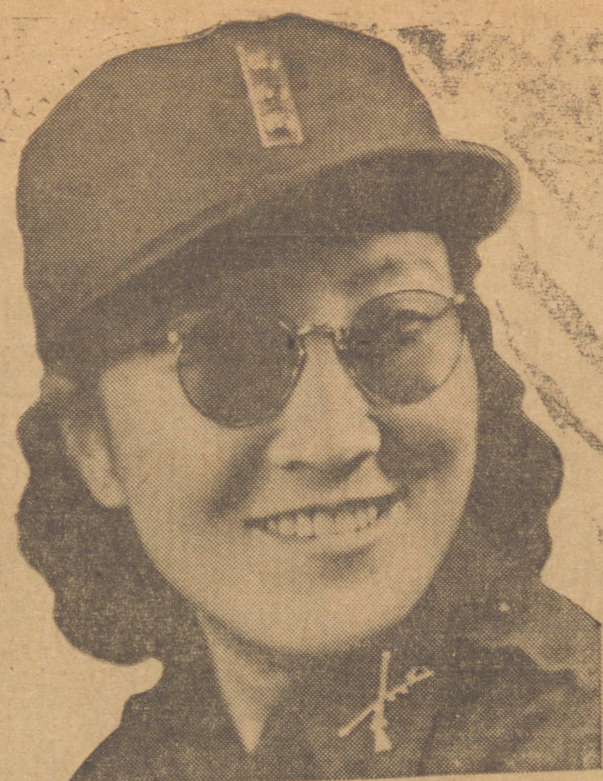


ROK WACS

Special to Pacific Stars & Stripes
From PIO, Hqs, K MAG

COL. KIM HYON SOOK, a native of the North Korea city of Pyongyang, is chief of the Korean Women's Volunteer army. A graduate of the Japanese Physical Education college, Tokyo, and a leader in Korean educational circles, Col. Kim has commanded the Korean WAC since its inception in 1950.



THE END OF THE DAY finds these trainees at the ROK army's replacement training center No. 2 cleaning up. The "plumbing" consists of tin basins and cold well water. An old cement trough is used as a table.



"CHOP" CALL finds these women's army trainees stowing-away an incredible amount of rice. That oriental staple, plus soup and a vegetable, makes up the majority of the meals. Occasionally, fish shows up on the menu, is welcomed as a pleasant change.



BARRACKS ARE SIMPLE . . . ALMOST STARK. Wooden platforms raised above earthen floors are the only furniture. At night, thin cotton mats are unrolled to make beds. No day rooms, PXs, service clubs, or beauty shops for these girls.

HEADED BY ATTRACTIVE, COL. KIM HYON SOOK, a native of the North Korea city of Pyongyang, the Korean Women's Volunteer army, counterpart of the United States Army's WAC, was authorized in 1950. Because of a permitted strength of only 3,000, the KWacs have been able to establish extremely high entrance requirements.

Education for most women is a fairly recent development in Korea and recruits for the women's army have, on the average, only a year or two, of middle (high) school. Young company-grade officers are usually middle-school graduates. The biggest difference in educational backgrounds is apparent in the senior officers. Col. Kim and her executive officer, for example, are both graduates of Japanese universities and possess the charming assurance of cultured women the world over.

Though the notion of women in uniform has been accepted, by the ROK army, Western-type social relations are definitely not. The use of cosmetics and perfumes by enlisted Korean Wacs is frowned upon, especially during duty hours. They are not permitted to have social engagements with any United Nations personnel and only non-commissioned officers of the top three grades are allowed to have "dates" with Korean soldiers or civilians.

The Wac of the Korean army undergoes a basic training program that is really rugged. Though officers and men of the U.S. Korean Military Advisory Group (K MAG) exercise general supervision, direct control is by WAC officers and instruction by men members of the ROK army. With only slight concessions to gender, KWacs are subjected to almost the same training as the men. Included in the training cycle are such varied subjects as close order drill, administration, and compulsory rifle and carbine marksmanship. Many of the "old" sergeants of the KWAC fought alongside of the men of the ROK army during the invasion and as partisans behind enemy lines. Now, however, they are used mainly in administrative capacities.

