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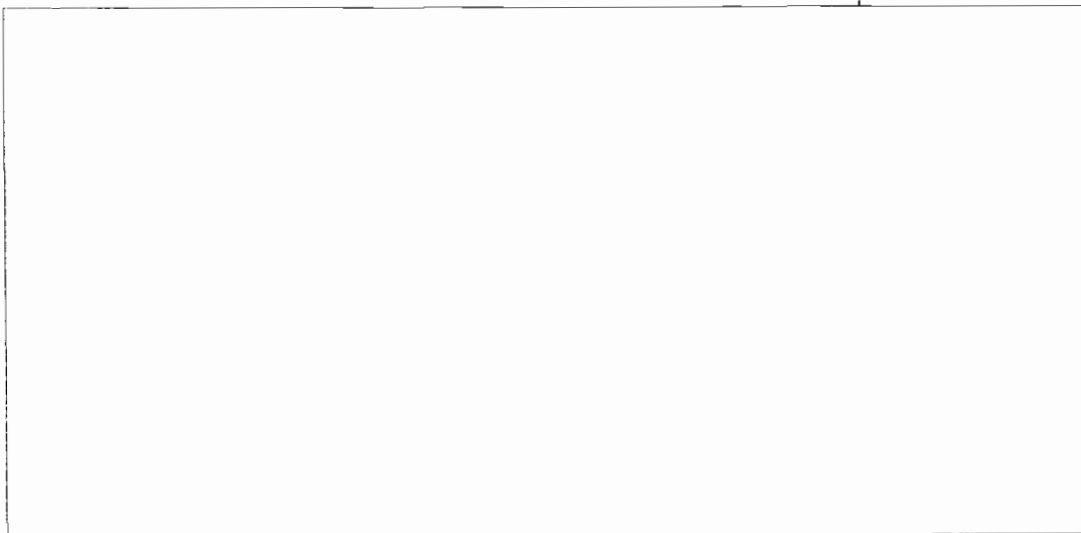
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3. North Korean infantry regiment in reserve is under-strength: On 29 July the "deputy commander" of the North Korean 83rd Infantry Regiment, 8th Division, assigned to east coast security duty south of Wonsan, reported that "we have 2,017 persons." (CANOE 330th Comm Recon Co Korea, ALT-429, 1 Aug 52)

Comment: The normal strength of a North Korean infantry regiment is 2,700 men and officers. The fact that this regiment, long in reserve, is not up to strength further indicates the generally tight manpower situation known to be facing the North Korean Army.

4. Radio transmission in North Korean Armored Command to be limited: A 2 August message from the North Korean Armored Command ordered the 208th Armored Training Regiment to discontinue "receiving and transmitting radio messages" except twice daily. (CANOE ROK Int Grp M Korea, SK-M-24, 3 Aug 52)

Comment: The great bulk of information available on the formation and status of the North Korean Armored Command has come from communications intelligence. A significant reduction of this coverage might increase the element of surprise in future enemy employment of his armored units.



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