

# 52<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Combat Operations in Korea

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## FIRING POSITIONS

52nd Field Artillery Battalion July 1950-November 1950

(see yellow position markers on Korea map)

- | map nr. | date     | narrative  |
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| 1.      | 5 July   | Battle at Osan. A Btry and Hq (-) move to psn 1,000 yds north of Osan. 1st Bn 21st Inf overrun. A Btry withdraws to Ansong with 1st Bn 21st Infantry   |
| 2.      |          | B Btry plus Hq (-) arrive Songwan by train at 2200 hrs. B Btry into psn between Songwan and Pyongtaek DS 1st Bn 34th Inf. <b>MAP 2</b>   |
| 3.      | 6 July   | B Btry displaces to psn 2 miles south of Chonan, DS 3rd Bn 34th Inf. Hq + Svc Btry displace to Chochiwan, join remainder of A Btry in process of reequipping. <b>MAP 3</b>   |
|         | 7 July   | B Btry moves one platoon north of Chonan to spt. advance by 3rd Bn 34 Inf. -- meet heavy resistance and withdraw. The 63rd FA moves into psn. B Btry to spt fires of 63rd FA. Bn (- B Btry) joins 21st Inf at Chochiwan. <b>MAP 3</b>                          |
| 4.      | 8 July.  | A Btry spt. 1st Bn at Chonui. B Btry spt. 3rd Bn 34th Inf 3 miles W of Chong-Ju. B Btry 11th FA attached . 21st Inf Regt. assumed command of 34th Inf. Regt. <b>MAP 4</b>  |
|         | 9 July.  | All batteries registered on a common point, fired on targets of opportunity throughout day.  |
|         | 10 July. | 1st Bn under heavy attack. Had to withdraw in afternoon. 3rd Bn successfully counterattacked. 52 FA forced to withdraw to vic Konghong-ni where BN CP was located.   |
| 5.      | 11 July. | B Btry displ. to N of Chochiwan. A Btry displ to S of Chochiwan. 3rd Bn hit by heavy attack causing loss of most of staff. Remnants of 1st Bn (from Osan) reequipped at Taejon joined A and D companies. Entire 52d FA Bn withdrew S of Chochiwa. <b>MAP 4</b> |

6. 12 July. Heavy attack on 1st Bn (est. NK regiment). 1st Bn ordered to withdraw behind Kum River Line. After supporting 3rd Bn 21st Inf (21 IR), 52 FA displ. to Tuman-ni south of Kum River. 13th FA atch to 52d FA. **MAP 5**

13 July. 19th Inf relieved 21st Inf, ordered to airstrip N of Taejon to reorganize and reequip. 3rd Bn consolidated into one rifle company (K Co.) and a weapons company (M Co). (Note: this was same configuration of 3rd Bn on the Naktong R. on 3 Aug.). 52 FA to spt fires of 13th FA.

14 July. Reserve battalion 19th Inf moved near CP of 52nd FA Bn..A Btry displ. 1000 yds E due to counterbattery fire.

15 July. Continued to spt. 13th FA. At 2000 hrs Bn received heavy shelling. One howitzer section dispatched to E of Taejon. Reserve battalion 19th Inf moved to Kyongju to spt 34th Inf in serious trouble.

6. 16 July. Bn hit by heavy enemy attack. At 1500 Bn attempted to displace, prevented by en road block. One section from B Btry was able to get through. Bn took heavy casualties, mostly in B Btry whose CO and 1st Sgt. were KIA. Most men walked out. **MAP7**

17-20 July. Bn reassembled. A Btry reequipped w/minimum for combat.

21 July. Bn moved to vic Obeng-dong. A Btry to psn E of Yongdong atch to 13th FA.

22 July. A Btry released to Bn control.

25 July. Bn departed Oksan-dong for psn at Kanchon-ni. Spt 21st Inf (21 IR) at Pohang-dong.

7. 27 July. A Btry and fwd FDC to psn S of Yondok. Good spt from naval gunfire. Bn(-) remained at Pohang-dong. C Co 21 IR provided local security for A Btry.