Living conditions in the KWAC area at the ROK army's replacement training center No. 2 are somewhat less than luxurious. To the trainees, however, conditions, in many cases, are far better than they have known at home. The girls are housed in corrugated steel buildings. On each side of a center aisle, is a polished wooden platform, raised about two feet above a bare earthen floor. Each KWac has a small, upright wooden locker, one blanket, and a thin mat. This equipment is neatly stowed in each girl's allotted space on the platform. At night the mat is unrolled to make a "bed." In unheated buildings, these platforms serve as living and recreation space for the trainees. Hygienic facilities are limited to tin basins and cold water drawn from a well. No PXs, service clubs, or beauty shops for these girls.

Clothing for the KWAC poses no problem for the ROK Army quartermaster. Issues are identical to those for men. For summer wear, women soldiers receive cotton shorts and T-shirts for under clothing, fatigue clothes, and raincoats. . . in winter, OD woollens and overcoats. No skirted uniforms are issued and only recently, as a concession to femininity, have slacks been designed with the buttons on the side. During cold weather, cotton shorts and undershirts are replaced with standard GI "longhandles," slightly cut down in size. Inherent desire for feminine daintiness is thrown for a loss by the rigors of the Korean climate.

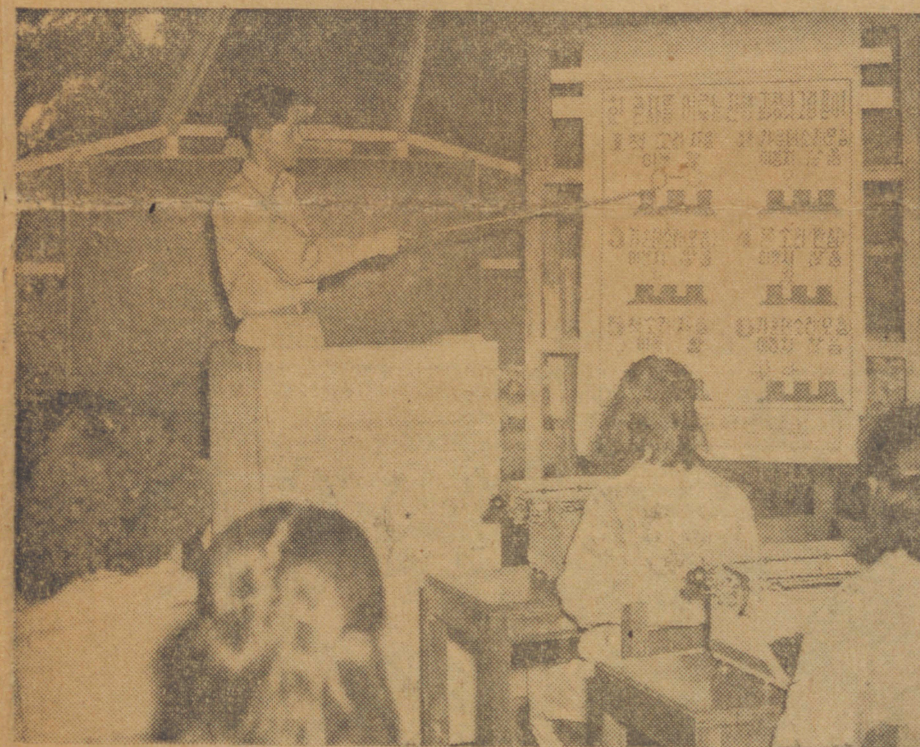
After completion of basic training, the girls go on to specialized training. They may be assigned to the adjutant general's school, at Taegu, where they learn to use the new 24-character Korean typewriter, study stenography, and are trained in administration. Others are sent to the ROK army signal center and learn switchboard, teletype, and telegraph operations.

Especially gifted Wacs are given technical training in psychological warfare. The ROK-KWAC psychological warfare section is attached to the Eighth Army psywar team and has proved very successful. These girls have broadcast propaganda over loudspeakers from high-flying aircraft and from frontline bunkers.

