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5. Unidentified Chinese artillery unit in Korea awaits orders: On 6 April an unidentified Chinese Communist artillery unit in Korea was ordered to report daily on the enemy situation and battle results, "to dispatch a crew to select new positions and then proceed with the camouflage to prevent detection." The message concluded with "after discussions are completed at our place relative to your situation, we shall advise you by wire of our decision." (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, K-2244, 16 Apr 52)

Comment: This is another of the many recent intercepted Chinese Communist messages which have indicated an expectancy of imminent change. Its nature remains unidentified.

6. North Korean unit reports suspected BW drop: An unidentified North Korean unit in the Wonsan area reported on 14 April that "enemy planes" dropped flour mixed with arsenic. The statement concluded that "we are not sure whether it is the bacterial weapon or not." (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, SK-201422, 15 Apr 52)

Comment: This is the first enemy report of a suspected BW drop in the past three or more weeks. It is possible that this report might revive the lagging BW campaign in Korea, but it seems more likely that this is just a residual effect of the now-subsiding campaign.

7. Size and equipment of Chinese Communist artillery regiment in eastern Korea presented: The 21st Chinese Communist Artillery Regiment, attached for operations to the 203rd Chinese Communist Infantry Division, reported on 15 April that "at present our regiment has 2,305 men."

The armament of the 21st is indicated in a 13 April message from its parent 7th Artillery Division to the divisional supply installation which stated that from 1 to 10 April the "21st Artillery Regiment (fired) 204 rounds of Soviet 122 (mm) howitzer ammunition." (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, K-2253, K-2254, 16 Apr 52)

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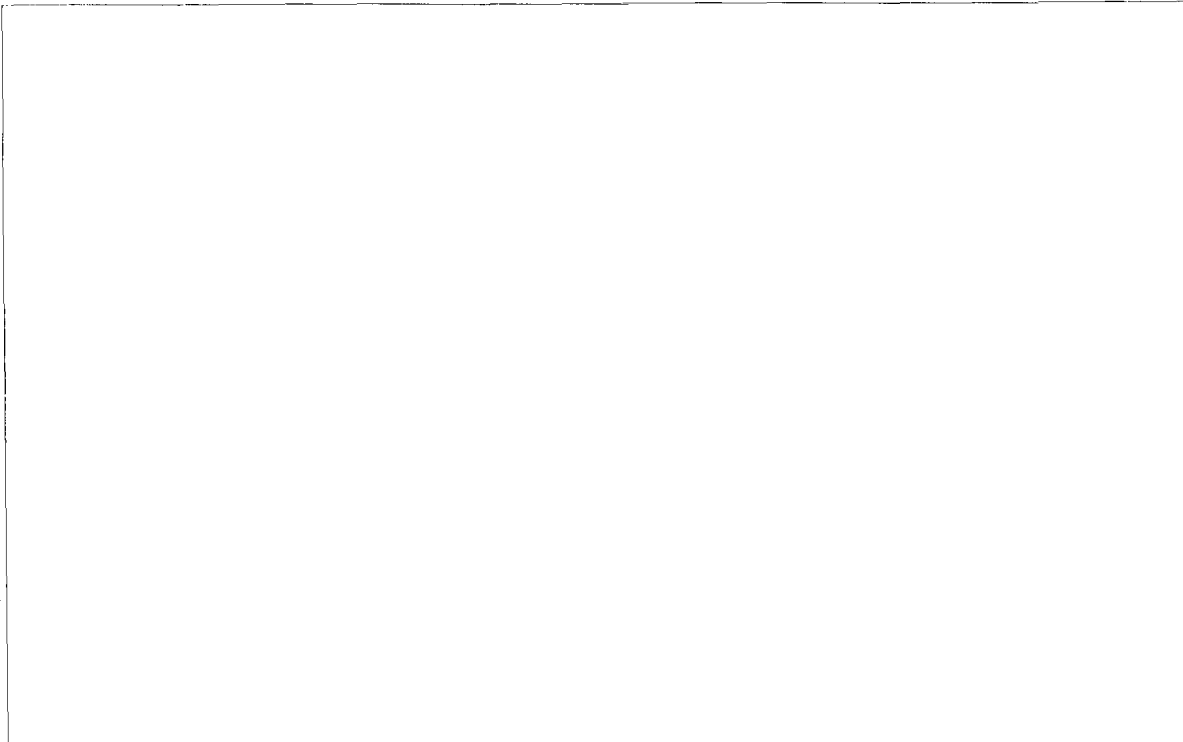
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Comment: The 21st Chinese Communist Artillery Regiment was attached for operations to the 203rd Infantry Division in early April. It may be noted that the 21st, together with the other elements of the 7th Artillery Division, received 120 gas masks in late March.

8. Organization of North Korean eastern coastal security corps given: A North Korean message on 15 April mentions ". . . the 3rd, 17th (probably the 7th), 37th Division and the 24th Brigade loaded the rice on the vehicles on the 13th." The message continues that rice for the 3rd Division was unloaded at a major supply depot southwest of Wonsan. (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, 15RSM/10817, 16 Apr 52)

Comment: This message confirms the general location and organization of the North Korean VII Corps in the Wonsan area. The unloading of the 3rd Division's rice at a supply depot responsible for supplying North Korean combat corps at the front may indicate that this division is south of the Wonsan area, possibly in a reserve capacity.



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