLR & MLR. Patrol activity aggressively conducted by both sides. Several raids conducted by the Div were bn (-) in size, supported by armor.

A tng program was initiated immediately upon arrival in reserve psns, aimed toward maintenance and improvement of cbt efficiency and installation of confidence in small units through team tng.

Preparations for cbt exercises up to regtl size undertaken as period closed.

Friendly casualties for the month were 48 KIA, 289 WIA, and 30 MIA.

AUGUST 52: The Div, CP at YANGGU, remained in Army reserve in the US X Corps sector. The Div had 3 missions: (1) Provision of a mobile reserve force capable of limiting penetrations and mounting counter-attacks; (2) security of the corps rear area; (3) continue tng to develop a skillful team, while integrating KATUSA personnel.

Div arty remained under opnl cntl of US X Corps, giving support to ROK divisions. The inf regts maintained blocking psns as previously reported. The 245th Tk Bn was at SOCKON-NI.

Pursuant to the Div's basic mission, detailed operation plans were formulated and elaborated. The tng program continued stressing team tng and practical work under field conditions. Field exercises emphasized fire support and troop leading procedures.

Battle casualties for the month were 6 WIA.

SEPTEMBER 52: The Div remained in Army reserve from 1-21 Sep and continued its tng and security missions. The Div occupied psns as previously reported. Div Arty continued under US X Corps control. The 245th Tk Bn gave D/S to the 8th ROK Div.

On 18 Sep, Opn Plan EIGHTBIRD was published, calling for the relief of the 8th ROK Div by the US 45th Inf Div. The actual relief took place during the hours of darkness between 21-25 Sep, and the Div took front line psns on Line MINNESOTA between the I ROK Corps, to the right and the US 25th Inf Div, to the left. The 8th ROK Div passed to the opnl cntl of the US 45th Inf Div at 21 2000 Sep. Early on 22 Sep the 279th Inf Regt completed its relief of the 16th ROK ~~11~~ Regt. The 179th Inf Regt relieved the 21st ROK Regt in div reserve psns. During the first night of the relief an est two-bn enemy force atkd and overran friendly psns in the 10th ROK Regt sector. The psns were successfully restored, but reliefs were delayed until early on 25 Sep, when the 180th Inf Regt relieved the last elements of the 10th ROK Regt. The Div was now deployed with the 279th Inf Regt on the left, the 180th Inf Regt on the right, and the 179th Inf Regt in div res at INJE. The Div was supported by the 245th Tk Bn. Div Arty assumed D/S of the Div at 270700 Sep, upon its release from US C Corps cntl. Tactical activity during the ten days the div occupied front line psns on Line MINNESOTA was primarily defensive in nature. Daily patrols by all front line companies were instituted, with a patrol line established to designate the min limit of patrol movement. Enemy probes and atks during this period were numerous, due to the close proximity of opposing lines in the left sector. The heaviest tactical action occurred on the night of 26-27 Sep when numerous contacts, with en units up to comp size, were noted along most of the MLR.

Casualties for the month were 22 KIA, 44 WIA.

OCTOBER 52: The US 45th Inf Div continued an active defense of its assigned sector of Line MINNESOTA in the US X Corps sector. The Div was flanked by elements of the US 25th and 40th Inf Divs on the left and by the 11th ROK Div on the right.

The Div, CP at NAMBAKCHON, was deployed with the 279th Inf Regt on the left (19th BCT atchd), the 180th Inf Regt on the right, and the 179th Inf Regt in div reserve. On 27 Oct the 179th Inf Regt relieved the 279th Inf Regt then reverted to div reserve. The 245th Tk Bn was in div reserve during the month. The 45th Div arty D/S to the Div throughout the period.

Friendly action during the period was primarily defensive. An active patrol program calling for daily patrols by frontline companies was continued throughout Oct. All means of defensive organization were initiated, expanded, and perfected. Emphasis was placed on the importance of multiple bands of protective wire. All fire plans were evaluated, tested, and improved.

Enemy action was limited to company-size engagements, while most enemy forces engaging friendly patrol and outpost elements consisted of small groups number in less than squad strengths. Numerous contacts and engagements were seen, particularly in the left sector. Sixteen PW's were captured.

Friendly casualties were 32 KIA, 127 WIA, and 4 MIA.

NOVEMBER 52: The div continued an active defense of its assigned sector of Line MINNESOTA in the US X Corps sector.

