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1. The 603 Reconnaissance Regiment under the direct control of the North Korean GHQ has been attached to the following units. On 25 June the regiment left Pyongyang and joined the 12 Division for the first push across the border. On 18 July the regiment was attached to the 8 Division at Chungju (127-56, 36-58); it then joined the 6 Division at Hongchon (127-54, 37-42), and finally joined the 4 Division at Kongju (127-08, 36-28). The regiment was attached to the 4 Division when source was captured.
2. The regiment was composed of four battalions, one 45-mm. battery, one company of engineers, and one medical platoon. The battalions were composed of five companies: three motorcycle companies, one 82-mm. mortar company, and one heavy machine gun company. The mortar company and the machine gun company were equipped with jeeps. The machine guns are 30 caliber. The companies are composed of three platoons of three squads each. The motorcycle squads have four motorcycles with three men on each; one man is equipped with a light machine gun and the other two with submachine guns.
3. Prior to the war the regiment was stationed at Sadong (125-48, 39-02) on the outskirts of Pyongyang.
4. The three Korean advisers of the regiment are one colonel and two lieutenant colonels, who claim to be Soviet citizens. The senior adviser is a Soviet lieutenant colonel.
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The regiment is entirely composed of Koreans, the majority of whom were former members of the Chinese Communist forces. The regiment was completely reequipped 15 days before the war. [REDACTED] that North Korea intended to liberate the south.

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