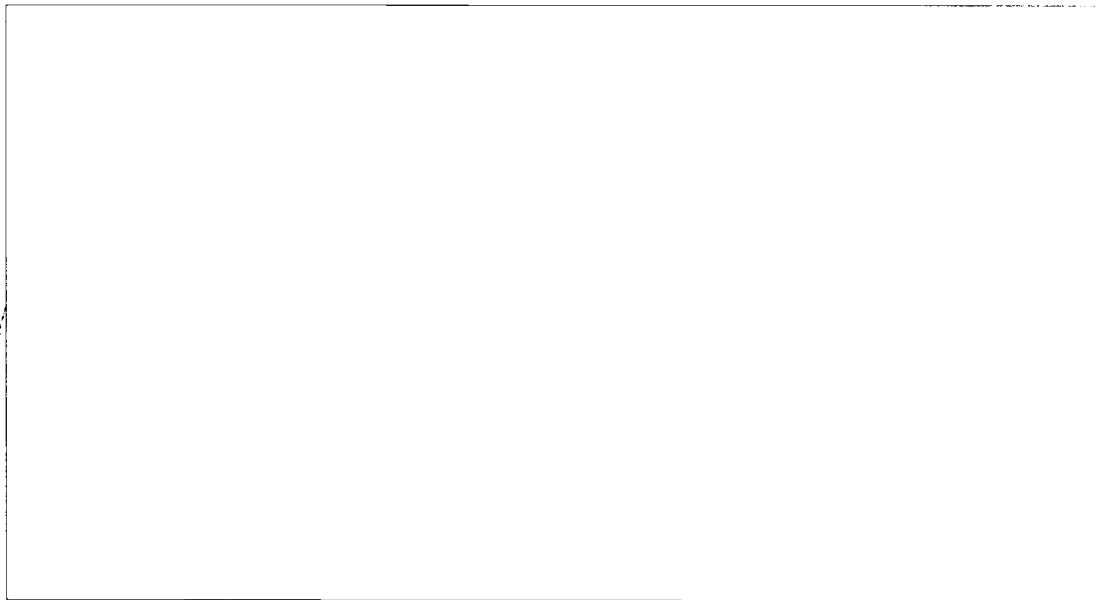


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5. North Korean VIII Corps moving from Manchuria into Eastern Korea

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On 31 January the North Korean VIII Corps began moving southward from its training area at Yenki, Manchuria. By 4 February at least 12 trains were on the east coast rail line, the lead train having reached Songjin. The Commanding General, VIII Corps, reported transportation difficulties due to enemy bombing, the move of Chinese "Volunteer Army" units on 19 January, and failure of the Chinese to provide trains as planned.

Comment: Advance reconnaissance by the Commanding General of VIII Corps on 23 January indicated that the VIII Corps had planned to locate in the Wonsan area; however, the area was already crowded with other Korean and Chinese units. At least some VIII Corps units will probably perform defense missions along the east coast.

Other messages have indicated that by 4 February the North Korean VI, VII and VIII Corps had received their allotments of artillery prime movers and that on 25 January the VII Corps also began to move from Manchuria.

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