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1. The Korean Volunteer Corps (朝鮮義勇總隊), under the command of KIM Kun (金群), departed (? from the Port Arthur-Dairen area? from North Korea?) for Telissu (125-05, 39-48) on 29 November 1947.

2. The Corps is divided into the 1 Battalion, also known as the Self Protection Unit; the 2 Battalion, or the Demolitions Unit; and the 3 Battalion, or the Assault Unit. Each battalion has approximately 420 men. Most of the soldiers were wearing gray uniforms but many men in the 2 Battalion were not in uniform. The three battalions were equipped as follows:

- 1 Battalion: Four Chiekh's (捷克 Czechoslovakian) -type heavy machine guns with eight cases of machine gun ammunition. Six grenade launchers.
- 2 Battalion: Sixty land mines weighing sixty pounds each. Two Soviet P'ataochi (爬道机? bulldozers). Four Japanese heavy cargo trucks.
- 3 Battalion: Twelve light machine guns with 300 rounds of ammunition for each gun.

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3. A Korean Youth Army Corps of 542 men is stationed at the former Japanese Sakimizu (關水) Shrine at Lachutantun (121-41, 38-53). The members of this corps are in uniform. Daily, from 6:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m., the troops are trained in the firing of light and heavy machine guns in a nearby field. Instructors of the Corps are a Soviet Army officer named Kesulilov (Chinese phoneticization) and a Japanese named OGAWA Sadao (小川貞雄). The commander is YONG Chin-pak (永津博) who was born in Mokpo (126-22, 34-48), Korea. YONG speaks Russian and Chinese fluently.

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