

KOREAN WAR PROJECT

**OPN PLAN 1-51; OPN 2-51; OPN PLAN 3-51
HQ, 1ST MARDIV [REINF], FMF**

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Hq, 1st Mar Div (Reinf), F.
Wonju, Korea
031800, March 1951

1ST MAR DIV OPN PLAN)

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Maps: Korea, A/S L751, 1/50,000
A/S L752, 1/250,000

1. a. (1) Current PIRs.

(2) PW and agent reports indicate the presence, within the Division zone, of the 66th CCF Army (Corps). This Army (Corps), with headquarters believed to be located in the Hongchon area, consists, according to PIR Order of Battle Notes, of the 196th, 197th and 198th CCF Divisions. Of the 28 Chinese Communist PW's thus far processed, eleven identify the 2nd and 3rd Bns, 591st Regt, 197th Div; the remainder identify the 3rd Bn, 588th Regt, 196th CCF Div. The 6th ROK Division previously located in that area has identified the 587th and 588th Regt of the 196th Div. The 3rd ROK Division on the right has not identified any CCF units. From the above, it appears that the 196th and 197th Divisions are located in left and right sectors of the Division zone, respectively, with the Twinnan and Kumgye rivers apparently serving as the boundary line between these units. The 198th CCF Division, though not as yet identified, is believed to be located in the Hongchon area, probably along the favorable high ground covering the southern approaches to that vital communications area. However, a late PW interrogation suggests the possibility that the 198th Division may be located to the east of the 197th Division.

Agent, civilian and PW reports reveal that enemy forces estimated at between 20-30,000 troops are aligned along the high ground on either side of the KUNCHON-HONGCHON-HONGSON axis. Aerial reconnaissance reports confirm the above to some extent. Further, current strength figures place the 66th Army (Corps) at some 24,000 strong.

The 66th CCF Army (Corps) is believed disposed in depth along the Hongchon-Hongson axis - the only favorable approach route to Hongchon.

From current reports and from an analysis of the terrain it is believed that the main enemy defenses are located along the 52, 55, 62 and 71 horizontal grid lines with the pass area to the west of the Oum-San (DS 0561) Mountain and the Sam-Dong (LS 9760) Sangchangbong road being critical areas.

Aerial reconnaissance reports indicate the presence of sufficient activity in the Hongchon area to launch a limited enemy counter-offensive at any time. In this connection, PW reports indicate the possible presence of the 39th and 40th CCF Armies to the north of Hongchon, and these must be considered as forces immediately capable of intervention.

b. (1) IX Corps attacks in zone H-Hour, DOG Day to destroy enemy south of phase line ALBANY and to seize YONGJUN Mountain (CS 7456) area, prepared to continue the attack on order, through successive phase lines to seize HONGCHON (LS 0271) and CHUNCHON (CS 8793); and destroy enemy forces, materials, and supplies in zone south of the general line LAMU. Annex ABLE, Cpn Overlay to IX U. S. Corps Opn Order #14.

(2) 6th ROK Div initially on left, X U. S. Corps on right.

2. a. Div attacks in zone at H-Hour on DOG Day to seize objectives 1 and 2 and destroy enemy south of phase line ALBANY.

(1) Line of Departure: Present Front Lines.

(2) Boundaries, objectives: annex BAKUR, Opn Overlay.

3. a. 1st Mar, Reinf:

Attached: Co C, 1st Engr Bn
Det, 1st Sig Bn (TACP)
Det, 1st Serv Bn (GR)

Attack H-Hour DOG Day seize objective 1 in zone of action prepared on order to continue attack to seize objectives 2 and 3 in zone.

b. 7th Mar, Reinf:

Attached: Co D, 1st Engr Bn
Det, 1st Sig Bn (TACP)
Det, 1st Serv Bn (GR)

Attack at H-Hour DOG Day seize objective 1 in zone of action prepared on order to continue attack to seize objective 2 in zone.

c. 5th Mar, Reinf:

Attached: Det, 1st Sig Bn (TACP)
Det, 1st Serv Bn (GR)

Division reserve in assembly area to be designated.

d. 11th Mar, Reinf:

Attached: Btry C, 1st 4.5" Rocket Bn, FLEF
92d FA Bn, USA

Support attack:

1st Bn, 11th Mar G/S, Reinf 2/11
2d Bn, 11th Mar D/S, 1st Mar
3d Bn, 11th Mar D/S, 7th Mar
4th Bn, 11th Mar G/S
92d FA Bn G/S, Reinf 3/11, prepared to reinforce 6th ROK Div Arty on call.
Btry C, 1st 4.5" Rocket Bn, FLEF, G/S

e. 1st Trk Bn:

Support attack:

Co A, D/S 1st Mar
Co C, D/S 7th Mar
Remainder of Bn, G/S

f. VLO-6 support Opns.

g. Air Supt Sec, MTACS-2 support Opns.

h. Recon Co screen Div right flank by patrolling KYE-CHON river corridor to Div boundary.

x. (1) Other units operate as directed.