28 July ,ROKs attacked toward Yongdok ,unit gain 2,000 yards..A Battery 52<sup>nd</sup> and C Battery 159<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Battalion along with 4.2 Mortar and Naval gun fire was very effective in this operation. C Battery 159<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery was released and A Battery 11<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Battalion [155mm] was attached to the 52<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Battalion

29,July The 52<sup>nd</sup> and A Battery 11<sup>th</sup> continued to support the ROKs and the Naval gun fire from of shore was very affective in this operation ·

30 July , Order from Commanding General to move the battalion [minis A Battery] from the Pohang dong area to the Masan front

31July Battalion departed Pohongdong area for Masan and bivouacked overnight in the Changdae-ni area

1 Aug Completed road march to Masan..Headquarters Battery and B Battery reequipped and the 52<sup>nd</sup> has three battery in combat for the first time since the Kum River

2 Aug, A Battery displaced forward to a position 7,000 yard south of Yondok in the Pohongdong area.

3,Aug A Battery reports very effective fire on the enemy on the 2 and 3 August

4, 5 .Aug, The Battalion [mins A battery] displaced to position between Changnyong and the Naktong River in direct support of the 21<sup>st</sup> Infantry Regiment with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion [K-M] Company on line the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 21<sup>st</sup> in reserve

6, -9Aug, B Battery 63d Field Artillery Battalion and A Battery 11<sup>th</sup> attached to the 52<sup>nd</sup> .The 3<sup>rd</sup> Combat Engineer Battalion form Task Force Hyzer and relieve the 7<sup>th</sup> ROK Regiment on the north flank of the 21<sup>st</sup> Infantry Regiment

10 11 Aug A Battery return from the Yondok area and move to a position 1500 yards to the left of B Battery..Enemy attempt to cross the river is repulsed .The 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion was pull out of reserve and dispatched to support the battle in the Naktong Bulge .Two forward observer team were sent to support the 1<sup>st</sup> battalion in the bulge ,only one was needed the other return to battalion.This left the 3<sup>rd</sup> battalion to defend a 12 mile front

12 13,Aug B Battery 63d field Artillery was relaid north to support the 3<sup>rd</sup> Combat Engineers Task Force Hyzer that was opposing the threat of the enemy crossing from the 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Division area..This move the boundary of the 21<sup>st</sup> Infantry 8 miles to the north.

14 ,Aug Task Force Hyzer was attached to the 21<sup>st</sup> for command and control

21 Aug. Recon party from 38th FA visited. The 13th FA and 11th FA were relieved in S. (Naktong Bulge) to spt 52FA. 1st Bn 21 IR returned to regimental control.

15-22 Aug. Heavy activity against Hill 409, included TOT and air strikes.

23 Aug. 21 IR, 52d FA, B/63d FA, and A Btry 26th AAA ordered into 8th Army reserve. 52 FA closed Kyongsan at 2100 hrs (about 8 mi. E of Taegu).

24 Aug. remained in Taegu rest area. B Btry howitzers checked by ordinance.

25 Aug. remainder of howitzers checked by ordinance. Recon party sent to find possible positions.

26 Aug. B Btry 63d FA Bn, commanded by Anthony F. "Tony" Stahelski, redesignated C Btry 52nd FA

9. 27 Aug. occupation of psns in Bowling Alley N of Taegu halted. 52 FA ordered to move to Pohang-dong area as part of 21st RCT to back up ROK Capitol Div. Occupied psns 4000 yd S of Kigye at 2130 hrs after 55 mi. road march. A Btry shelled during night.

28 Aug. en artillery continued active. En drived off high ground overlooking 52d FA psns. Flash base established.

29 Aug. fired prep for successsful attack by ROK Capitol Div. 52 FA counterbattery fires effective.

30 Aug. ROK Patrol passed through flash base reported new en regt in Kigye valley. High burst registration conducted by flash base. Bn massed fires on en. regt. Estimated 90% of regt of 2500 NK KIA or WIA. 3d Bn 34th Inf redesignated 2d Bn 21IR.

