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- 1. During August and September 1951, 200,000 of the best men from various Chinese Communist field armies were concentrated in the Northeast to obtain new Soviet-made weapons. From these men was formed the Special Army Group of the Northeast, which was sent to Korea in several detachments. The commander was a high-ranking Chinese Communist military cadre member, the deputy commander was a Soviet general, and over ten Soviet officers were in the office of the chief of staff, assisting the Chinese Communist military cadres. Soviet officers, who assisted in command and planning, were also assigned to each division. This army group included four armies, the designations of which changed occasionally. Among the weapons the troops had were rockets.
- 2. Personnel of this group included 40,000 men from the 4 Field Army, of whom 2,000 were from the 42 Army. In mid-October thesewere being regrouped and equipped in Chian (126-10, 41-07).

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