Though less than three years old, and small in number, the Korean Women's Volunteer army has already developed many traditions. One of the most unusual is that no enlisted woman smokes, though no regulation forbids it. They have, too, a military history of which to be proud. Two have been killed in action and six are missing in action. Over 30 of them have been decorated. Two have received the "Chungmu with Gold Star," equivalent to our Distinguished Service Cross.

Under the aegis of the Korean Military Advisory Group, the KWAC and ROK army have learned many new Western skills. When the acquired knowledge is put to use in a peacetime Korea, the members of the Korean Women's Volunteer army will be in a position to do their share in building a prosperous and contented nation ready to take its place among the family of nations.

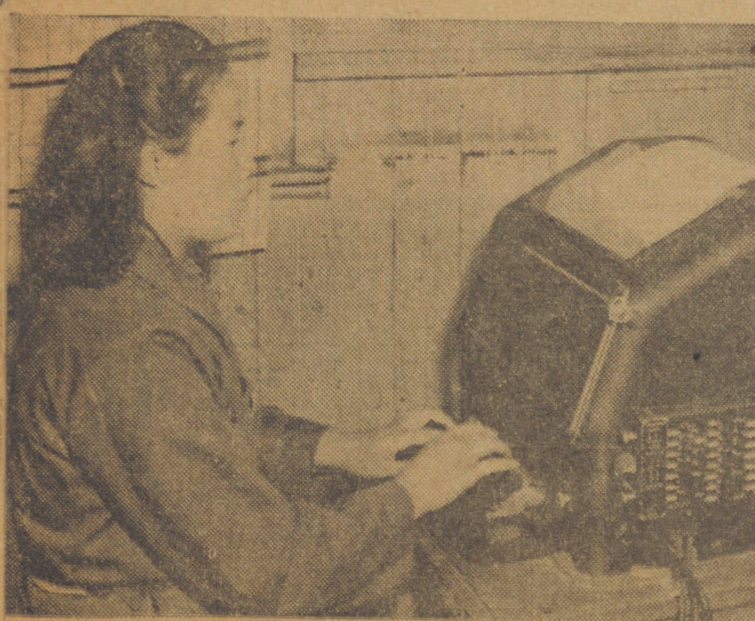
"NAH, TOOL, SET, NET". The dusty, heat-baked hills echo the cadence as KWAC trainees march out to field problems. All ranks of the Korean Women's Volunteer army learn close order drill.



THESE KOREAN WACS are among the first to study the new Korean typewriter. Standard machines have been adapted to the new 24-character Korean alphabet, pointing to the end of laborious hand-copying which for centuries forbade cheap, quick, written communication.



KOREAN WACS MUST LEARN to fire the carbine and rifle. Two have been killed in action and six are missing in action. Over 30 have been decorated, two with the equivalent of the U.S. Distinguished Service Cross. (All photographs by United States Army)



THE KOREAN MILITARY ADVISORY GROUP developed this modified version of the standard teleprinter machine. KWAC corporal is sending in Korean characters from the ROK army signal center.

