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6. Cryptic message suggests major North Korean movement:
A 7 July message passed over a North Korean tactical net, possibly used by elements of the V Corps in the Hamhung area, stated: "the corps is. . . March must be continued at night. Let me know when they leave." (CANOE 15RSM/70 Korea, 8 July 52)

Comment: While having no positive intelligence value due to its cryptic nature and unidentifiable source, this message is a further slight indication of the current shifting of units and changing of duties noticed among North Korean units in the rear areas of the east coast.

7. Another North Korean armored move to east coast suggested: An unidentified unit informed North Korean Armored Forces Headquarters on 5 July: "the transfer time's march, for the 107th unit from Chongju to the 10th Sagu station, is well understood. . ." (CANOE 330 Comm Recon Co Korea, ALT 946, 6 July 52)

Comment: The "transfer" referred to is from the Chongchon River area in northwestern Korea to an area northeast of Hungnam. Messages passed on the North Korean Armored Forces network have made frequent mention of units in the 101 to 110 series, with the implication that these are regimental-size units.

At least one North Korean armored regiment is currently located just southwest of Wonsan, and it is probable that at least two other armored battalions are in the Wonsan and Hamhung area.

8. North Korean antiaircraft artillery regiment reaches northeastern interior: The commander of the North Korean 24th Antiaircraft Artillery Regiment informed the 21st AAA Regimental commander on 5 July that the 24th had arrived at Sinbukchong. (CANOE 15RSM/15907 Korea, 8 July 52)

Comment: This new location for the North Korean 24th AAA Regiment is west of Tanchon in northeastern Korea. The regiment was previously located in the Hamhung-Wonsan area, where it was recently activated.

This movement away from the battle lines has been detected recently in other North Korean units in the northeast. As yet no firm conclusion can be reached as to the significance of these still tentative moves.

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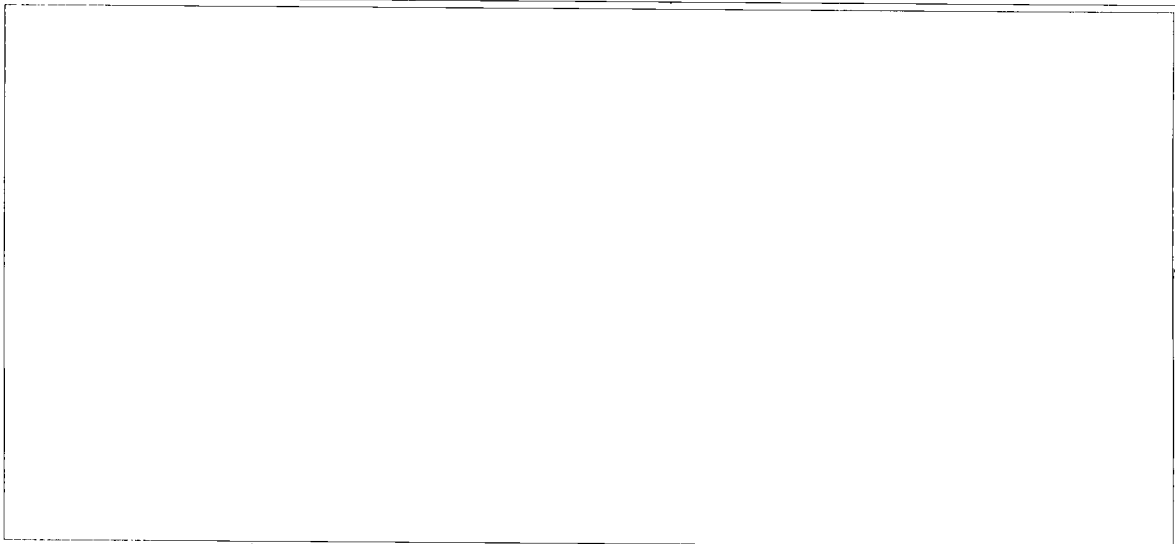
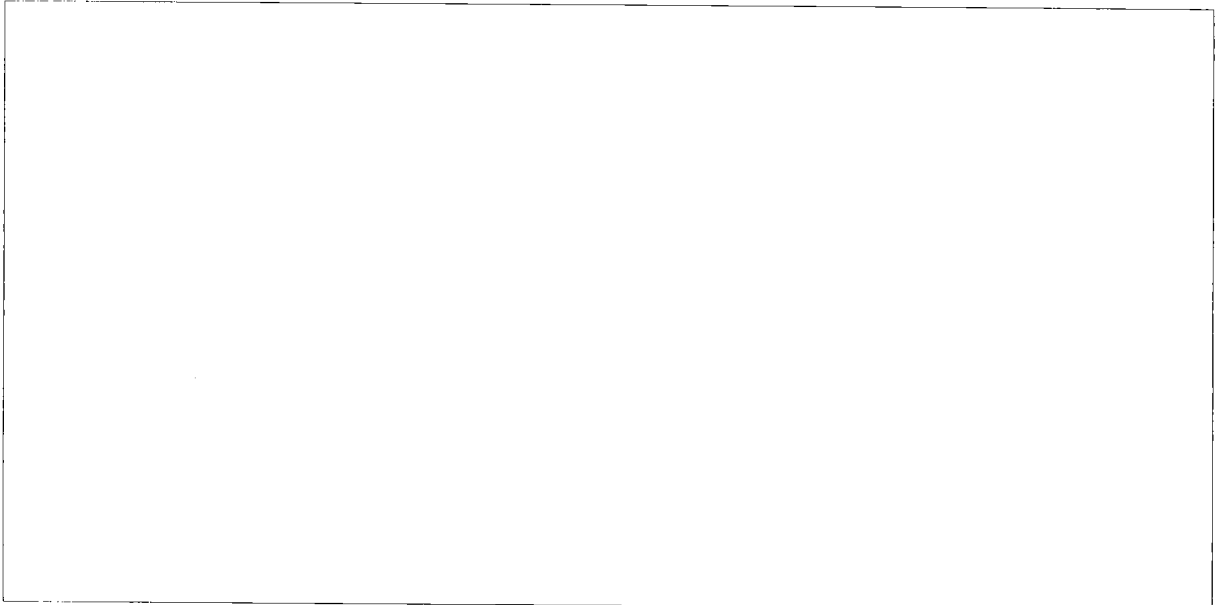
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9. Lack of discipline noted in North Korean unit: The Chief of Staff of the North Korean 23rd Brigade on 8 July asked for a report on the personnel of a subordinate battalion who had illegally taken the "nation's property." The message intimated that the property was ammunition and weapons which had been seized despite the fact that there was no "enemy" activity. (CANOE 330 Comm Recon Co Korea, ALT 998, 8 July 52)



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