2 Sep. Hard fighting 2-3 Sep. attacking N to Yondok. K Co. almost destroyed on Hill 99, 35 men left after attack.

11. 4 Sep. Bn disp. to Angang-ni. DS 21 IR reinforcing 6th ROK Cap. Div. to stop enemy breakthrough between Kigye and Angang-ni.
- 5 Sep. Bn broke up several en attacks on Angang-ni. Bn ordered to displ S to Kyongju to spt 21 IR against en column threatening Kyongju from NE.
12. 6 Sep. Bn in psn just N of Kyongju. En regt caught 2d Bn 21 IR in road block 3.5 mi. to N. Air observer broke up road block with artillery fire. **MAP 14**
- 7 Sep. assault platoon, 6th Med, Tank Bn atch as "Dog" Btry. 21 IR attacked NE 2500 yds.
- 10 Sep. rec'd additional mission of reinf 3rd Bn 19th Inf.
- 14 Sep. recon party inspected psns Kyongson area.
- 15 Sep. Bn displ to N of Kyongsan and E of Taegu. Recon party to select psn in "Bowling Alley" N of Taegu. Lt. Col. Miller O. Perry to Div Arty Exec. Lt. Col. Robert Dawson assumed command. Inchon landing successful.
- 16 Sep. Bn displ to new psn in Bowling Alley to reinf fires of 99th FA Bn. C Co, 6th Tank Bn, with 17 tanks, atch to 52nd FA. 41 weapons under Bn control.
13. 18 Sep. Recon for psns just E of Naktong R. about 10 mi. SE of Waegwan. DS 21 IR in crossing river. Occupied new psns at 1820 hrs. Btry "D" released
- 19 Sep. 1st Bn 21 IR attacked across Naktong at 0400 hrs after heavy prep fires by 52nd FA.

- 20 Sep. displ N to 3000 yds S of Waegwan to spt 21st Inf moving N along W bank of Naktong.
14. 21 Sep. displ to psns 1500 yds E of Waegwan. 21 IR advances swinging NW opposite Waegwan along Taegu-Taejon highway.
- 22 Sep. Bn crosses Naktong on pontoon bridge at 1130 hrs. Psns occupied 4 mi. N of Waegwan on Waegwan-Kumchon axis. LtCol Dawson evacuated (medical). Maj. Marshall H Armor, Jr. (Bn Exec) assumed command. **MAP X**
15. 24 Sep. Bn displ to psns 8 mi. below Kumchon. 5th RCT passed through 21 IR, cont'd attack on Kumchon.
- 25 Sep. Kumchon entered by 5th RCT. Bn moved fwd continued to fire on en beyond Kumchon.
- 26 Sep. 21 IR moved out. Relieved by 19th Inf. **MAP X**
- 27 Sep. Bn displ to liaison aircraft airstrip between Hwanggni and Yongdong where Bn reassembled on 20 July after battle at Kum River.
- 28 Sep. displ forward to rendezvous area 5 Mi. NW of Yongdong toward Taejon.
16. 29 Sep. Bn entered Taejon. A Btry in psn 5 mi. SE in spt. 3d Bn 21 IR. Seoul fell to Marines. Several hundred victims of NK atrocities found at police station, prison and Catholic Church. **MAP X**
- 2 Oct. Bn moved 30 mi. to bivouac area just N of Chonan
- 6 Oct. Bn moved through Seoul into rendezvous area in river bed 5 mi. SE of Munsan near 38th Parallel.
17. 9 Oct. displ to psn N of Munsan 2500 yds short of 38th Parallel B Btry in firing psn laid on az. 6400.

10 Oct. 1st Bn just N of sandbag bridge received mortar fire. FO w/C Co (Lt. Earl Lohead) adjusted on en mortars. Bn fired 3 missions, first firing by Bn since capture of Kumchon. At 1300 hrs Bn displ to rendezvous area just N of Imjin R at Munsan ferry.

12 Oct. Bn displ to Paekchon (W of Kaesong) to spt 3rd Bn 21 IR.

18. 13 Oct. A and B Btry in psn E of Paekchon.

18A 14 Oct. Recon prty to Choum-ni 18 mi. N to select psn for A Btry to spt. 1st Bn. This was first element of 52nd FA to cross 38th Parallel.

19. 16 Oct. Bn moved to spt 21 IR on drive to Haeju 45 mi. W of Paekchon N of 38th Parallel. A 21 IR liaison plane was struck by AF fighter on takeoff outside Bn CP. All KIA. By nightfall Bn still on road 20 mi. E of Haeju.

17 Oct. After midnight Bn halted on road in mountain pass 5 mi. E of Haeju by NK ammo truck hit by 90mm fire. Two trains backed out of tunnel adjacent to A Btry psn. American POWs visible in train cars. Trains reentered tunnel and disappeared. At 0800 hrs 21st Inf L plane adjusted A Btry on column of troops 8000 yds N of road junction in mountain pass. At 1000 hrs B Btry displ to spt 3d Bn advancing N Sinwon-ni. At 1600 hrs remainder of Bn followed and occupied psns 1 mi. S of Sinwon-ni.