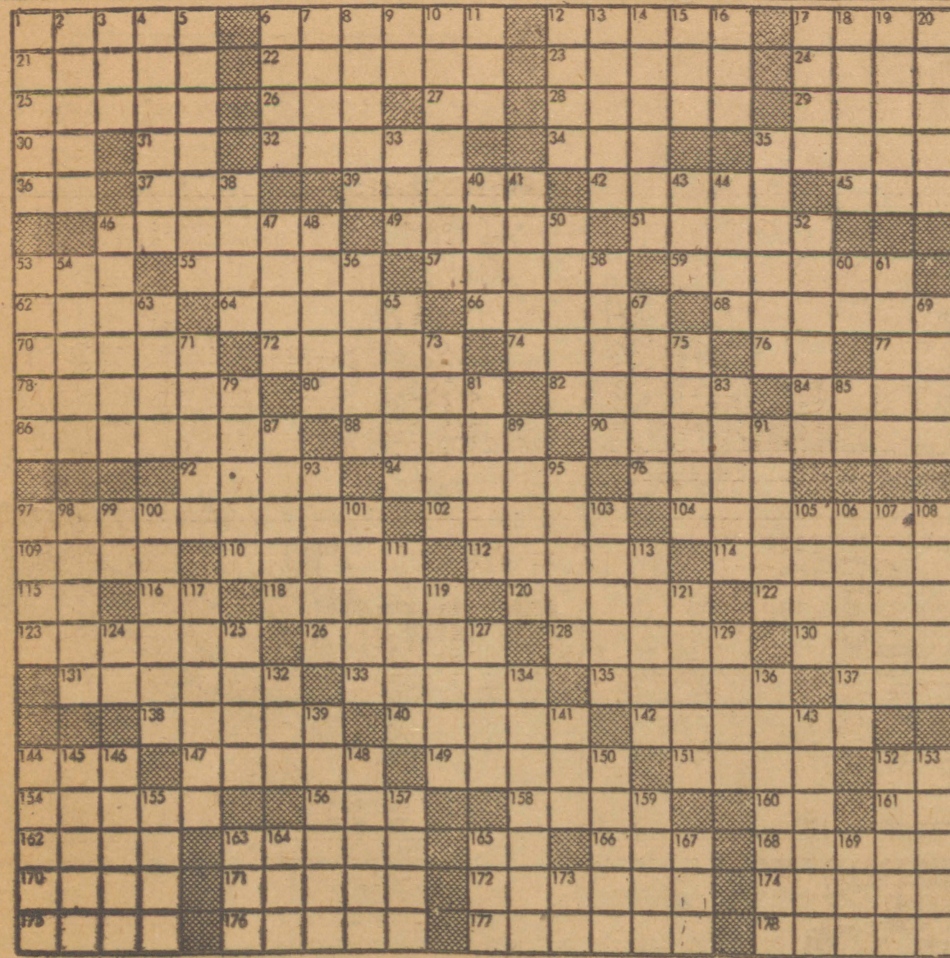


"YO-BO-SAY-O"—"HELLO". Korean Wacs take their duty stint at the switchboard at ROK army headquarters, relieving male operators.



OLD RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS would feel at home here. Members of the Korean Women's Volunteer army develop a "fist" at ROKA Comcenter.

STARS & STRIPES Crosswords



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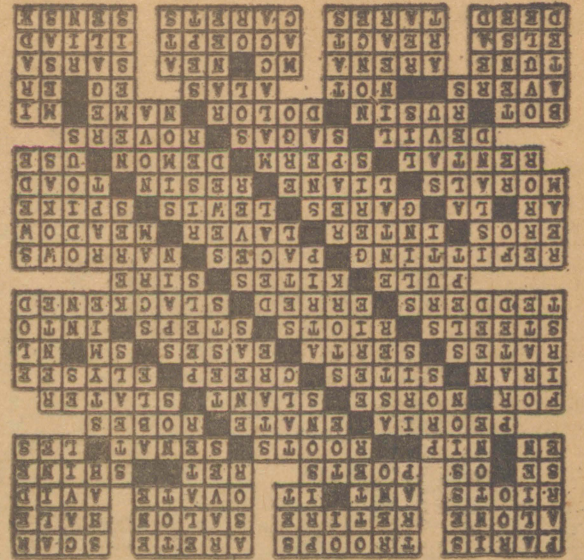
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| 4 An armed force | 97 Putting in shape again |
| 12 Rugged crest of mountain range | 102 Walks with measured tread |
| 14 Cicatrice | 104 Straits |
| 21 Unaccompanied | 109 God of love |
| 22 To quit | 110 To bury |
| 23 Drawing room | 112 Purple seaweed |
| 24 In good health | 114 Lea |
| 25 Unusually outbreaks | 115 Land measure |
| 26 Emmet | 116 Medical syllable |
| 27 Pronoun | 118 Depots (F.) |
| 28 Egg-shaped | 120 Famous explorer |
| 29 Bager | 122 Add spirits to |
| 30 Direction | 123 Doctrine of conduct |
| 31 Bone | 126 Climbing plant |
| 32 Rhymester | 128 Hardened secretion of plants |
| 34 To soak | 130 Tailless leaping amphibian |
| 35 Polish | 131 Cost of apartment |
| 36 Half an em | 133 Kind of whale |
| 37 To blight | 135 An evil spirit |
| 39 Part of plant (pl.) | 137 Satan |
| 42 Upper house of French parliament | 138 Satan |
| 45 French plural article | 140 Icelandic tales |
| 46 City in Illinois | 142 Wanderers |
| 49 Growing out | 144 Kind of fly |
| 51 Outer garments | 147 Northern Little Russian |
| 53 In favor of | 149 Anguish |
| 55 Pertaining to the Scandinavian | 151 Title |
| 57 Oblique | 152 Syllable of scale |
| 59 Wood house | 154 States |
| 62 Persia | 156 Word of negation |
| 64 Locations | 158 Word of sorrow |
| 66 Crawl | 160 For example (abbr.) |
| 68 Palace in Paris | 161 Teutonic deity |
| 70 Estimates | 162 Aria |
| 72 Syriac cursive script | 163 Place of combat |
| 74 Alleviates | 165 1100 (Rom. num.) |
| 76 Symbol for samarium | 166 River of Norway |
| 77 New line (abbr.) | 168 Short for a soft drink |
| 78 Hardens | 170 Girl's name |
| 80 Vivid and confused view (pl.) | 171 Show response to |
| 82 Walks | 172 To approve |
| 84 Preposition | 174 Poem by Homer |
| 86 Machines for spreading hay | 175 Exploit |
| 88 Made mistake | 176 Seed of a vetch (pl.) |
| 90 Abated | 177 Mark of omission (pl.) |
| 92 Whimpering | 178 Intelligence |
| 94 Flying toy (pl.) | |

