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10. North Korean east coast defense communications system set up in early August: The principal US Army communications intelligence unit in the Far East Command reported on 14 August that an "East Coast Cooperative net" was established the previous week. This communications net consists of four stations -- East Coast Defense Headquarters, and the North Korean I, V and VII Corps. Defense Headquarters still reports to Navy Headquarters in Pyongyang.

The field unit observes that the establishment of such a net reveals an attempt to achieve command coordination among the corps charged with guarding the extensive coast line. (CANOE Japan Special Intelligence Bulletin 564, 19 Aug 52)

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Comment: The inclusion of I Corps, which has two divisions in combat with UN troops in the eastern sector, apparently reflects the role of the North Korean 8th Division, charged with coastal security south of Wonsan.

The establishment of this command network is a further indication of the enemy's preoccupation with his vulnerable coast line.

11. Political activities preoccupy North Korean military: During the past few weeks intercepted messages from North Korean tactical units have indicated that considerable attention is being devoted to internal political activity.

Typical of these is a message from the North Korean 21st Brigade scheduling elections of Labor Party cell officials in various companies during late August and early September. In an antiaircraft artillery regiment on the east coast, a "general meeting of the Democratic Youth League's junior organization" is scheduled for 29 August. New members are to be inducted at many of these meetings and "self-criticism" will be undertaken. (CANOE 330th Comm Recon Co Korea, ALT-032, 24 Aug; 330th Comm Recon Co Korea, [] T275, 24 Aug 52)

Comment: While this political activity is in no way unusual, it may reflect an effort on the part of the enemy to expand the party organization in military units and, at the same time, to tighten party discipline.

12. Major North Korean unit has "amphibious" unit: In a 23 August message passed by a major North Korean unit subordinate to the west coast security IV Corps, a battalion commander reported that Labor Party cell members were to be elected on 7 September in the "amphibious company." (CANOE 330th Comm Recon Co Korea, [] T275, 24 Aug 52)

Comment: Probably the reporting unit is the North Korean 23rd Brigade, which has carried out the bulk of Communist amphibious operations against UN-held islands off western Korea.

13. North Korean brigade secures horses: In a 20 August message, the Chief of Staff of the North Korean 21st Brigade in the Ongjin-Yonan area ordered a unit from an infantry and an artillery battalion to pick up some horses.

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The group numbered 28, and was to meet another group which had picked up horses at Kanggye. (CANOE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, SK-M-567, 24 Aug; 330th Comm Recon Co Korea, ALT-914, 24 Aug; 15RSM/2369, Korea, 22 Aug 52)

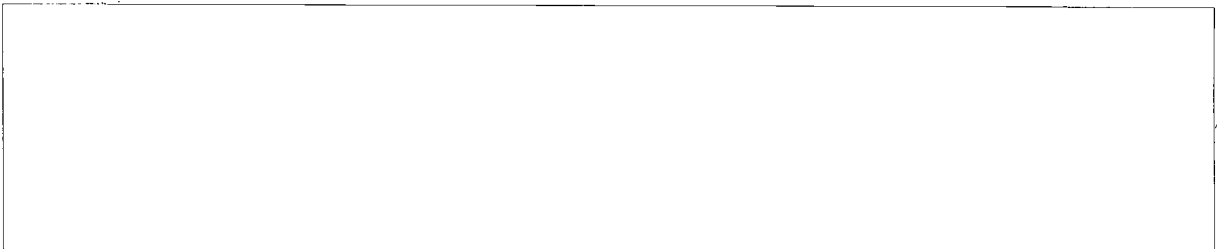
Comment: Although the number of animals is negligible, these messages indicate the existence of remount facilities in the mountainous Kanggye area of north central Korea.

14. New Chinese air division probably moving to Manchuria: A third "batch" of six MIG-15 jet aircraft of the Chinese Communist 6th Air Division moved on 26 August from Liutung on the Shangtung Peninsula to Yangtsun, near Peiping, almost 300 miles to the north. This flight followed the movement of 19 other aircraft of this division to the same airfield on 25 August. (CANOE 6920 Security Grp Johnson AFB Japan, AP 713, CHICUMSUM 1948, 26 Aug 52)

Comment: Several air transport flights have preceded this latest flight from Liutung to Yangtsun and these flights may indicate that the 16th Air Division is being transferred. Since Yangtsun has not been designated as a final destination, the division may be moving to Manchuria. The 16th Air Division is the only Chinese Communist MIG-15 division which has not yet been stationed in Manchuria.

15. Chinese front-line troops in Korea draw combat pay: An unidentified element of the Chinese Communist 20th Artillery Regiment requested a rear headquarters to report "on how much combat pay goes to each man." (CANOE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, L [] T223, 24 Aug 52)

Comment: Extra compensation in the form of supplemental daily rations for wounded soldiers has been a recognized enemy practice in Korea. This is the first message indicating that front-line troops are drawing extra pay.



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