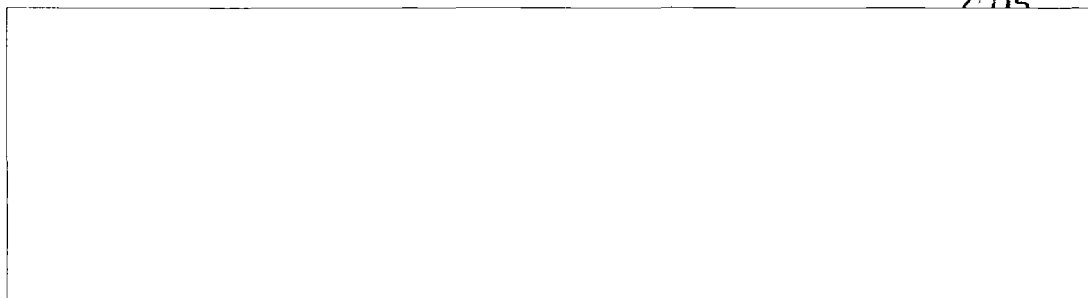


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3. Communist armies on the Korean front appear well-supplied:

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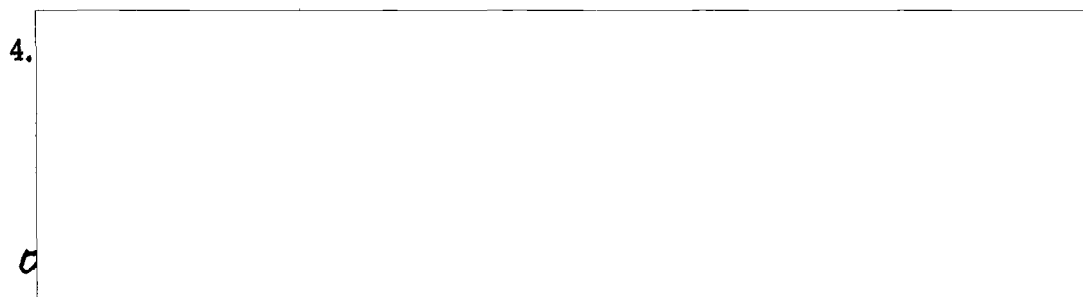
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"the determined defense, the expenditure of artillery and mortar ammunition at a relatively high rate and the physical appearance of prisoners of war testify to adequate, although not abundant, food (and ammunition) supply." Winter clothing is reported as having been partially issued to Chinese Communist forces, and North Korean prisoners report such issues are expected "in the near future."

[Redacted] although the disease rate will rise with the coming of winter, the improved supply situation should keep the enemy non-battle casualty rate below that of last winter. In a final comment, it is observed that "the estimated enemy morale and combat efficiency along the entire front ranges from good to excellent."

Comment: These observations [Redacted] are in sharp contrast to those [Redacted] commenting on the civilian supply situation in North Korea. [Redacted] tends to support the view that combat troops enjoy a high logistic priority at the expense of the civilian population.



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