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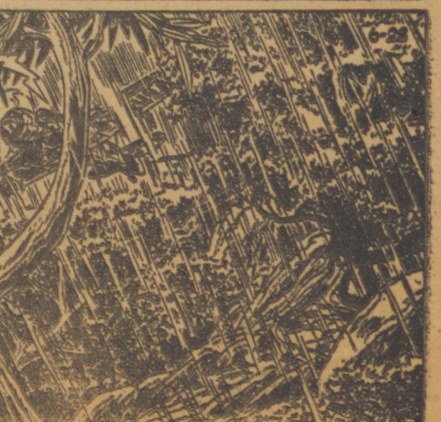
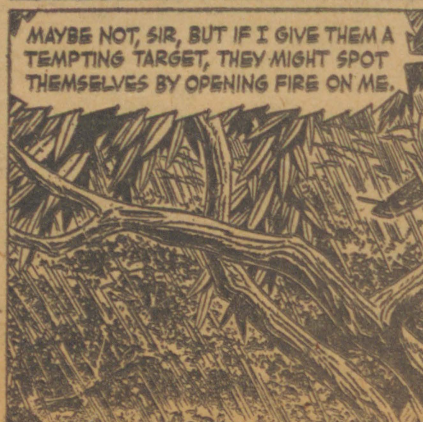
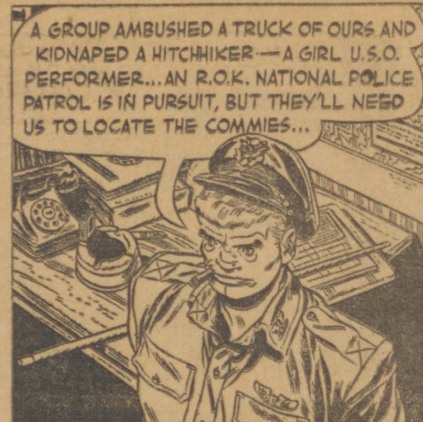
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| 1 Analyze grammatically | 10 Penitentiaries |
| 2 Foreigner | 11 To place |
| 3 Short for kangaroo | 12 Hebrew lyre-like instrument |
| 4 Chant | 13 Rants |
| 5 One period in a series | 14 Click beetle |
| 6 Snare | 15 Young child |
| 7 City in Nevada | 16 Compass point |
| 8 Animal | 17 Persian ruler's title |
| 9 River of Norway | 18 To carp |
| | 19 Girl's name |