(2) Contact right to left.

(3) Regiments furnish liaison officers to adjacent regiment on left.

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- (4) Establish contact with adjacent units at contact points as directed by this Hq.
- (5) Coordinate advance closely with adjacent units.
- (6) Insure that no hostile forces of sufficient strength to jeopardize the safety of friendly forces have been by-passed.
- (7) On seizure of objectives, conduct patrols during daylight and darkness to locate enemy dispositions.
- (8) Refugees will not be permitted to cross the front lines in any direction.
- (9) Minimum essential vehicles will be used.
- (10) H-Hour and DOG Day to be announced. Target date is 0800 March 6.
- (11) Code name for this operation: RIPPER.
- (12) This Plan effective on order.

4. Div AdmO #4-51.

5. Annex BAKER to OpnO #7-51. Change 14 to SOL-3 effective.

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ANNEXES: ABLE - Opn Overlay to IX U. S. Corps OpnO #14
BAKER - Opn Overlay

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EUS&K	3rd ROK Div	Hq Bn (2)	Adj (4)
IX U. S. Corps (4)	1st Serv Bn	VI.O-6	Histo (6)
X U. S. Corps	1st MP Bn	1st Arm&amp; Bn	1stMarDivAdmin (7)
1st MAW	1st Ord Bn	CG	DivSurg
1st Mar (2)	1st Amph& Bn	C/S	AirO
5th Mar (2)	7th MP Bn	G-1	MT O
7th Mar (2)	1st Sig Bn	G-2	Sig O
11th Mar (7)	1st CSG	G-3	Ord O
1st Tk Bn	1st Med Bn	G-4	Sup O
1st Engr Bn	1st SP Bn	FS Coord	Engr O
6th ROK Div	Reson Co		AirSuptSec

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In the Field
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1ST MAR DIV OPN PLAN)

NUMBER.....2-51)

Map: Korea, AMS L751, 1/50,000

1. a. See current PIRs.

b. (1) IX Corps continues atk on EUSAK order to destroy enemy south of phase line BUFFALO, prepared to continue atk on order to secure successive phase lines CAIRO and IDAHO.

(2) 1st US Cav Div on left, X US Corps on right.

2. a. Div atks on IX Corps order in zone to destroy enemy south of Div phase line CALIFORNIA, prepared on Div order to continue atk to phase line BUFFALO.

b. Be prepared to continue atk on IX Corps order to destroy enemy south of phase lines CAIRO and IDAHO.

c. (1) Line of Departure: Present Front Lines.

(2) Boundaries, Objectives: Annex ABLE, Opn Overlay.

3. a. 1st Mar, Reinf:

Attached: Bn, 5th Mar (as designated by CO, 5th Mar)
Co C, 1st Engr Bn
Det, 1st Sig Bn
Det, 1st Serv Bn

(1) Atk on Div order to seize Obj CHARLIE, prepared on order to seize Obj DOG.

(2) Employ Bn, 5th Mar in Regtl Reserve.

b. 7th Mar, Reinf:

Attached: Co D, 1st Engr Bn
Det, 1st Sig Bn
Det, 1st Serv Bn

Atk on Div order to seize Objs ABLE and BAKER.

c. 5th Mar, Reinf (less one Bn):

Attached: Det, 1st Sig Bn
Det, 1st Serv Bn

Initially Div Reserve in assembly area to be designated.

d. 11th Mar, Reinf:

Attached: 92d FA Bn, USA
Btry C, 1st 4.5" Rkt Bn, FIF

- (1) 1/11, G/S, Reinf 2/11
- 2/11, D/S 1st Mar
- 3/11, E/S 7th Mar
- 4/11, G/S
- 92d FA Bn, G/S
- Btry C, 1st 4.5" Rkt Bn, FIF, G/S

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e. 1st Tk Bn:

- (1) Div control.
- (2) Provide one Co in D/S each assault regt.

f. Recon Co:

Div control.

