Training scheduled for North Korean armored personnel through September. A component of North Korean Armored Forces Headquarters instructed an unidentified subordinate armored unit in a 29 June message that "a special drill for machine-gunners of self-propelled artillery and tanks will be carried out from 1 August to 30 September. . ." (CANOE ROK Int Grp M, Korea, SK-K-740, 30 June 52)

Comment: While far from definitive, this message gives further evidence of the low state of training in the newly-constituted North Korean armored forces. The scheduling of training this far in advance may indicate that no use of this North Korean armor is contemplated until at least September.
6. North Korean tank unit to operate with Chinese: In a 29 June message from North Korean Armored Headquarters to a subordinate armored unit it was stated that the "103rd unit is going to coordinate with the Volunteer Army, but you must wait for further information." (CANOE 15RSM/15539, Korea, 30 June 52)

Comment: This message suggests planning for a North Korean armored unit to coordinate with a Chinese infantry unit. There is no indication whether this "coordinated" action will be in combat or in rear-area training.

7. Soviet adviser to North Korean armored unit reports training progress: On 1 July "Najarenko" at a North Korean armored unit connected with tank and self-propelled artillery training advised "Tulov" at North Korean Armored Headquarters that "the training is in progress according to the schedule." (CANOE 15RSM/14647, Korea, 3 July 52)

Comment: Both of these Soviet officers have previously been identified in connection with North Korean armored training.

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