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1. In mid-May 1953 North Korean army troops were at the following locations on Mayang-do [REDACTED]
 - a. [REDACTED] At Hill 143 one platoon of the 578 North Korean Army Unit.¹
 - b. [REDACTED] Troops in tunnel, built in zig-zag construction. The tunnel also contained a 122-mm. howitzer, M1938; billets for troops; and a ration dump.
 - c. [REDACTED] Troops in S-shaped tunnel. Tunnel also contained a 122-mm. howitzer, 122-mm. ammunition, and heavy machine guns.
 - d. [REDACTED] At Hill 179 one platoon of the 578 North Korean Army Unit.
2. There was a trench, 1.2 meters deep and one meter wide, along the shore of Mayang-do. This primary defense system was manned by one squad at every 500 meters. A secondary defensive trench system was 70 meters in the rear of the first. All the troops on the island were part of the 578 North Korean Army Unit and they were commanded by a lieutenant colonel. The soldiers were armed with PPSH's or with 7.62-mm., M1891/30, Mossin-Nagant rifles.
3. Construction of the Mayang-do defense system started in January 1953 and continued through March 1953. Labor was performed by 18 to 28 year old men and women members of the Democratic Youth League from the area between Hungnam [REDACTED] and Ch'ongjin [REDACTED] 28X1

1. [REDACTED] Comment. According to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] a 578 Army Unit has been reported as an unidentified unit attached to the North Korean 25 Brigade.

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