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2. Chinese captured recently in Korea report defensive mission:

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Chinese Communist prisoners of war captured in both the west-central and east-central sectors have reported that their units were assigned a defensive mission. One prisoner from the newly-identified 67th Army in east-central Korea stated that his battalion's mission was to defend for approximately one month beginning on 10 September, while a prisoner from the west-central front stated that his army -- the 42nd -- was to defend for a month until bridges in the rear areas could be repaired and the front line units resupplied. The latter prisoner stated that following this an offensive was to be launched to drive UN forces to the 38th parallel.

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