The Div was deployed, as the period began, with the ~~179th/180th~~ 179th Inf Regt on the left, the 180th Inf Regt on the right and the 279th Inf Regt in div reserve. During the period 24-27 Nov, the 279th Inf Regt relieved the 180th Inf Regt, which then reverted to the position of div reserve. Div arty gave D/S during the period. The 245th Tk Bn remained in div reserve throughout the month.

Tactical operations of the Div throughout the month consisted of an aggressive patrol program, periodic raids, and the active defense and improvement of MLR psns along Line MINNESOTA. Enemy action was limited to reinforced platoon size action while most enemy forces engaging friendly patrol and outpost elements consisted of small groups in squad strengths.

The regimental relief effected in the Div right sector during the period 24-27 Nov was followed by an increase in tactical action across the entire front during the ~~period~~ remainder of the month.

A detailed tng program was published to continue previous tng schedules designed to insure the high degree of readiness and cdt effectiveness required of all divisional units.

Friendly casualties for the month were 37 KIA, and 176 WIA.

DECEMBER 52: During the initial 27 days of Dec, the Div continued an active defense of Line MINNESOTA. The Div, CP at NAMPAKCHON, was flanked on the left by the US 40th Div, and on the right by the 11th ROK Div. The Div was deployed with the 279th Inf Regt on the right, the 179th Inf Regt on the left, and the 180th Inf Regt in reserve near INJE.

Plan CHERRYBLOSSOM was implemented on 27-30 Dec, when the US 45th Inf Div was relieved on line the 12th ROK Div and reverted to US X Corps reserve. In reserve, the inf regts took up psns as follows: 179th Inf Regt at INJE, 180th Inf Regt at KOWONTONG, 279th Inf Regt at HWACHON. These locations were juxtaposed across II ROK Corps and US X Corps sectors astride three main ~~valleys~~ north-south valleys offering likely enemy routes of advance. After the relief, the 245th Tk Bn remained in psn and gave D/S to the 12th ROK Div. The Div arty supported the div until 30 Dec, when it passed to operational control of US X Corps with the mission of supporting the 12th ROK Div.

Tactical opns of the Div throughout the month consisted ca an aggressive patrol program, periodic raids and the defense and improvement of MLR psns along Line MINNESOTA. With the exception of a company-size raid on Christmas Day, enemy action was limited to reinforced platoon-size engagements while most enemy forces engaging friendly patrol and out post elements consisted of squad-size groups.

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25 DECEMBER: Enemy company-sized atks on Hill 812, initially successful, were thrown back by elements of the 179th Inf Regt.

30 DECEMBER: Sector responsibility passed from US 45th Inf Div to the 12th ROK Div at 30 1200 hours Dec.

Friendly casualties during the period were 26 KIA, 90 WIA, and 6 MIA.

JANUARY:53: During the period 1-28 Jan, the US 45th Inf Div, CP at NAMBAKCHON, remained in US X Corps reserve, executing a tng program and occupying block-ing psns as previously reported. The Div Arty was under US X Corps cntl giving D/S to the 12th ROK Div. The 245th Tk Bn continued its D/S role to the 12th ROK Div.

On 22 Jan, opn plan BUCKSHOT was announced, directing the relief of the US 40th Inf Div by the 45th Inf Div (-Div arty). On 28 Jan, the relief was initiated when the 180th Inf Regt relieved the 224th Inf Regt (40th Div) in the left sector. At 30 0800, with the passing of sector responsibility, the 5th RCT occupying the right sector, and the 555th FA Bn were attached to the Div. At this same time the 245th Tk Bn was attached to the US 40th Inf Div and the US 40th Div Arty and the 140th Tk Bn were placed under the opnl cntl of US X Corps in supt of the 12th ROK Div. On 31 Jan, the relief was completed when the 179th Inf Regt relieved the 223d Inf Regt (40th Div) in reserve.

As the month closed, the div was deployed with the 279th Inf Regt on the left, the 180th Inf Regt in the center, and the 5th RCT on the right, and with the 179th Inf Regt in reserve psns.

Combat activity, during the ~~last~~ closing days of the month, consisted of 2 small scale patrol engagements.

Casualties for the period were 8 MIA, 2 MIA.

FEBRUARY 53: The US 45th Inf Div continued an active defense of its newly assigned portion of Line Minnesota in the US X Corps sector. The Div occupied psns from the PUNCHBOWL area, westward to include NO-NAME And HEARTBREAK Ridges, and the SANDBAG CASTLE area.

