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4. Chinese artillery division meets two months' supply goal:
The supply element of the 7th Chinese Communist Artillery Division in east-central Korea informed the supply elements of subordinate artillery regiments on 7 June that "since our division has exceeded Volunteer Army Rear's . . . basic allotment, the detachment will, therefore, stop issuing. . . We will inform you when shipments can be resumed." (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, K-3667, 9 June 52)

Comment: In late May the 7th Chinese Communist Artillery Division and other enemy units were ordered to stockpile a two months' level of fuel, ammunition and rations by 15 July. This supply effort may have been a preparation for floods due to the summer rains, as suggested in earlier messages, rather than any significant increase in preparation for offensive operations.

5. Communist armor continues to arrive in western Korea:
An unidentified North Korean unit, probably an element of the IV Corps in western Korea, reported on 5 June that "16 (self-propelled guns?) were unloaded at Sukchon and 26 vehicles will get to Sukchon on the night of June 5."

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On 7 June, another message, possibly sent by the same unit, reported that "the 16 (tanks?) that were at Opa-kul were . . . unloaded. . . in the morning of 7 June. . ."
(SUEDE 15th RSM Det 1 Korea 15RSM/13982, 6 June; ROK Int Grp M, Korea Retranslation of SK-K-10907, 8 June 52)

Comment: Possibly both messages refer to the same shipment of armor, either tanks or self-propelled guns. While not a significant amount of armor, these arrivals indicate the continued flow of heavy equipment into North Korea.

6. Paratrooper training in Manchuria: IL-12 transport number 39 was to fly on 9 June from Changchun to Harbin, in central Manchuria, "to assist parachute jumping." The field reporting unit comments that this aircraft has been used for jump training at several locations in China. It was last noted arriving at Changchun on 24 May. (SUEDE 6920 Security Group Johnson AB Japan, AP-167, 9 June 52)

Comment: Reports of jump training in Manchuria have been infrequent. Most of the paratrooper training noted in Chinese messages has been at Kaifeng, in the Central-South District. Although no Chinese airborne units have been identified or are known to exist, some 25,000 soldiers are believed to have received some paratrooper training.

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