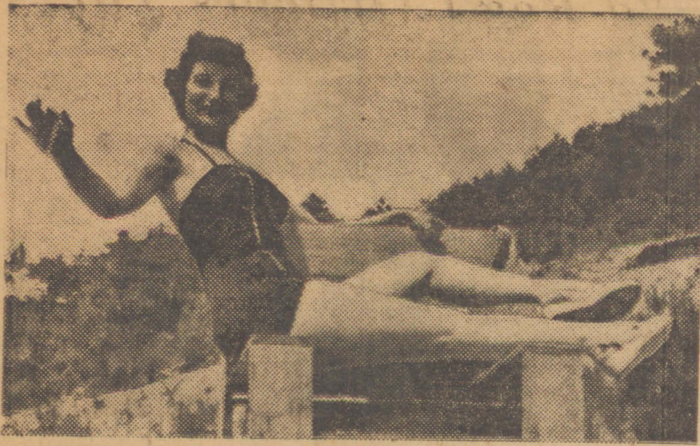
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| 33 Pedal digit | 93 Inner (anat.) | 124 Syllable of scale | 146 Taut |
| 35 Pilfers | 95 Cut in two | 125 Island in the Malay archipelago | 148 Temporarily |
| 38 Paid athletes | 97 Paper measure of ground (naut.) | 127 Therefore (L.) | 150 Hindu queen |
| 40 Powdered soapstone | 98 Mistake | 129 Temporary star | 152 Tablelands |
| 41 Look at fixedly | 99 The Buddha | 132 Fleur de lis (her.) | 153 Turkish decree |
| 43 Numbers (abbr.) | 100 Land surrounded by water | 134 Strait between Sumatra and Malay Pen. | 155 To peruse |
| 44 Capable | 101 River of Morocco | 136 Goddess of retributive justice | 157 Makes lace edging |
| 46 Talked idly | 103 Stitched | 139 Pertaining to a line | 159 Month (abbr.) |
| 47 Goddess of the rainbow | 105 Absorbed | 141 The sun | 163 Skill |
| 48 Flower | 106 Repugnant | 143 Entertain sumptuously | 164 The turmeric |
| 50 Trojan here | 107 Western American water lily | 144 Reduced | 165 Maccabees (abbr.) |
| 52 Golf term | 108 European | | 167 Siamese coin (pl.) |
| 53 Foremost | 111 Harvests | | 168 Siamese coin |
| 54 Talk bombastically | 113 Part of stairs | | 173 Symbol for chromium |
| 56 Weird | 117 Ganges | | |
| 58 Tries out | 119 Pro golfer | | |
| 60 Plural ending | | | |
| 61 Annual income (F.) | | | |
| 62 Require | | | |
| 65 Long-legged bird | | | |
| 67 Removes outer covering | | | |
| 69 Alleged electric force | | | |
| 71 Slumbered | | | |
| 73 Just hove clear of ground (naut.) | | | |
| 75 Country of Europe | | | |
| 79 Revelation of deity in Hindu literature | | | |
| 81 Pertaining to a bristle | | | |
| 83 Slang: to beat it | | | |
| 85 Names (abbr.) | | | |
| 87 To throw | | | |
| 89 Short for print transfer | | | |

ANSWERS TO THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE



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GLOOM-CHASING GAL—Gail Mathews, The Bronx, N.Y., a vocalist with the Gloom Chasers, a USO camp show, was named "Miss Sukoshi R&R" by X Corps artillerymen last week. The New York beauty entertained artillerymen during a week-long tour at the "Little R&R" center.

Radio Schedule

SHORTWAVE

JKL—6 a.m.-10:15 a.m.—4.860
10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.—9.605
5:45 p.m.-Midnight—4.860
JKI—6 a.m.-5:30 p.m.—11.825
5:45 p.m.-Midnight—6.080

Sunday Evening, July 26
6:00—NEWS
6:15—Steve Allen
6:15—Greek Show (JKI)
6:30—Greatest Story Ever Told
7:00—Dictate News
8:00—Charlie McCarthy
8:25—Philip Norman
8:30—Our Miss Brooks
8:55—What Do You Know
9:00—NEWS
9:15—Sports Scope
9:15—Turkish News (JKI)
9:30—Broadway Is My Beat
10:00—American Album
10:30—Starlight Ballroom
11:00—NEWS
11:05—Just For You
11:59—NEWS BULLETIN

