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6. North Korean units feel loss of electric power: Messages on 27 and 30 June, [redacted]

[redacted] give an indication of the extent to which the UN's bombing of hydroelectric plants in North Korea has affected enemy units.

The earlier one noted that "as a consequence of the bombing of the power station in Hamgyong-pukto (Province) the construction can not be done." The later message stated that there was no power for transmitting messages from Hamhung further up the east coast, and concluded with the statement that there will be "no power until 20 July." (CANOE USM-35, Korea ALT-800, 29 June; 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, 15RSM/15622, 1 July 52)

Comment: It is probable that the reference to the power returning on 20 July refers to the repair of transformer stations and a reallocation of power lines to utilize electricity derived from undamaged plants.

7. North Korean west coast brigade relieves Chinese regiment: In a 27 June message, the commander of the North Korean 23rd Brigade ordered one of his battalions to "closely coordinate" its movements with those of the 564th Regiment, 188th Division of the Chinese 63rd Army. This Chinese regiment, apparently occupying the North Korean coastline in the Yonan area, west of Kaesong, is to be replaced by elements of the 23rd Brigade. (CANOE 15th RSM Korea, 15RSM/15391, 28 June 52)

Comment: Elements of the 23rd Brigade further west and north of this area are apparently being relieved by the Chinese 42nd Army.

8. New North Korean unit moving into the Kaesong area: An unidentified North Korean unit reported on 25 June that "we . . . arrived on 23 June at the Kumchon area and are resting now. The assistant military division commander will leave for Kaesong on the evening of the 24th. We will arrive at the destination on 3 July, but Supreme Headquarters said we should arrive there by 29 June. . . ." (CANOE 15th RSM Det 151 Korea, 15RSM/15401, 28 June 52)

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Comment: The North Korean 82nd Regiment, long the Kaesong Guard Force, began moving to the east to rejoin its parent division in late June.

This still unidentified North Korean unit is apparently to replace the 82nd Regiment.



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