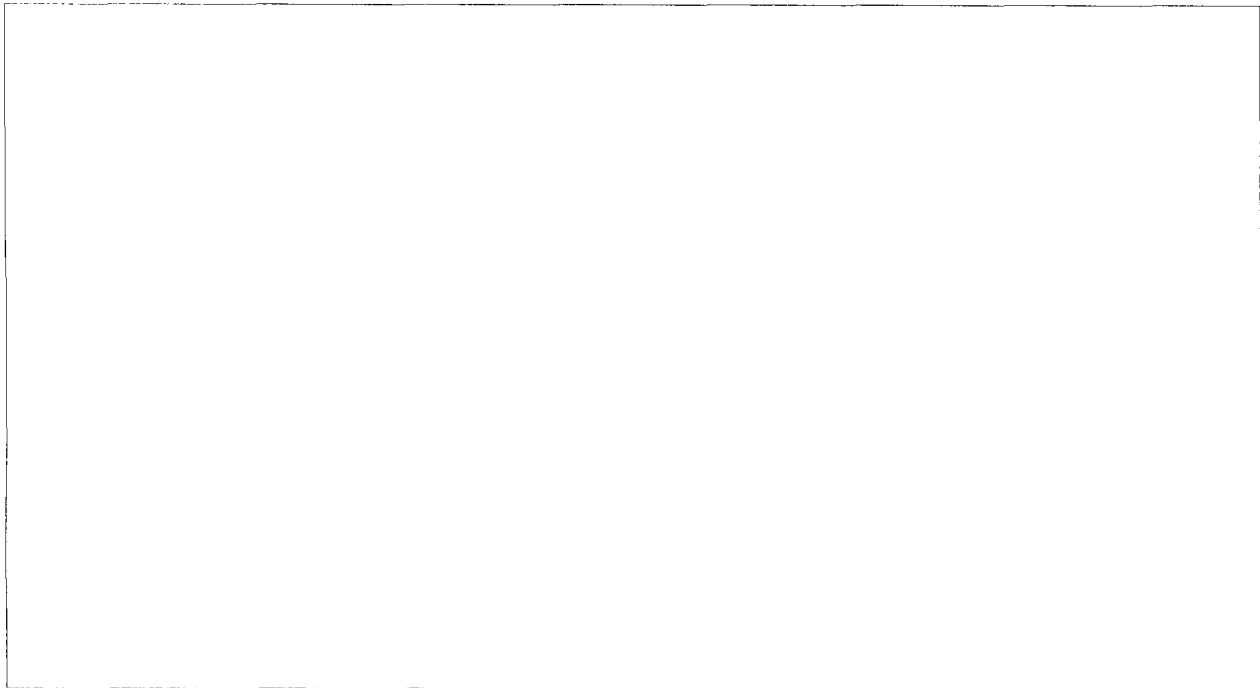


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6. Intensive enemy military activity in Korea still indicated: A 9 April Chinese Communist message, possibly from an unidentified infantry division headquarters, indicates intensive training of mobile radio operators. The message states that personnel "must learn the passwords used in attack and the code words." Another message of 13 April from an unidentified Chinese Communist unit queries, "what report is there on the mud situation as it affects the front line positions and roads?"

A 12 April message from another unidentified Chinese Communist unit relates that "at 1100 hours the bivouacking party arrived safely without incident." The message mentions a unit number which is possibly that of a regiment of the 42nd Chinese Communist Army in combat in the west central sector. (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, K-2264, 17 Apr; K-2274 and 2275, 17 Apr 52)

Comment: While all of these messages can be given routine interpretation, the bulk of current enemy traffic indicates preparations for some undisclosed type of operation.



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8. Combat division in North Korea reports supply status:
In a message to the "3rd Corps Artillery Chief of Staff," an unidentified North Korean division reports on 17 April that it has 69 horses on hand. The message also states that "fixed rations for ten days, horse feed for five days and dry grass until the end of May have been secured." (SUEDE 330th Comm Recon Co, Korea A-10090, 17 Apr 52)

Comment: This message may only refer to the unidentified unit's animal fodder, but it is significant to note that only a ten day level of rations is being maintained at division. It has previously been speculated that the enemy had built up a considerable stockpile of food and ammunition in the forward area.

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