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4. North Korean unit receives large shipments of infantry weapons: A North Korean unit, subordinate to the V Corps, sent two messages on 20 July listing the amounts of weapons and equipment which it had received. The shipments included: 132 light and 8 heavy machine guns, 12 45mm anti-tank guns, 214 rifles and some 929 boxes of "light ammunition." (CANOE 330th Comm Recon Co Korea, ALT 255 and ALT 252, 21 July 52)

Comment: This is the first time in over a year that North Korean units have received such a large shipment of basic infantry equipment.

5. Attempted poisoning of North Korean troops revealed: The commander of an artillery battalion, possibly subordinate to the 8th North Korean Division, informed his superior on 20 July that "in the troop area arsenic was put into the well." There was no "damage," but the commander stated that a search for the culprits was under way. (CANOE 330th Comm Recon Co Korea, ALT-260, 21 July 52)

Comment: Communications intelligence recently revealed that ten North Korean soldiers died from poisoned food obtained from civilians. This first incident also occurred on the east coast but farther north in the V Corps area.

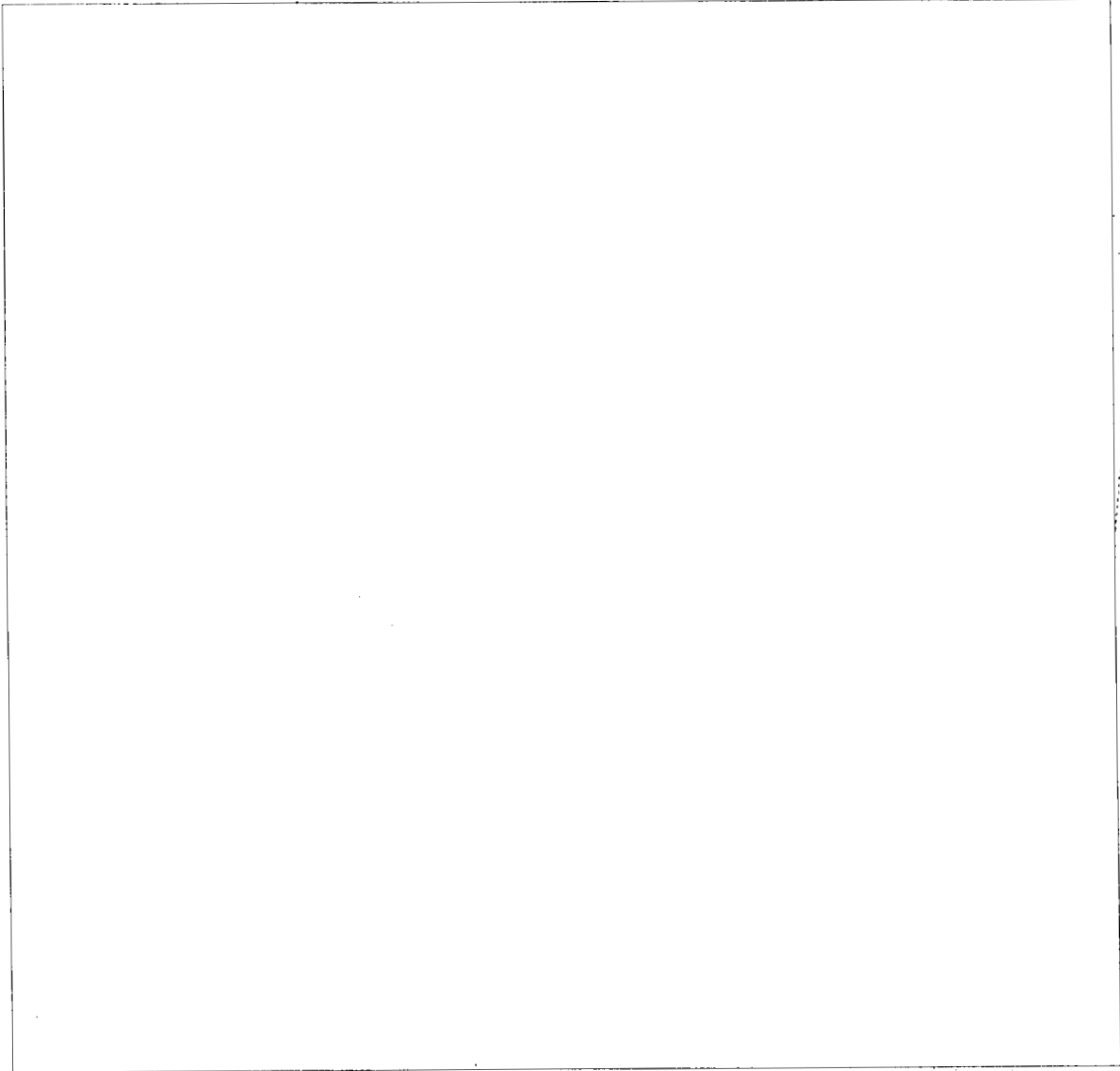
It is possible that these poisonings were perpetrated by North Korean civilians. These messages may, however, indicate ground work for further propaganda blasts charging the United Nations with using BW and CW warfare.

6. Enemy reportedly concentrates on defense of Manchurian border: Communications passed between 14 and 20 July on the Russian GCI net at Antung indicate that enemy planes continue to be more active in protecting the Manchurian border than in defending Pyongyang. When UN bombers raided Pyongyang on 10 July, 23 Communist planes were airborne. Instead of protecting Pyongyang, they concentrated on patrolling the Antung area. (CANOE Air Force Roundup 141, 22 July 52)

Comment: Russian-manned jet units in Manchuria have pursued an erratic policy in intercepting UN bombers in recent weeks. While failing to disrupt UN attacks on the

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power plants in late June and on Pyongyang on 10 July, they made a determined effort on 4 July to break up the attack on a North Korean military academy near Sakchu in northwest Korea.



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