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BUFFALOES OUTSMART REDS

A smooth working communication system was recently a deciding factor in the success of a patrol in which two reinforced squads of a BUFFALO unit clobbered an estimated 70 Chinese Reds without sustaining a casualty.

The "Item" Company combat patrol, consisting for the most part of men who had never before experienced combat, had been moving steadily toward enemy lines for three hours when M/Sgt. Thomas Vail, 1st platoon sergeant and leader of the support squad, spotted two Communists silhouetted on the moonlit ridgeline.

The enemy soldiers were apparently part of a trap into which the advance elements of the patrol were walking.

Vail halted his men and warned the assault squad by radio that they were about to walk up a draw commanded by the enemy.

A few minutes later an estimated two platoons of Chinese were sighted by the alert Vail as they moved stealthily across the top of the ridge in an effort to close the gap in the horseshoe trap.

CLASHES CONTINUE

Allied troops engaged in small clashes with Chinese Reds on the west and central fronts early yesterday morning. After brisk fighting that lasted for over an hour, the enemy pulled back leaving nine counted dead.

The fighting occurred northwest of Korangpo and Yonchon.

In the air, Superforts staged early morning raids against two enemy supply centers near Wonson and left huge fires raging after releasing their bomb loads.

Returning crewmen reported light to moderate enemy ground fire and one non-firing pass from a Red night fighter.

The Senate Armed Services Committee has approved President Eisenhower's nominees for secretaries of the Army, Navy and Air Force. They are: Secretary of the Army-Robert T.B. Stevens, Secretary of the Navy-Robert B. Anderson, and Secretary of the Air Force-Harold E. Talbert.

Senator Hunt of Wyoming said Stevens and Talbert were told they must sell off their stock and other interests in order to qualify.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill has returned to England. He is full of confidence that nothing but good can follow President Eisenhower's visit to Korea.

As the enemy moved in to cut off the assault squad, 1st Lt. Julius Albert, an artillery observer with the support squad, called for artillery concentrations directly in front of the endangered BUFFALOES.

Five minutes after the call was issued, a rain of steel began mowing down the Reds.

The unusually speedy response to the call for support fire was attributed to the new phone hookup used by the BUFFALOES. Normally a call must go through a series of switch networks; but the Item Company men established a direct line to the rear support units.

Using a snooper scope, the Item Company support squad kept the bewildered enemy under constant observation thus enabling the artillery officer to direct and adjust the artillery fire.

While the incoming artillery broke the backbone of the Chinese force, the BUFFALO assault squad kept up a withering small arms fire which forced the enemy to give ground.

Breaking contact with the Reds, the Item Company elements moved to higher ground and reorganized. From this new position Lieutenant Albert continued directing artillery fire on the hard hit Communists until the patrol was ordered to return to friendly territory.

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SPORTS

The baseball world is wondering what is going to happen to the St. Louis Cardinals. The owner of the club, Fred Saigh, Thursday was sentenced to jail for income tax evasion. After the sentence, Saigh said it was the end of the baseball road for him, that he would have to get rid of the club.

Saigh had pleaded guilty and thrown himself on the mercy of the court. He was sentenced to 15 months in jail, and fined \$15,000. He must begin his jail term in May.

The Montreal Canadiens moved into first place in the National Hockey League yesterday as the Detroit Red Wings dropped out for the first time since December 6th.

Montreal climbed over the idle Red Wings with a 2-1 victory Thursday night over the New York Rangers, whom they face again in Montreal tonight.

Australai's great tennis player, Frank Sedgman, stretched his match lead to 10-6 Wednesday night, but it took a 30-game set to whip Jack Kramer, 16-14. In the first set, Sedgman beat promoter Kramer 6-2.

Kramer broke through the Aussie's serve in the 21st game but the 25-year-old Sedgman came right back to win the 22nd.

South America's Poncho Segura posted his 15th win out of the 17 sets he and Aussie Ken McGregor have played.

Retired middleweight champion Sugar Ray Robinson Thursday said "Bobo" Olsen of Honolulu and Randy Turpin of England are the two best fighters in the division and should meet for the crown.

At the same time, he predicted that Olsen would win the title.

He said, "It all has to do

with their styles. Turpin gave me trouble because of his clumsy style. On the other hand, Olsen is a very polished boxer and he should have no trouble handling the British champion."

Flashy Floyd Patterson posted his fifth triumph Thursday night in the Chicago Stadium with a TKO over rugged Chester Mieszala, Chicago, at 1:25 seconds of the fifth round.

New York Yankee baseball star Jerry Coleman is in training today, training to tag out the Reds as a flying captain with a Marine Air Wing in Korea,

Religious Services
Sunday, February 1, 1953

CATHOLIC

Division Forward	0830
Divarty	0900
2nd Battalion Forward	1400
3rd Battalion Forward	1600

PROTESTANT

Regimental CP	1030
1st Battalion Forward	0900
2nd Battalion Forward	1500
3rd Battalion Forward	1100

JEWISH

Division Forward (Wednesday) 1400
"ITEM" CLOBBERS REDS----

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According to Cpl. Lawson Tollison, radio operator, radio communication was one of the vital factors in the success of the patrol. "We had perfect wire communication," he said.

