

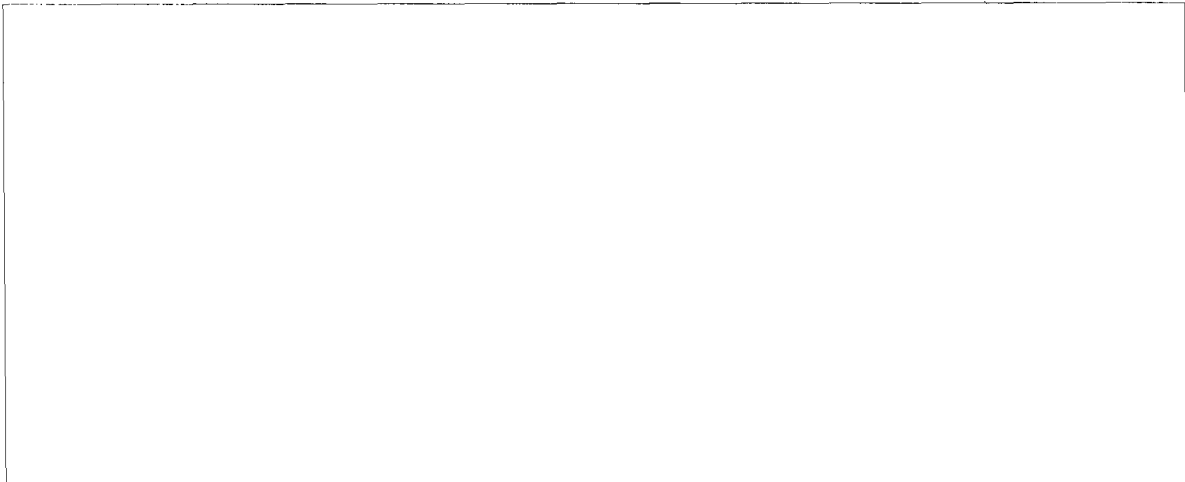
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5. North Koreans continue specialist training: A battalion commander, presumably of the North Korean 21st AAA Regiment, reported on 17 May the arrival of "forty-nine Artillery Academy graduates of big calibre, small calibre and machine gun" near Chongpyong, slightly west of Hungnam. He requested instructions as to their disposition. (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, SK-J-749, 20 May 52)

Comment: The continued training activity indicated by this message has been characteristic of North Korean armed force interest in developing its artillery and antiaircraft services.

6. Chinese division in Korea gives ammunition priority over food: An intercept of a message from a Chinese Communist unit, probably the 7th Artillery Division, said: "Please immediately stop all food shipments. No matter how you obtain it you must concentrate all efforts on the obtaining of five thousand rounds of ammunition and five hundred barrels of gasoline by the end of the month. The supply depot has already shipped three thousand of the ten thousand rounds allotted." (SUEDE 501st Recon Comm Grp Korea, K-3027, 20 May 52)

Comment: In the absence of other offensive indications, this urgent message setting a deadline for ammunition re-supply may merely indicate that this artillery division is seeking to maintain its basic load.



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