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4. Communist armored units reportedly entering Korea:

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[redacted] new major Communist armored units have arrived in Korea. [redacted] states that a "special mechanized brigade" trained in Tungwha, Manchuria and equipped with 60 tanks and 60 self-propelled guns entered Korea in late April. [redacted]

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Chinese Communist mechanized corps, equipped with 400 T-34 tanks and 200 self-propelled guns, arrived in Korea in late April, while [redacted] 150 "Soviet" tanks moved southward into the Parallel region in early May.

Comment: While this information remains unconfirmed, it may refer to the possible movement of an additional North Korean armored unit, equipped with 50 to 100 tanks, into North Korea from a Manchurian training area. Despite frequent reports that Chinese Communist units are equipped with Soviet armor, the presence of such units in Korea has not been confirmed.

As of early April, the US Far East Command estimated that the North Korean Army had from 150 to 175 tanks, primarily in western Korea.

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