Monday, July 27
6:00—Rise And Shine
6:30—NEWS
6:35—Rise And Shine
7:00—NEWS
7:10—Meditations
7:15—Rise And Shine
7:55—NEWS
8:00—Trio Time
8:15—Ronnie Kemper
8:30—Dictate News
9:30—Tropical Carnival
9:45—At The Keyboard
10:00—NEWS
10:05—Bob Hope
10:15—Just Between Us
10:30—Bedside Manor
11:00—Jo Stafford
11:15—Ladies Are Present
11:30—Conference Period
11:45—Sagebrush Symphony
12:00—12 O'clock High
12:30—NEWS
12:45—At Ease
1:00—Way Back Home
1:15—Carolina Cotton
1:30—Dictate News
2:30—Concert Hour
3:00—NEWS
3:05—Conference Period
3:15—Behind The Story
3:30—News Front Far East
4:00—Honshu Cowboy
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9:15—Dutch News (JKI)
9:30—Suspense
9:55—This I Believe
10:00—Music Shop
11:00—NEWS
11:05—Music Till Midnight
11:59—NEWS BULLETIN

STANDARD

Kilroy 1510 kc. Vagabond 1140 kc.
Gypsy 1400 kc. Homesteader 1250 kc.
Nomad 1570 kc. Troubador 1320 kc.
Mercury 1330 kc. Rambler 1450 kc.
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ROK Hospital: Soldier's Haven

Doctors Work Feverishly to Aid Influx of Wounded

HQ, KMAG, July 24—Doctors and nurses at the ROK 1st Army hospital in Taegu are working on a feverish round-the-clock schedule to care for the sudden increase of South Korean casualties. Recent intensified activity directed at ROK frontline units has created a burden on existing hospital facilities.

In one day alone, 500 casualties were admitted to the hospital. Capt. William O. Ackley, Chicago, dispensary surgeon at Korean Military Advisory Group headquarters, offered his services in relieving hard-pressed ROK medics. He advised and assisted in operations on cases requiring immediate attention.

The captain worked continually in the operating room until conditions were somewhat eased. Advisers from the KMAG surgeon's office praised the splendid work of Ackley and the entire hospital staff.

IN ADDITION to its own quota of patients received, the hospital is faced with handling the overflow from the ROK 36th Army hospital in Seoul. Patients transported to Taegu by rail and air- evacuation planes from the battleline and Seoul now occupy space formerly used as administrative offices. A church in the hospital compound has been converted into a receiving and diagnostic center.

A group of 30 Korean Christian women from Protestant and Catholic missionaries in the Taegu area volunteered to help the overworked hospital staff. They scrubbed the hospital, cleaned the entire hospital compound, and did everything in their power to make the wounded comfortable. These gallant Gray Ladies washed the bodies and clothing of the recently wounded, still covered with the



THAT'LL FIX IT—Capt. Kim Ki Soo, chief of the ROK 1st Army hospital receiving section, examines a wounded ROK soldier in the receiving section which is housed in a Catholic church. Staff members of the hospital work 18 hours a day with hopes of reducing death in ROK ranks. (U.S. Army Photo)

grit and grime of war.

Each member of the hospital staff is working an 18-hour day. Doctors and nurses were ordered not to leave the compound by Brig. Gen. Shin Hak Gin, commanding general, who said, "Do not let any die in my hospital." This simple but powerful command inspired the staff in their mission of mercy.

CAPT. KIM KI SOO, chief of the receiving section, stated that most cases were fragmentation wounds of the face and upper body regions, resulting from a constant barrage of Red mortar and artillery fire. Litters lined the hallway outside the operating room which has been run on a 24-hour schedule for

the past four days.

Medical supplies were rushed by truck convoy from Pusan to replenish the nearly exhausted pharmacy. Prescriptions were being filled at five times the normal rate. Serums were made at the pharmacy because the urgent need did not allow enough time for requisition.

Throughout the hospital, the complex of surgical and staff sections cooperated in perfect harmony in the treating of torn and wrecked bodies. The supreme task of administering help to the wounded by those of the ROK 1st Army hospital is another milestone in the development of the ROK Army medical corps.

