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11. KOREA. North Korean VI Corps may be deactivated: A recently captured North Korean soldier reports being told that his division, the 9th, was to be assigned to the North Korean I Corps and that his old corps, the VI, was to be deactivated and its component 18th and 19th Divisions broken up. Another prisoner from the 9th Division confirmed this report of the deactivation of the VI Corps.

The Far East Command, although currently unable to accept the deactivation of this corps, attaches "much credence to this probability." The I Corps is now accepted as composed of the 8th, 9th, and 47th Divisions, while the 17th Mechanized, formerly of I Corps, and the 18th and 19th Divisions are of unidentified subordination. ([redacted] 18 Dec 51)

Comment: The most probable reason for the deactivation of this corps, if it occurs, is the need for replacements to bring still existing corps up to strength and to maintain a flow of replacements. There is considerable evidence available to indicate the inability of the North Korean Army to replace its casualties.

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