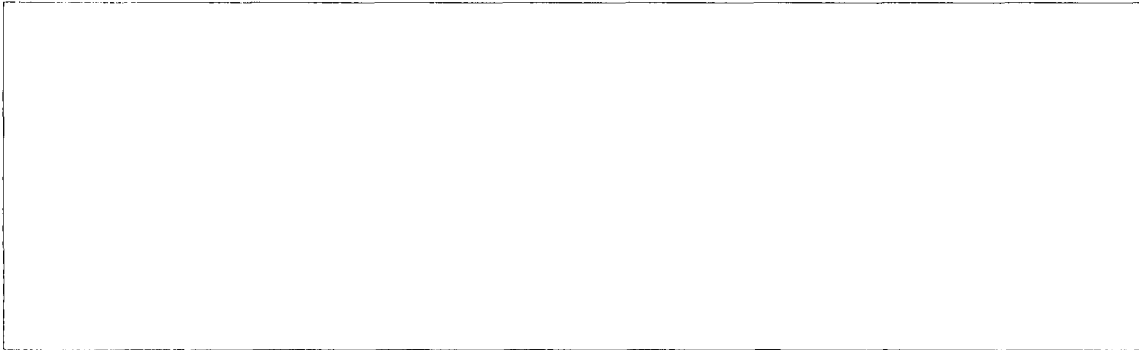


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7. North Korean naval unit reports lack of electricity in Songjin: On 16 September, the commander of an unidentified North Korean navy unit at Songjin, reporting on his current communications situation, stated that "as for the radio, electricity has been cut off continually." (CANOE L [] '91, 17 Sept 52)

Comment: US Navy reconnaissance pilots reported that on 17 September there was no activity at any of the four Kyosen hydroelectric plants which normally supply power to Songjin and other cities in both North and South Hamgyong Provinces. [] the USSR by March 1952 had installed new machinery in the Kyosen system making it more effective than before the Korean war.

8. Chinese Communist medical unit sent to front: The rear headquarters of the 21st Artillery Regiment, Chinese Communist 7th Artillery Division, stated on 14 September that it had received orders to send its complete medical unit, "with the exception of the pharmacy," to the front. The addressee then inquired if some elements of the medical unit could be retained "because there are quite a large number of units in the rear area." (CANOE L [] T-553, 16 Sept 52)

Comment: The forward movement of this medical unit of the 21st Artillery Regiment, located in the east central sector, might possibly be explained by the recent bloody fighting for "Finger Ridge" in the same area.

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9. Chinese artillery personnel in Korea to return to China for training: A fragmentary 16 September message passed between two units of the Chinese Communist 1st Artillery Division revealed that an undisclosed number of men from the division should "assemble for return to China for study." (CANOE L [] T-584, 16 Sept 52)

Comment: It is probable that these Chinese troops, possibly some from each regiment, will be sent to Manchuria for further artillery or antiaircraft artillery training. Such procedure has been noted before in communications intelligence.

10. Chinese Communist air transport regiment possibly located at Peiping: A garbled Chinese Communist message on 16 September from Manchuria implied that the headquarters of the Chinese Communist 3rd Independent Air Regiment was located at Peiping. (CANOE AF Roundup 182, 19 Sept 52)

Comment: The 3rd Independent Air Regiment was first identified as a Chinese Communist Air Regiment in August. Although many of its aircraft have been observed at other bases, this is the first indication that the regiment is based at Peiping.

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