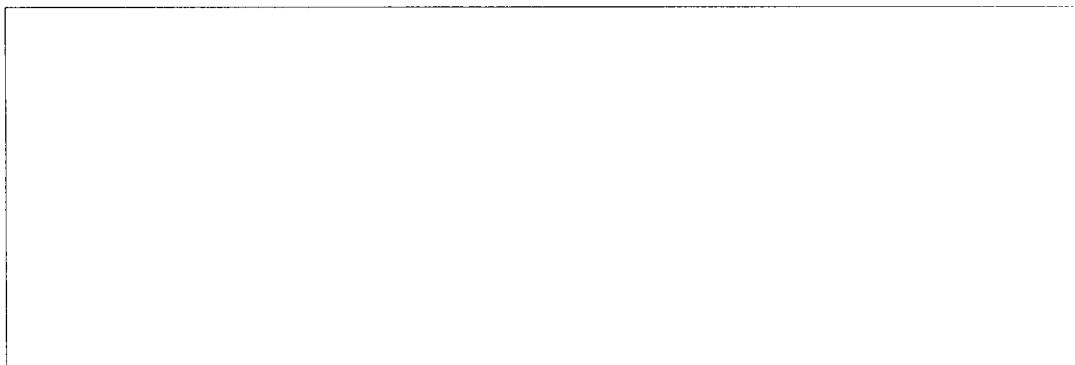


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14. KOREA. Non-Oriental troops reported manning coastal defense installations in northeastern Korea:

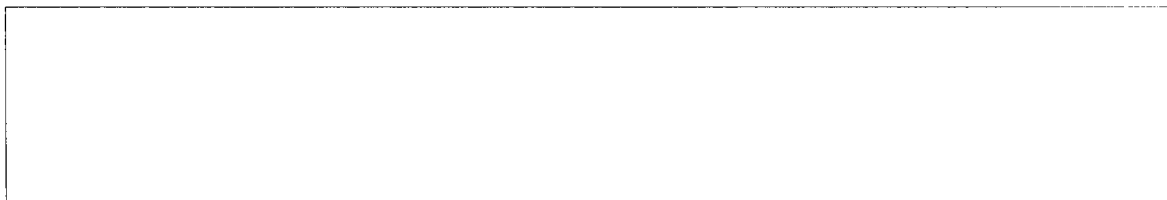
[redacted] the following about northeastern Korea:

- (1) In late August, a battalion of non-Oriental artillery troops entered the Najin-Unggi area bringing with them "heavy coast artillery and anti-aircraft guns";
- (2) Twelve Soviet 150 mm guns and other "heavy guns" were observed in Unggi harbor;
- (3) On 5 September, 600 non-Oriental troops, described as "not European, but...from the near east areas of the Soviet Union," moved by truck from Unggi to Najin. [redacted]

Comment:

[redacted] The US Far East Command, however, has previously reported that a Soviet security regiment is garrisoned there.

While only speculation, it may be recalled that this reported movement followed by only a few days the UN medium bomber raid on the town of Najin (Rashin). It is entirely plausible that the Soviet Union might choose to reinforce this strategic area against the possibility of a UN amphibious operation.



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