Naval Dentist

Shuns Bellbottoms For Army Khakis

HQ, IX CORPS, July 24—Lt. John F. Keller is a dentist. He tends to Army teeth at Headquarters, IX Corps, wears Army clothes, and eats Army food. But there's one catch. He's Navy.

As a result of a critical shortage of doctors and dentists in the armed forces, Congress enacted a draft act which permits interchanging medical personnel between the services.

Keller is one of the Navy's "spare" dentists, and so today he finds familiar bell-bottom Navy blues of his old patients replaced by green fatigues.

Like any member of the medical profession it doesn't matter to Keller who owns the aching ivories—service personnel or Korean.

"They just open up and I go to work," explains the Lenox, Mass., dentist.

But the results aren't as unnerving as might be expected. For in the four months he's been operating he's acquired a reputation for painless dental work. Result: His appointments are booked solid six weeks in advance.

Taylor Marks Colombian's 'Day'

HQ, EIGHTH ARMY, July 24—General Maxwell D. Taylor, commanding general, Eighth Army, commemorated Colombian Independence day this week with the following message to the commander of the Colombian Battalion, Lt. Col. Carlos Ortiz:

"On behalf of all members of Eighth Army, warmest best wishes to officers and men of the Colombian Infantry Battalion on the occasion of Colombian Independence day. Eighth Army is proud of the Colombian Battalion and its splendid record of gallantry in the defense of freedom."

Copters Moved to MLR

'Lucky 13th' Evacuates Hurt Troops

HQ, EIGHTH ARMY, July 24—The veil of secrecy surrounding the arrival of the 13th Transportation Helicopter Company, the Army's second cargo helicopter unit to be employed in a combat zone, has been lifted by Eighth Army Headquarters. The unit has arrived in Korea to begin its mission of aerial support to combat elements dispersed along the U.N. battleline.

The Lucky 13th is the second cargo-carrying helicopter unit to be integrated into the Army, and the second of its type to be used in Korea.

The 6th Transportation Helicopter Company arrived in Korea in early January and has since then participated in the evacuation of the sick and wounded U.N. personnel during Operation Little Switch, and more recently they made aerial-support history in the "Skyhook" operations with the 25th Division.

EMPLOYING newly designed

Play's The Thing, Actor NCO Says

HQ, U.S. 7TH DIV, July 24—Sgt. Willie Spinks of A Company, 17th Infantry Regiment, won't soon forget the night he played the starring role in an act which saved his life.

Spinks was in an outguard position, the first to be hit by a Red Chinese attack on Porkchop hill. For the first few moments after the enemy artillery barrage had lifted, all he could see were advancing Reds.

Firing his rifle at them until they were almost upon him, Spinks realized his only escape was to play dead and hope that he would not be noticed.

"I LAY THERE hoping they wouldn't check to see whether I was dead or not," he said. "It sounded like they were calling in English 'who's there?' and I sure wasn't going to answer that question." With mortar rounds landing all around him,

techniques for hauling combat troops and supplies, the 13th is one of the first two units to utilize the principle of mass-employment of cargo-helicopters in tactical and logistical operations.

They are equipped with H-19 Sikorsky helicopters and smaller H-12 Bell helicopters. They also have the ability to evacuate four to six litter patients a helicopter.

During its training in the States, the 13th was called upon to display its capabilities in performing off-shore supply operations by carrying loads of troops and supplies from an aircraft carrier anchored off shore from Ft. Eustis, Va.

Upon arrival the commanding officer of the unit stated, "Cargo helicopter operations are brand new to the Army's scheme. We are here to make the final test as to whether they will fulfill their purpose. We have the cream of the crop of officers and enlisted men to carry on this test."

Spinks remained motionless and waited breathlessly while the enemy soldiers brushed past him.

Spinks, who was promoted to the rank of sergeant and has been recommended for the Bronze Star, spent the remainder of the harrowing night lying hidden while the enemy moved about his position. It was not until the following morning in a counterattack by friendly forces that he was able to reach safety.

Armor Officer Appointed

HQ, I CORPS, July 24—Col. Cecil Himes, Olympia, Wash., has been assigned as armor officer at Headquarters, I Corps. His last assignment was assistant director of instruction at the Armor School.

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