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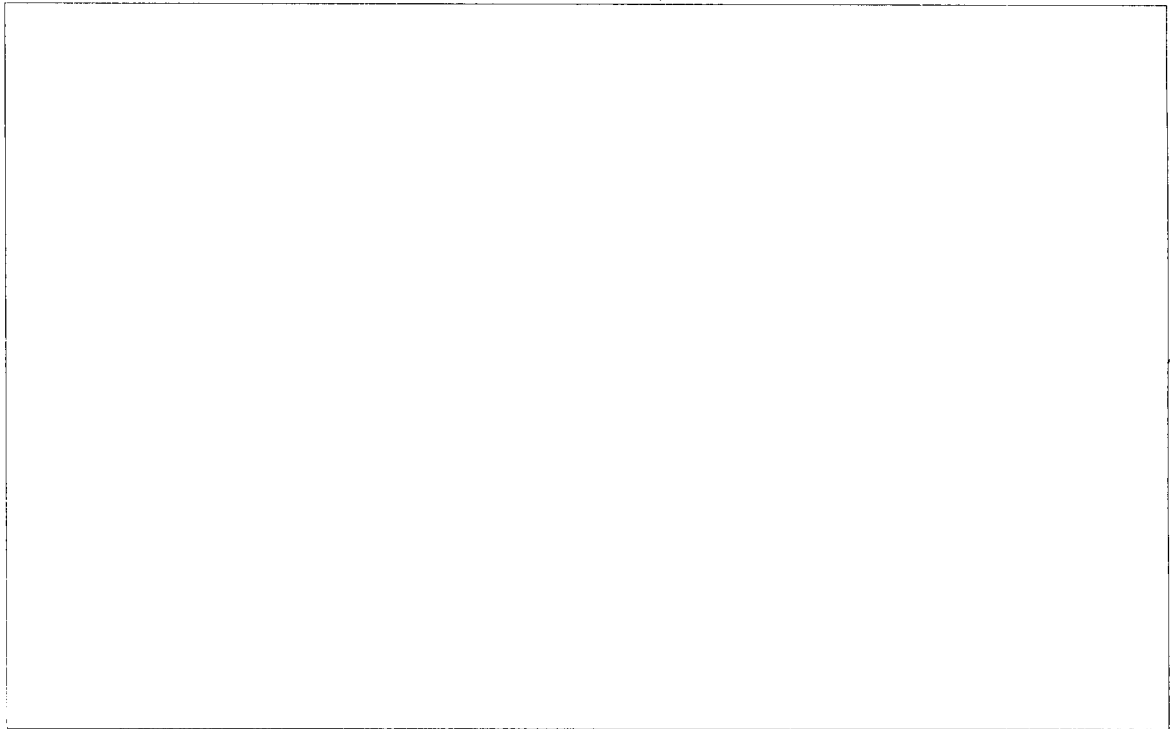
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2. Chinese prisoners taken recently are of inferior calibre:



with respect to status of training and physical appearance, the "calibre" of Chinese Communist prisoners of war taken in the current offensive has been appreciably lower than that of previously captured prisoners.

Comment: This is the first firm indication that the Chinese are now using inferior soldiery in the Korean campaign. Previous Chinese prisoners (particularly those from the 3rd and 4th Field Armies) were veterans with a considerable degree of training and a fairly high level of combat efficiency.



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