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3. Chinese Communist rear area units continue forward displacement: The Chinese Communist 21st Artillery Regiment, attached for operations to the 203rd Chinese Communist Infantry Division in eastern Korea, requested its parent 7th Artillery Division to supply additional communications equipment, including wire, because of "orders received from the infantry relative to the deployment of positions, there will be a re-deployment forward" The message continued that "depending on circumstances each battalion and company will also create from one to two observation posts that they may exercise effective control over their fields of fire. Thus we may correct and adjust to affect slaughter of enemy troops."

On 4 April, the supply unit of the 7th Artillery Division received orders to move. One supply installation was to displace rearward to the Yangdok area, a major Communist supply center. The new location of the unit's other major supply installation was not given.

On 6 April, however, headquarters of the 7th Artillery Division ordered this supply unit to the effect that "At present, you can not . . . but you can . . . move forward . . . before you move, please search your area for any scrap lumber and bring it with you."

An 8 April message indicated that the 7th Artillery Division's hospital was also moving forward. (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, K-2161, 12 Apr; K-2154, 11 Apr; CINCFE, Tokyo SIB 481, 12 Apr 52)

Comment: These messages indicate clearly that a re-deployment is being undertaken by major elements of the 7th Chinese Communist Artillery Division. It is not immediately evident, however, what lies behind this action. In the case of the 21st Artillery Regiment, the move may only reflect its attachment to the 203rd Infantry Division. The request for wire and the establishment of additional observation posts would seem to point to a continued static role for this unit.

4. North Korean Air Force unit near Pyongyang has equipment arrival deadline: An 11 April North Korean Air Force message from an air unit near Pyongyang to headquarters at Sinuiju reported that "the 'pe pe u' (probably communications equipment) must be . . . by the 20th." (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, 15RSM/10669, 13 Apr 52)

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Comment: While the unrecovered portion of this message precludes accurate analysis, the enemy has established a number of deadlines for movement, supply functions, and other military activities during the period 15 to 20 April.

5. Acute shortage of work animals suggested in North Korean message: An unidentified North Korean battalion commander complained in an 11 April message that "even a small cattle, which can barely till (the soil), costs 60,000 to 70,000 won in the market price. Most of the cattle, which appear in the market, have wounds in their necks. We can see very few cattle, which are fat and without wounds, out of all the cattle assembled in the market." (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, SK-I-318, 12 Apr 52)

Comment: The controlled pre-war price of a good work ox in North Korea was about 12,000 won. During the brief period of UN occupation in November 1950, the price on the free market rose to 20,000 won. During the summer and fall of 1951, cattle prices apparently reached the level reported above, although the controlled price is still believed to be about 15,000 won.

The ox is almost as vital to the Korean agricultural economy as rice. The acute shortage of work animals indicated in this message, coupled with the extreme shortage of farm labor, adds another burden to the suffering civilian population.

6. New night fighter unit, probably jet-equipped, active over Korea: The Russian-voice ground-controlled intercept net reveals that an additional night fighter unit, probably jet-equipped, appeared over Korea on 29 January. The Air Force believes that this new unit is associated with the conventional LA-11 night fighter unit at Anshan, under the command of Efimov. Since these LA-11's are still active, the jet aircraft in the new unit may augment rather than replace the LA-11's. (SUEDE Air Force Roundup 71, 11 Apr 52)

Comment: LA-11 fighters under Efimov have been flying night patrols and intercept missions over Korea since the fall of 1951, when they were the only identified enemy night fighter unit. Efimov has also led flights of MIG-15's at Anshan. During March UN planes observed jet fighters on several evenings.

Another Russian, "Kuteszufu," perhaps an assistant or replacement for Efimov, was noted for the first time on 10 April as leader of eight "allied" MIG-15's at Anshan.

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7. Chinese jet division still at Mukden: A message of 4 April from Mukden to Peiping reported the 3rd Air Division's tower wave length and its call sign. (SUEDE 686, Mukden-Peiping, 4 Apr 52)

Comment: This message suggests that the MIG-equipped 3rd Air Division is still at Mukden. Jet fighters of this division have been unobserved since mid-January when they withdrew from Antung. Chinese jet fighter divisions now in Manchuria include: the 6th, 12th and 17th, in the Antung area; the 3rd, and probably the 4th, in the Mukden area.



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