19 Oct. Bn moved into large school yard in Haeju.

20 Oct. Retreat parade in Haeju. Held another 22 Oct.

23 Oct. Bn moved 110 mi. to rendezvous area 15 mi. N of Pyongyang, closing at 1800 hrs. **MAP 21**



27 Oct. Bn moved to new rendezvous area 1 mi. SW of Anju, closing at 1600 hrs.

29 Oct. at 0940 hrs Bn moved to rendezvous area 12 mi. W of Pok chang to spt 21 IR driving toward Hiju on Yalu River.

21 30 Oct. displ forward to psns 2 mi. E of Chongju. Mission of 21 IR changed to spt. drive to Sinuju on coastal road. 21st RCT to pass through British Commonwealth Brigade after they occupy Chongju.

22. 31 Oct. 2d Bn 21 IR jumped off shortly after dark with C Btry in spt. By 0200 hrs column had advanced to Kwakchon and met and destroyed strong tank supported resistance at 0700 hrs. The 1st Bn passed through 2d Bn and continued attack. 52d FA leap-frogged batteries in spt of attack. The column was in contact w/en 4 miles to W. of Sonchan.

23. 1 Nov. Bn displ from Sonchon to psns vic. Chanyon-gwan. 52d FA reinf. by 90 FA Bn. Three Yak fighters straffed column. 1st Bn in hard fire fight against en tanks. Estuary of Yalu River visible from last high ground S of Sinuju. This was the end of the advance to the Yalu. MAP 22

**WITHDRAWAL from the YALU  
into SOUTH KOREA and war during 1951  
(see red dot position indicators on Korea map)**

<b>map nr.</b>	<b>date</b>	<b>narrative</b>
21	2 Nov.	Bn withdrew back to vic Chongju. Word received that CCF forces had entered Korean war in mass.
24	3 Nov.	Bn displ again back to vic SE of Anju.
	4 Nov. (21 IR)	Bn displ 4000 yds N to better spt 21st Inf. Regt.
25	5 Nov.	Bn displ to pens 6 mi. NE of Anju. Fired on mortars and personnel. MAP 24
	6 Nov.	Fired 24 missions in spt 21 IR.
	7 Nov.	En reported retreating W and N. Resistance light.
	8 Nov.	No en activity. Harassing missions fired.
	9 Nov.	21st IR to Div. reserve. 52nd FA to reinforce 13th FA in DS 19th Inf. Regt. (19 IR)
	10 Nov.	Bn placed in general support of 24th Div. Bn engaged in constn of road leading to main road leading S from Anju.
26	11 Nov.	Bn displ across Chongchon R. in vic Sosong-dong (3 mi. NW of Anju).
	12 Nov.	Mission to DS 27th British Commonwealth Brigade. B Btry 11th FA reinf. fires of 52nd FA. Survey Officer (Lt. Hallahan) est. flash base. LnO and FOs from 3d Bn sent to Australian Bn. LnO and FOs remained w/Argyle and Middlesex Bns.

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13 Nov. Bn displ to vic. Hagamsong-ni (4 mi. SE of Pakchon). Resistance light.

14 Nov. Continued DS Brits. Weather cold (12 degrees)

15 Nov. Middlesex and Australian Bns sent out patrols. Natives report CCF were on E side of Congchon River until 8 Oct when friendly air forced them out.

16 Nov. Bn displ to 2000yds E of Pakchon. No contact.

17 Nov. Work parties maintained psns and main road N of Pakchon.

18 Nov. Australian patrols made contact w/ small en force NE of Pakchon. Road work contd.

19 Nov. C Btry displ to psn at Hanam-ni to spt Australian patrols. Aussie Bn to enter area 1200 yds NW of Pakchon. C Btry fired on group of 100 en in village of Taehung-dong w/excellent results. En activity increased along entire front.

20 Nov. Spt patrols. Light en psns fired upon.

21 Nov. Word rec'd that 17th Inf. Reg't, 7th US Inf Div reached Yalu River.

23 Nov. Thanksgiving dinner enjoyed by all.

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24 Nov. Bn displ across river to psns 1200 yds E of Napchong-dong. Gen Mac Arthur visited 24th Div. area to be present for initial phase of general push along entire front. Bn in DS 21st IR. We thought we would be home by Christmas.