The Div was deployed with the 279th Inf Regt on the left, the 180th Inf Regt in the center, the 5th RCT on the right, and with the 179th Inf Regt in reserve. The 19th BCT (PEFTOK) was occupying front line psns in the 5th RCT sector. On 20 February, the 279th Inf Regt was relieved by the 179th Inf Regt and reverted to div reserve psns. Tk supt was furnished by the 140th Rk Bn until 11 Feb when it was relieved from attachment and left the Div sector to relieve the 245th Ta Vn, which was then occupying psns in the US 40th Inf Div sector. On 13 Feb, the 245th Rk Bn was relieved from attachment to the US 40th Inf Div and returned to its parent unit to provide tk supt for the remainder of the month. The 40th Div Arty gave arty supt to the Div until 3 Feb, when it was relieved by the 45th Div Arty, which supported the Div. for the remainder of February.

CBT activity during that time was characterized by extensive and aggressive. small-scale patrol actions. On the evening of 8 Feb, a company-sized atk took place against Co "L" 19th BCT psns. After a 30 minute firefight, the enemy withdrew with an est 7 KIA, 9 WIA. Friendly casualties were 3 KIA. Friendly casualties for the month were 10 KIA, 46 WIA.

MARCH 53: The Div conducted an active defense of its portion of LINE MINNE-SOTA in the center of the US X Corps sector. Numerous small-scale probes and patrol actions highlighted the month's cbt activity along the HEARTBREAK - NO NAME Ridge and SANDBAG CASTLE areas. The Div was deployed with the 179th Inf Regt on the left, the 180th Inf Regt ~~in~~ in the center, the 5th RCT (19th BCT) and the 62nd ROK Regt on the right, and the 279th Inf Regt in reserve psns. During the period 1-3 March, the 19th BCT and 62nd ROK Regt relieved the 5th RCT on line, with ~~the~~ the 5th RCT taking up reserve psns. The 245th Tk Bn and the 45th Div Arty supported the Div until 16 March when they both assumed missions in supt of the 20th ROK Div. On the same date, the 62nd ROK Regt and its sector were relieved from opnl cntl of the Div and returned to the cntl of the 20th ROK Div. Also on 16 Mar, the 224th Inf Regt (40th Div) moved into the US 45th Div reserve psns and relieved the 279th Inf Regt which then moved

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out for PW guard duty on KOJE-DO under KCOMZ attachment. On 24 March, the 19th BCT was relieved on line by elms of the 5th RCT, and moved to reserve psns.

On 16 march, Maj Gen David L. Ruffner, CG of the US 45th Inf Div departed for ZI and Brig Gen P D Ginder accepted responsibility as the new CG.

Battle losses for the month totaled 76.

APRIL 53: The Div continued an active defense along Line MINNESOTA.

Numerous small-scale engagements were noted along the HEARTBREAK Ridge-NO NAME Ridge-SANDBAG CASTLE front during the period, with the cbt activity being highlighted by two atks of company-size against friendly psn.

As the month began, the Div was deployed with the 179th Inf Regt on the left, the 180th Inf Regt. in the center, the 5th RCT(-19th BCT) on the right, and the 244th Inf Regt(40th Div) in reserve. The 279th Inf Regt. was guarding PW's on KOJE -DO during the month. Div Arty and the 245th Tk Bn. continued missions in support of the 20th ROK Div. On 3 March the 19th BCT(PEFTOK) was replaced by the 14th BCT(PEFTOK). On 15 Mar the 5th RCT was relieved on line by the 244th Inf Regt. (40th Div) and reverted to Div reserve. The 5th RCT and the 555th FA were relieved of attachment on 18 April

On 19 April the 160th Inf Regt (40th Div) took up div res psns and came under the pnl cntl of the Div. On 27 April the 244th Inf Regt was released from attachment and reverted to the cntl of its parent unit, and the 160th Inf Regt was placed under the cntl of US X Corps, being relieved from opnl cntl of the Div.

On 15 April a reinforced company-sized attack took place against elms of the 179th Inf Regt. Grenades, Automatic wpns, and arty fire were used by the atkg troops. After a 45-minute skirmish, the atkg force disengaged. En casualties were 5 KIA, 25 est KIA, 25 est WIA. Friendly forces suffered 3 KIA, 6 WIA.

