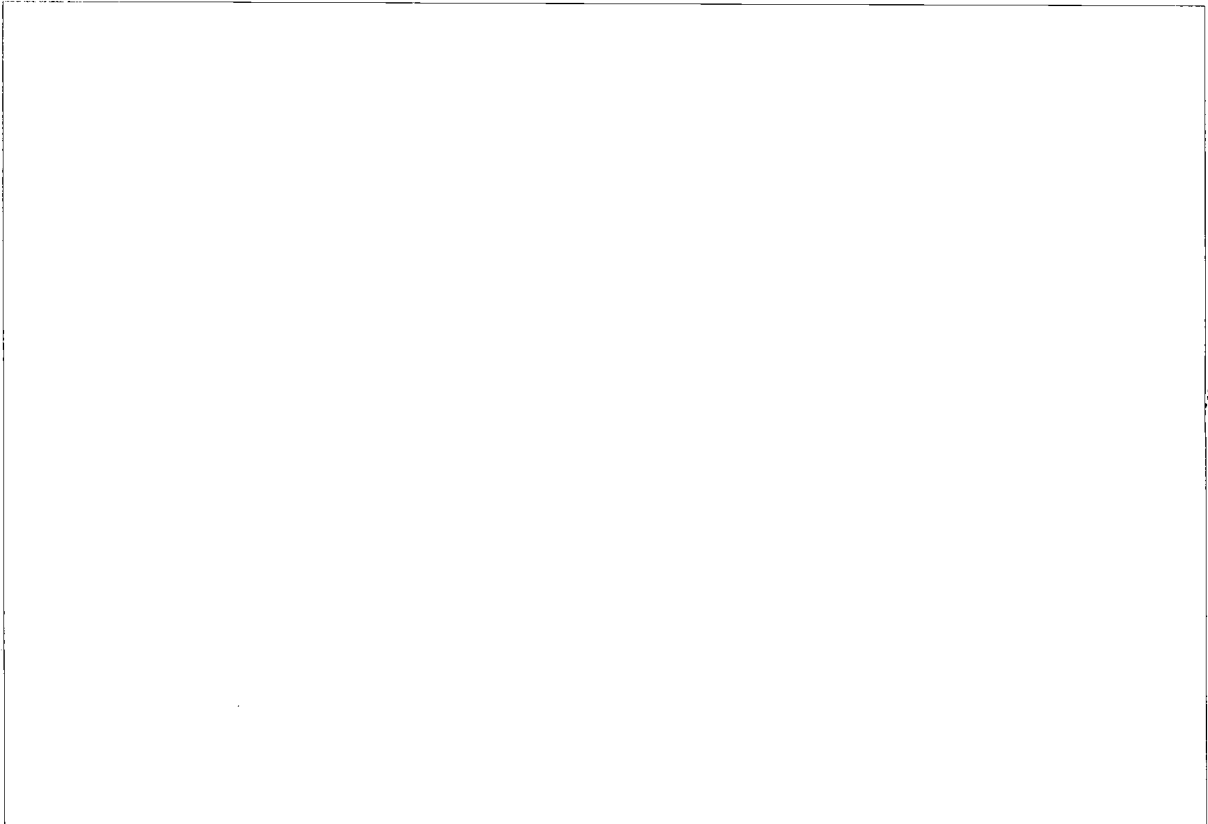


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4. Lack of political indoctrination in North Korean unit revealed: In a 16 July North Korean message, passed between two unidentified units, the originator reveals that in his command "the level of the political education is low." He points out that a clique has "centralized their power" against the political officers and is responsible for the lax political instruction. The garbled message also intimates that a number of desertions could have been prevented if there had been better indoctrination. (CANOE 501st Comm Recon Co Korea, SK-L-37, 16 July 52)

Comment: The Political Department of the North Korean Army has representatives in each unit as low as platoon level. Continuous political propaganda leveled at the UN by their officers has prevented many North Korean soldiers from surrendering.



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