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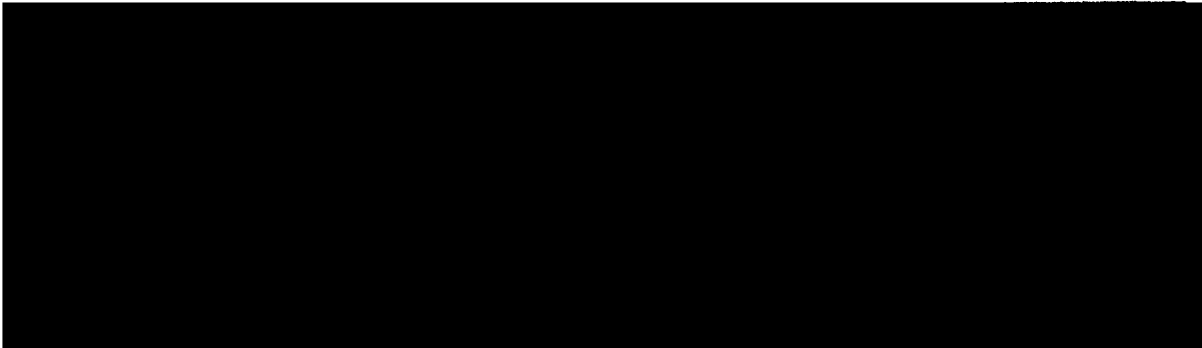
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1. On 1 July South Korean troops were holding their main positions along the Han River. Although about 100 North Korean troops managed to cross the Han and were scattered in the Kimpo-Yongdungpo area, there was no large-scale breakthrough. A force of about 500 North Koreans crossed the Han River to the Seoul Airfield* three times on 1 July, but each time was driven back across the river. The airfield is now a no-man's land; South Korean forces are unable to occupy it because of its vulnerability to artillery fire.
2. In the bridgehead area between railway and highway bridges over the Han River, about 150 North Korean troops held the flat ground at the foot of the hills opposite the bridge abutments on the south side of the river. These troops were forced back across the river by South Korean forces three times on the night of 30 June, but strong artillery and mortar fire and the lack of entrenching tools prevented the South Koreans from holding the bridgehead area, and it was occupied by the North Koreans on 1 July.
3. North Korean construction of large barges capable of ferrying tanks and trucks across the river was being carried out 1 mile east of Sobinggo (127-00, 37-32).
4. South Korean pilots at Suwon who had flown over the Han River area stated that about seven North Korean trucks, previously reported as advancing on the Suwon area, were grouped on the south side of the river, with no signs of attempting an advance. However, the South Korean G-2 continues to insist that these trucks are moving south on Suwon.
5. President Syngman RHEE is near Mokpo (126-22, 34-48). A Korean official has been sent to bring him to Taejon or to prevent his further flight.

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* Comment. It is not clear whether this refers to Kimpo Airfield, which is the main airfield for the Seoul area, or to a small airstrip on the south edge of the Han River, situated between Seoul and Kimpo.

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