Battle casualties for the month totaled 56.

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May 53: The Div continued its primary mission of defending and improving its psns along Line MINNESOTA, while occupying the left center sector of the US X Corps Area.

The Div was deployed with the 179th Inf Regt. on the left, 14th BCT in the center, 180th Inf Regt on the right. The 279th Inf Regt continued to guard PW's on KOJE-DO. Div Arty and the 245th Tk Bn continued to support the Div as well as to give G/S to adjacent units.

Patrol clashes continued to be the primary cbt activity along the Div. sector. 14th BCT units encountered the largest group of enemy during the period when on 28<sup>th</sup> May, a security patrol engaged an est 75 enemy. The enemy withdrew after a 5-minute firefight with 2 enemy KIA. Friendly casualties consisted of 1 WIA.

Opn. Plan B G STAR POWER, a plan of with-drawal under pressure from Line MINNESOTA to Line KANSAS in event of a successful enemy atk and penetration, was formulated during this period.

Friendly casualties for the month were 12KIA, 32 WIA.

JUNE 53: The Div continued its primary mission of defense and improvement of its portion of Lin MINNESOTA. The Div was deployed with the 179th Inf Regt on the left, 14th BCT in the center, 180th Inf Regt on the right. On 24 June the 279th Inf Regt, now returned from ontl of KCOMZ, relieved the 180th Inf Regt. on the right flank of the Div sector. The 180th then reverted to div reserve psns. Div arty and th 245th Tk Bn continued to give D/S to the Div and G/S to adjacent units.

Primary action along the main battle psns continued to be that of patrols. Three large probes occurred during the month. The largest group encountered was 2 enemy comps reinforced, on 1 June. When enemy attempted to penetrate the main battle psns near SANDBAG CASTLE, a four hour and fifty

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min firefight occurred. Elements of the 180th Inf Regt repulsed the attack. Two more enemy comps reinforced the original group, but were again repulsed. Enemy casualties were 23 est KIA, 110 est Wia. Friendly casualties were 6 KIA, 28 WIA.

Enemy casualties for the month were 96 KIA, 202 est KIA, 24 WIA 407 est WIA, 6 PW's taken. Friendly casualties were 23 KIA, 49 WIA.

JULY 53: The month was characterized by three distinct phases. From 1-27 July, the Div continued its mission of defending and improving its psns along Line MINESOTA. Hostilities ceased at 272200 July, and the Div began preparations for an orderly withdrawal of its forces from the Line of Demarcation to new psns south of the DMZ. The third phase was the defense and improvement of the new psns.

As the month opened the Div was deployed along the HEARTBREAK RIDGE- NO NAME RIDGE- SANDBAG CASTLE sector, with the 179th Inf Regt on the left, the 14th BCT in the center, the 279th Inf Regt on the right, and the 180th Inf Regt in Div reserve psns. Div Arty and the 245th Tk Bn continued with their normal support of the Div.

On 2 July the 180th Inf Regt relieved the 5th ROK Regt in the 7th ROK sector and assumed sector resp, vic Hill 1220, at 0415 hrs. Two days later the 279th Inf Regt was relieved by the 244th Inf Regt (40th Div) in the SANDBAG CASTLE vicinity. On 5 July the 279th Inf Regt took psns in the CHRISTMAS HILL area after relieving elms of the 20th ROK Div. On 11 July the 179th Inf Regt was relieved of its sector by the 223d Inf Regt. (40th Div) and reverted to US X Corps reserve at TOKKOL-LI. The movement of the entire Div to the CHRISTMAS HILL - HILL 1220 area north of TOKKOL-LI was now complete. On 19 July the 179th Inf Regt was relieved by the 180th Inf Regt on line. The 179th Inf. Regt reverted to Div res psns near TOKKAL-LI.

At 272200 July the Div ceased fire and began preparations to withdraw

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to the area behind the DMZ, where it remained for the balance of the period.

The enemy opposing the 7th Div generally pursued a policy of limited objective attacks during the month of July. The month was highlighted by two attacks in the Div sector, on the nights of 14-15 July and 17-18 July, which made slight temporary gains against forward elements. Friendly counterattacks immediately made up lost ground.

Enemy casualties for the period were 83 KIA, 67 WIA, est 699 KIA, est 1122 WIA  
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Friendly casualties were 121 KIA, 352 WIA, and 40 MIA.

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