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25 Nov. Bn displ at 1000 hrs to psns 2500 yds E of Chongju. Resistance reported heavy in other sectors. Ebb and Flow Map 4

8 Dec. At 1330 hrs 52nd FA began move to vic Uijong-bu.

32 9 Dec. Bn bivouaced on S. bank of Imjin River. At dawn 2 mounted NK cavalrymen were observed on N bank of river. Bn moved to assembly area 10 mi NE of Uijong-bu.

33 11 Dec. Bn occupied firing psns vic Singi S of 38th Parallel. 11th FA Bn attached to 52 FA Bn.

14 Dec. Bn displaced to psns 1000 yds south.

15 Dec. Recon party scouted psns along Han River.

18 Dec. B Btry and 1 Howitzer from 17th FA moved into psn 1000 yds N of Bn to increase range.

23 Dec. Lt.Gen. Walton H. Walker killed in accident on road to 19th Inf. to visit son Capt. Sam Walker. Lt.Gen. Matthew B. Ridgeway to command of 8th Army.

28 Dec. Recon for psns 8 mi. E of Uijongbu.

29 Dec. Recon for psns 1000 yds NE of Uijongbu and also 7000 yds S of Uijongbu

31 Dec. Report from IX Corps to expect all out attack not later than 1 January.

34 1 Jan. Attack that began on 31 Dec. still in progress. Serious gap developed when 19th Inf fell 3000 yds behind MLR. Bn displaced to 1000 yds NE of Uijongbu.

35 2 Jan. Bn displ. to 7000 yds S of Uijongbu.

3 Jan. Bn fired 3130 rds between 030530 and 031753. Bn moved to assembly area south of Changji-ri. 21st Inf in IX Corps reserve mission to block S. of Al Jolson Bridge.

- 4 Jan. Bn withdrew to 2 assembly areas between 4-5 Jan.
- 6 Jan. Bn occupied firing psns 3000 S of Changwon-ni (CS 795056), GS reinforcing 13th FA.
- 12 Jan. Bn displ to vic Kae-dong (CR 7595) near Yugu.
- 24 Jan. Bn DS Domino (5th RCT)
- 36 26 Jan. Bn DS 21st IR on Han River between Yogu and Yonghwa-dong. Ebb and Flow Map 18
- 29 Jan. Bn 6000 yds W of Yogu.
- 37 1 Feb. Bn 5 mi W of Yogu, DS 21 IR
- 38 4 Feb. Bn in psn N of Ichon. Ebb and Flow Map 19
- 6 Feb. Strong counterattack against 3d Bn, 21 IR broken up. Bn fired 3315 Rds. **Operation Roundup, Ebb and Flow MAP 21**
- 39 21 Feb. Bn moved to East bank of Han River. Remained in psn until end of Feb. **Operation Killer, Ebb and Flow MAP 25**
- 1 Mar. Bn DS 21 IR at CS 709427
- 6 Mar. Bn at CS 696475 spt 21 IR. **Operation Ripper, Ebb and Flow Map 26.**
- 40 7 Mar. Bn displ to CS 709494 spt. 21 IR in attack on Hill 1157. Fired 4337 rounds in 24 hr. period.
- 8 Mar. Bn displ. to four positions to CS 661835 through mountainous terrain between 8 and 20 Mar. Advanced generally along Route 17 Corridor.
- 9 Mar. Bn reinforced 13 FA until 26 Mar.

- 41 27 Mar. DS 21 IR in attack on Line Cairo vic. Kapyong. **Ebb and Flow MAP 26.**
- 28 Mar. Bn crossed Pukhan River to CS 522560
- 1 Apr. Bn in psn at CS 675886 DS 21 IR. Bn ordered to move W into I Corps zone. Displ to CS 582695. **Operation Rugged and Dauntless, Ebb and Flow MAP 29, 1-22 April.**
- 42 4 Apr. Bn displ N in five successive moves between 4 and 20 Apr. to Vic. Line Utah. Attack toward objective at Kumwah.
- 11 Apr. General MacArthur fired by Truman. Lt. Gen. James Van Fleet succeeds Gen. Ridgeway as CG 8th Army.
- 20 Apr. 21 IR relieved by 5th RCT. Bn GS reinforcing fires of 555 FA Bn.
- 22 Apr. Massive Chinese offensive begins. Forward Observers of 555 FA had two battalions answering calls for fire on their firing channels. **Chinese Spring Offensive, Ebb and Flow MAP 32.**
- 23 Apr. Bn fired 7006 rds in two days. In next few days, Bn displaced south four times. 21 IR delayed along Route 3A and then Route 17.
- 43 25 Apr. 21 IR withdrew to Line Delta. 5th RCT and 555 FA caught in roadblock about one hour after 52 FA passed through. 555 FA lost 11 howitzers, over 60 vehicles and more than 100 killed, missing or wounded. **Ebb and Flow MAP 32**
- 44 28 Apr. Bn crossed Pukhan River at CS 522560. Light en. contact. CCF offensive ended. 21 IR on Phase Line No Name.
- 1 May. Bn remained in psn until 20 May. 21 IR strengthened defensive psns. Attack on 16 May repulsed with heavy en losses.

