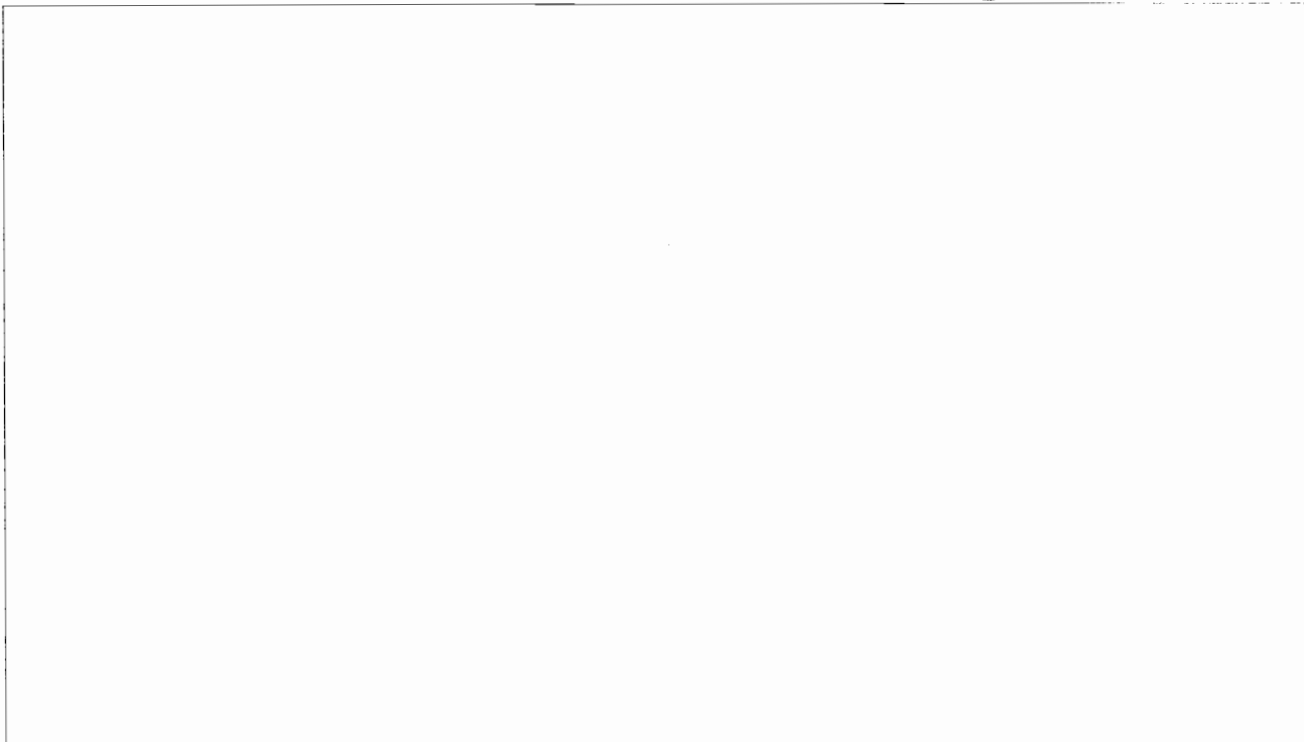


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2. Personnel and equipment status of North Korean east coast corps reported:

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Preliminary field analysis of a recently intercepted North Korean message indicates that the four North Korean corps in the eastern sector are at 70 percent of their authorized personnel strength of 113,000 and possess almost 100 percent of authorized mortar strength. Shortages in ordnance are seen in artillery, which has only 50 percent of authorized strength, and in a lack of automatic weapons. Almost 25 percent of the individual small arms now in use are "cavalry rifles."

Comment: The extent of rehabilitation accomplished in these once-declimated North Korean corps has been noted before. Recent UN contact with these units points out in addition a relatively high degree of combat efficiency. The "cavalry rifle" mentioned is probably the Soviet M-1938 carbine.

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