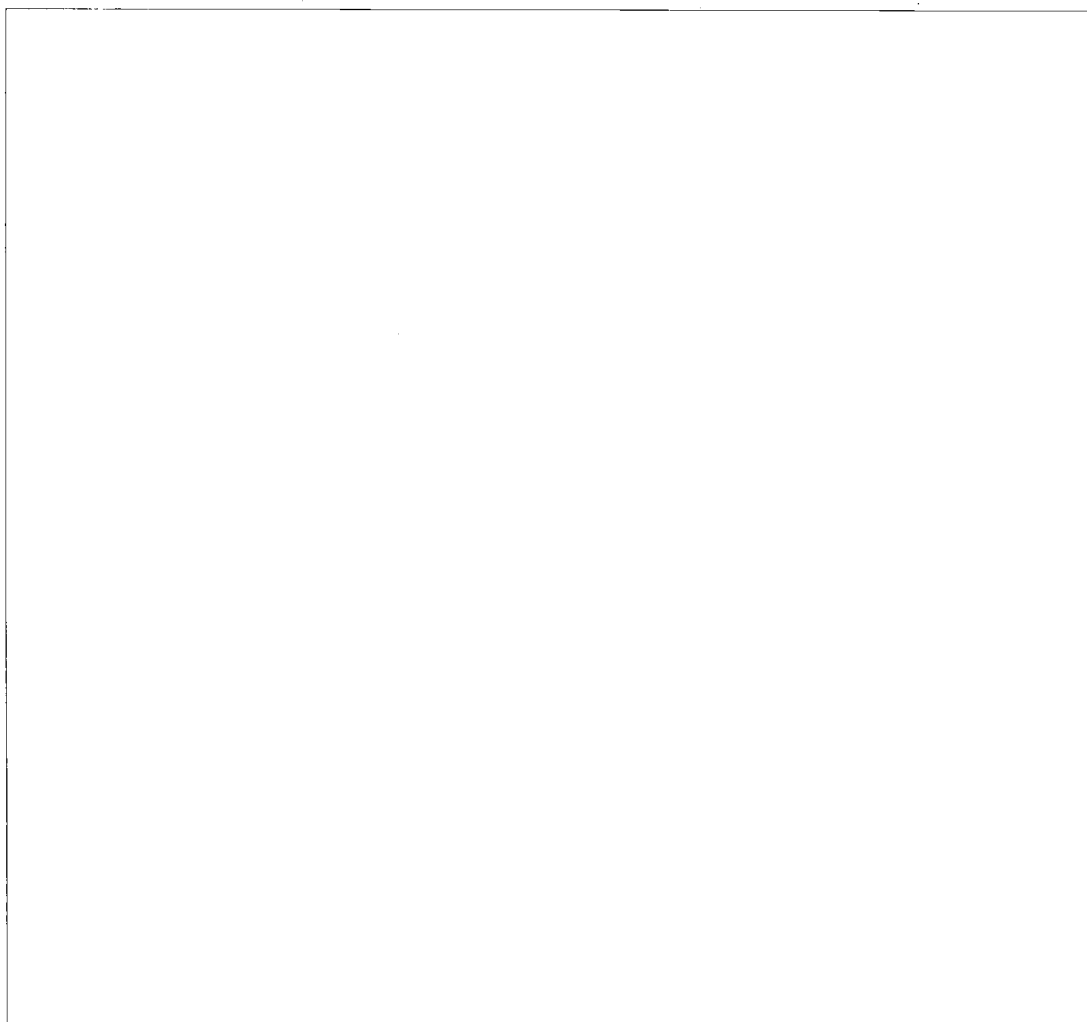


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- 3. KOREA. Food situation of North Korean battalion stated:  
A North Korean battalion commander's message on 8 March states that 34 kilograms of cleaned rice and 30 kilograms of wheat, "one day's ration of 180 persons," had been

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requested and refused by a supply unit, and "it is difficult to serve food from 10 March." (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, SK-H-301, 10 Mar 52)

Comment: It has been generally believed that the enemy units were supplied with about one kilogram of food per day per man. This message, however, indicates that only one-third of a kilogram of grain--the bulk of the Communist diet--was to be supplied.

4. Chinese Communist unit reports shoe shortage: A Chinese Communist message on 4 March to an unidentified division commander from one of his subordinate regiments indicates that 90 percent of the men in one of the regimental units do not have shoes. The originator requests that "the commander issue....many shoes to alleviate the unprecedented critical need." Another Chinese Communist message, possibly from the same organization, however, says that except for the 20th artillery regiment, all "the others" have received their allotment of cotton shoes. (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, K-1350 and K-1368, 9 Mar 52)

Comment: The Communist supply situation has been generally good during the past months. This is probably an isolated incident.

5. CHINA. [redacted] Messages of MIG-15 flights from Tatungkou, on the Yalu River, have not been intercepted since 20 February, [redacted]

The US Air Force comments that the Russian operated ground-controlled-intercept nets in Korea on which Chinese units have operated reveal no significant decrease in jet sorties into Korea in recent weeks. (SUEDE Air Force Roundup 49 2049Z, 10 Mar 52)

Comment: [redacted]

[redacted] remained the only combat field from which flight reports were consistently intercepted.

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