

40TH INFANTRY DIVISION COMMAND REPORT NARRATIVE.

OPERATIONS

The 40th Infantry Division had assumed operational control of the sector on the East Central front in Korea between CT775493 and CT910487 on 28 January 1952 minus the 224th Infantry Regiment and the 140th Tank Battalion. In the place of these organizations which were still enroute from Japan, the 5th Regimental Combat Team and the 6th Tank Battalion were attached to this Division during the first days of February. Thus the first 10 days of the reporting period were primarily concerned with the completion of the relief of the 24th Division organizations by those of the 40th Division.

The 140th Tank Battalion relieved the 6th Tank Battalion in place and assumed operational control as of 032350 February 1952. The 224th Infantry Regiment closed into the division zone at 040951 February. Relief of the 5th Infantry started on 6 February and was completed 100203 February at which time the 224th Infantry assumed operational control of that sector.

Another item of major importance during the first days of February was the planning and preparations for operation "Clam-Up". In order to comply with the letter and spirit of the directives promulgating this operation it was necessary to plan for and carry out extensive stockpiling of supplies and ammunition on positions. This was done in spite of the limited transportation available due to an excessive number of unserviceable vehicles which were received from the previous organization.

Operation "Clam-Up" started at 101800 February. All unnecessary movements and activities were suspended. Friendly troops remained in concealed positions on the MIR and in strong points. Necessary activity was conducted at night. The operation was designed to deceive the enemy into believing that friendly lines were being withdrawn, to decoy him into sending out patrols to maintain contact and to attempt to capture prisoners. Initially, the desired reaction was forthcoming. Freedom

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The Headquarters Commandant began preparations for the moving of Division Headquarters to a new station. As planned by higher Headquarters, the move was to be made in four increments. This called for each increment to be treated as a separate movement.

The Advance Increment required only the arranging of transportation for personnel to the Matsushima Air Base. The Second, Third, and Fourth Increments demanded more effort. Because of the amount of Division Headquarters property that was to accompany each of these increments, it was necessary for a series of numbers to be given each section. These served as an individual account of sectional TAT property. Materials that were needed for the preparing of TAT property were distributed to all sections. A system for banding and stenciling of boxes was established. A team working under the supervision of this office performed this duty. Packing lists and documentation for each increment, were completed and submitted to the Transportation Officer in charge of loading. A color designation was given to Division Headquarters Rear to prevent confusion in the separation of the Division Headquarters Forward and Division Headquarters Rear property. Memorandums and time schedules were set up to allow each section the maximum of operational efficiency and to eliminate the needless loss of work hours. TAT and personal baggage of each increment were transported to the shipping point. To insure accuracy, the Headquarters Commandant's office supervised all loading. An Officer to accompany each increment as a responsible property agent, was appointed by The Headquarters Commandant. A breakdown of personnel per

increment was made to aid the Headquarters Commandant Representative of this office, in the billeting and messing of Division Headquarters personnel arriving at the new station.

The Headquarters Commandant personally received the representatives of the Headquarters 24th Division. Billeting areas, messing facilities, and transportation were put at their disposal. Replacing personnel were orientated as to the various garrison duties of the Headquarters Commandant.

Due to the lack of sufficient 24th Division personnel, the responsibility of the Division Officers' Mess was transferred to Post Headquarters Camp Schimmelpfennig instead of Headquarters 24th Division.

Upon arrival at the 24th Division Forward CP, the Headquarters Commandant's representative was confronted with a three phase operation:

- A. Observation (accepted methods and needed adjustments)
- B. Reception and Location of 40th Headquarters personnel
- C. New functions resulting from the move into the field

Observations were made of the duties of the Headquarters Commandant section to be replaced. In brief, the duties of the 24th Headquarters Commandant were limited to these, listed in their order of apparent importance: VIP accommodations, CP security, messing, both Officer and EM, electric power control, and the responsibility of selection of a new CP sight in the event of a displacement.

The facilities for VIP's were adequate in space but sorely in need of cleaning and readjustment. The tents were aired, broken and badly soiled cots replaced, floors laid, and stoves repaired or replaced to insure necessary heat.

The perimeter of defense, although set up very well on paper, was highly impractical. The positions were ill-placed, offering little vantage for defensive measures and in some emplacements even less; these latter were situated in such a manner as to be hazardous to those they were protecting had they needed to fire. Three weapons on the positions were found to be incomplete thus prohibiting entirely their use. There were no communications between the attached anti-aircraft positions and no coherence of fire between these units and the Defense Platoon forming the CP perimeter. The perimeter was altered so as to be functional in an emergency; the faulty weapons were repaired and all weapons test fired; telephone lines were installed to the lacking positions and a new fire plan, governing all outposts including anti-aircraft was created and put immediately into effect.

The arrival of the main bodies of 40th Division personnel began approximately three weeks after the advanced party had situated in Korea. Personnel of the 24th Division were in control of the various sections until the change of command, which took place shortly after the coming of the second increment. Due to this fact an abundance of both Divisions' Headquarters personnel were present within the area at the same time. Temporary tents were made available to those sections of the 40th that had to remain within the CP to orient themselves with their new operations. Other space was made available by moving non-tactical sections of the

24th to an annex area slightly to the rear; their 40th counterparts either commuted or assumed operation without benefit of instruction.

The Headquarters Commandant arrived by air shortly in advance of the second increment. He accompanied the CG, C/S, Asst G-1, G-2, Asst G-3, Asst G-4, Div Arty Commander and 223rd Regimental Commander.

When command of the tactical situation was assumed by the 40th Division, duties other than those previously noted presented themselves.

Permanent areas and a controlled number of tents were allocated to each section by this office. The Headquarters Commandant was appointed Fire Marshal of the CP area. A fire guard was put into effect under the supervision and control of the Headquarters Commandant. A surveillance of the indigenous personnel situation called for a "shake-up" and reorganization. In accord and with the cooperation of the MGO all indigenous were screened by CIC, then reallocated to the various sections. Any indigenous help required would be requested through the Headquarters Commandant. Plans for general improvement of the CP area and facilities were left to the Headquarters Commandant and work was begun, on inner CP streets, on drainage of the area, and on much needed alteration of the messes.