corridor to Kapyong. 213 FA reinf. fires of 52 FA. Eighth Army Advance, Ebb and Flow MAP 37.

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27 May. 17 IR, 7th Inf. Div. on east of Pukhan River and 21 IR on west bank surrounded a large Chinese force in a pincer movement near Chiam-ni below Line Kansas. Strong night attacks against 21 IR medics and hq elements repulsed with illumination from 11 FA and fire from 52 FA at range under 2000 yds. Estimated 200 KIA, 250 WIA and 450 en captured. Nearly 3800 CCF troops finally captured. During the next several days artillery and air strikes pounded en forces attempting to escape north.

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1 Jun. During the month the 52 FA moved forward to four psn areas, a total of 36 Mi. On 1 Jun. Bn moved from Otan-ni DS 21 IR on Phase Line Virginia.

5 Jun. 21 IR went into reserve. 52 FA moved to 1000 yds NE of Hwachon to reinforce fires of 27 ROK FA Bn, 6 ROK Inf.Div.

21 Jun. 21 IR back on line to replace 17th IR, 7th Inf Div. 52 FA took over psns of 49th FA, 7th Inf Div. Bn remained in this psn near Hahoengchon (CT 836301) until end Jun, with plans to spt. 21 IR in advance to Line Kansas.

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1 July. Bn remained in psn approximately 12 mi. N of Hwachon, inside the famous Iron Triangle during July. Extensive training to replace experienced personnel lost to rotation. On 31 July, 52 FA authorized additional LnO and three FO teams to spt. Columbian Bn, atch to 21 IR.

10 Jul. Negotiations for a cease fire commence at Kaesong.

1 Aug. Bn in same psn DS 21 IR on Line Wyoming.1

6 Aug. 24th Inf Div went into reserve. 52 FA reverted to GS reinforcing fires of ROK 27th FA Bn. 52 FA displaced , to

psn at Myongsomi-dong (CT 903240). B Btry won command inspection held 20-21 Aug.

1 Sep. Bn remained in psn near Myongsomi-dong for entire month. A and B Batteries moved 2500 yds N to better spt fires of 27th ROK FA Bn, 6th ROK Inf. Div.

4 Oct. Bn moved from CT 903241 to Ct 849333. GS IX Corps reinf. fires of 7th Inf Div Arty.

6 Oct. DS 21 IR

13 Oct. 21 IR atk Hill 569. Beginning of UN Offensive.

15 Oct. Bn displ to Kobincok (CT 765364). Bn displaced three times in rapid succession 15-21 Oct. Bn lost two new Forward Observers KIA on 15 and 16 Oct.

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22 Oct. 21 IR on forward defensive psns just S of Kumsong. Bn at CT 790434 on 31 Oct. A Flash Base was established overlooking Kumsong, using two OPs of the 21 IR.

1 Nov. Bn remained in psn during month. Firing batteries displ. 1000 yds N to better spt. 21 IR on line. PFC Donald F. Wessel last man in 52 FA KIA when flash base OP overrun.

1 Dec. Bn remained in same psn for entire month. DS 21 IR on defensive line below Kumsong.

1 Jan. Bn in same psn. On 28 Jan. Bn ordered to move to "Tent City" in preparation for shipment to Camp Youngens, Japan. The end of 52 FA combat operations in Korea. Compiled by Colonel (Ret.) Robert F. Hallahan, Forward Observer, Reconnaissance and Survey Officer, Assistant - S-3, and CO Battery B, 52nd FA Bn.