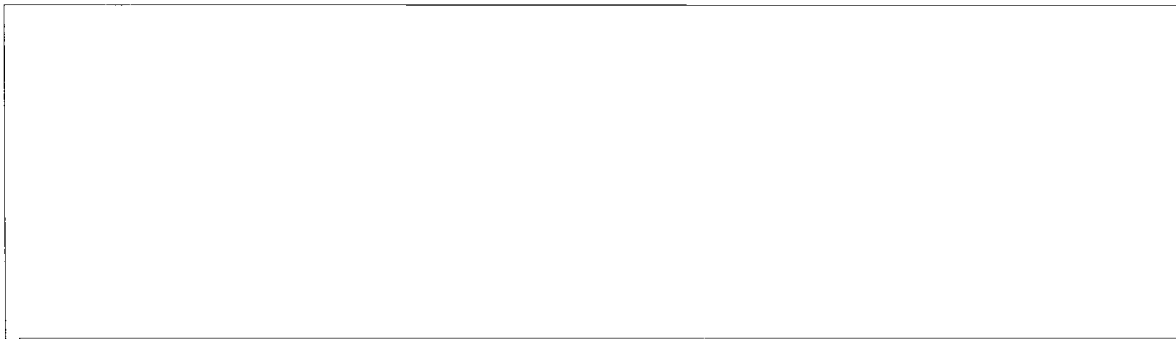




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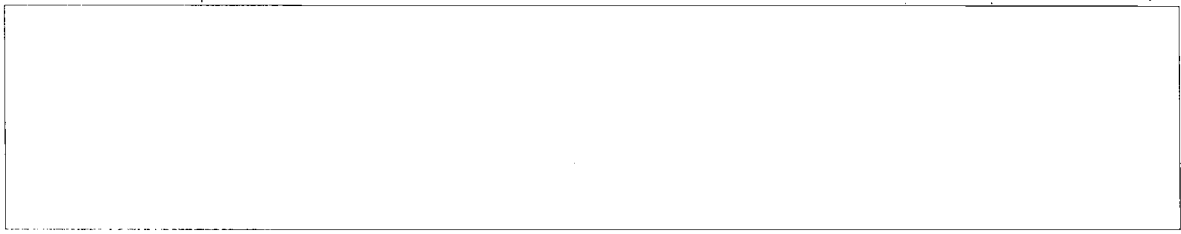
6. Future combat role for North Korean armor suggested: Four North Korean officers, including two "tank battalion technical department chiefs," were ordered on 25 April to report to an unidentified North Korean unit, possibly the 105th Tank Division. The officers were instructed to "prepare for extensive (combat)." (SUEDE ASAPAC Tokyo, [] 3246 and [] 3247, 2 May 52)

Comment: These messages are probably related to the movement into Korea in late April of tanks and self-propelled guns from Manchuria. The reference to preparation for combat is indicative of the continued aggressive position of the North Koreans, but cannot be interpreted as pointing towards imminent offensive intentions.

7. New Chinese Communist artillery regiment may be in Korea: An unidentified Chinese Communist unit on 22 April reported that ". . . all the ammunition for the 1st battalion of the 13th regiment has arrived." The message mentioned guns crossing a river and asked whether the unit should supply materials and labor for repairing seven bridges on the route from Wonsan south toward the battle line. (SUEDE ASAPAC Tokyo, 8621 AAU Spot 3400A, 2 May 52)

Comment: The 13th Chinese Communist Artillery Regiment is believed to be subordinate to the 3rd Artillery Division. It was last located at Amoy on the east China coast. There have been no indications that any elements of the 3rd Artillery Division were enroute to Korea.

Another possibility is that the 13th Artillery Regiment is organic to a Chinese Communist Army presently in Korea. Armies in the 9th Army Group are known to have organic numbered artillery regiments.



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