- x. (1) Other units support opns as directed.
- (2) Contact right to left.
- (3) Ln officers will be exchanged by adjacent units.
- (4) Refugees will not be permitted to cross front lines in any direction.
- (5) Date and time of atk to be announced.
- (6) This plan effective on order.

4. See Admin Order 4-51.

5. Annex BAKER to Opn Order 7-51. Change 15 to SOL-3 effective.

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ANNEX: ABLE -- Opn Overlay

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EUSAK	1st Engr Bn	VMO-6	Hist O (6)
IX US Corps (4)	1st Serv Bn	1st ArmdAmphBn	1stMarDiv Admin (7)
X US Corps	1st MT Bn	CG	Div Surg
1st Cav Div	1st Ord Bn	ADC	AirO
2d Inf Div	1st AmphTracBn	C/S	MTO
1st MAW	7th MT Bn	G-1	SigO
1st Mar (2)	1st Sig Bn	G-2	OrdO
5th Mar (2)	1st CSG	G-3	SupO
7th Mar (2)	1st SP Bn	G-4	EngrO
11th Mar (7)	Hq Bn (2)	FS Coord	AirSuptSec
1st Tk Bn	Recon Co	Adj (4)	SenAdvisorKIC
			Ln Officers (3)

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1ST MAR DIV OPN PLAN)

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Map: REF A AMS L751, 1/50,000

1. a. (1) See Current PIRs.
(2) Intelligence Study L-51 (issued separately).
- b. (1) IX Corps attacks on order to destroy enemy south of the general line WYOMING.
(2) 6th ROK Div on left, X U.S. Corps on right.
2. a. (1) On Corps order, Div (-1st Mar) relieves 1st Cav Div in zone.
(2) Atk at H-hour, D-day to seize Objs south of phase line QUANTICO and WYOMING; prepared to continue attack to destroy enemy south of general line WYOMING.
- b. (1) Line of Departure : KANSAS LINE.
(2) Boundaries, Objectives: Annex ABLE, Opn Overlay.
(3) D-day, H-hour; to be announced.
3. a. 5th Mar (less 1 Bn) Reinf, (Det Serv Bn, Det Sig Bn attchd).
(1) On order, relieve 8th Cav Regt in zone.
(2) Atk at H-hour, D-day to seize Obj BAKER; prepared to continue atk on order to seize Obj GEORGE.
- b. 7th Mar, Reinf (Det Serv Bn, Det Sig Bn attchd).
(1) Reverts Div control effective on relief 1st Cav Div by 1st Mar Div.
(2) Atk at H-hour, D-day, to seize Obj ABLE; prepared to continue atk on order to seize Objs EASY and FOX.
- c. 1st KIC Regt.
(1) On order, relieve 7th Cav Regt and elms 8th Cav Regt in zone.
(2) Atk at H-hour, D-day, to seize Objs CHARLIE and LOG; prepared to atk on order to seize Obj HOW.
(3) On seizure Obj LOG provide security for dam at CT 932188.

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d. 11th Mar, Reinf (Btry C, 1st 4.5" Rkt Bn, attachd)

- (1) 1/11, D/S, 5th Mar
- 2/11, D/S, 1st KMC Regt (Upon reverting control 1st MarDiv)
- 3/11, D/S, 7th Mar
- 4/11, G/S
- Btry C, 1st 4.5" Rkt Bn, G/S

(2) 17th FA Bn reinforces fires 11th Mar.

e. 1st Bn, 5th Mar in Div reserve general vicinity CT 8106, provide security Hojin Bridge. CT 819059.

f. 1st Mar, Reinf (2d Bn 11th Mar, Co A, 1st Tk Bn, Det Serv Bn, Det Sig Bn attachd).

- (1) IX Corps reserve, vic HONGCHON.
- (2) On reverting Div control move on order to position to be designated.

x. (1) Other units support opns as directed.

(2) Contact right to left.

(3) Employ active and passive AT measures consistent with mission. Upon seizure Objs on Line WYOLING regiments submit AT defense plans to this headquarters.

(4) BIs to be promulgated later.

4. See Admin Order 6-51.

5. a. Change #19 to SOL-3 effective.

b. Units will not utilize or molest commercial communications facilities without prior clearance by IX Corps Signal Officer.

c. Command Posts:

- (1) Div: CS 913865
- (2) Others: to be reported.

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ATTN: ABLE - Opn Overlay

APPENDICES: Appendix 1 to Annex ABLE

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