

8. KOREA. Desertion rate worries North Korean security division: According to a preliminary field translation, the North Korean Railroad Security Division in Pyongyang notified the "security department" of its 7th Regiment in northeastern Korea that "the troops under the 7th Regiment have been deserting frequently. Therefore you will inspect the prevention method of the regiment...." (SUEDE CM IN 50657, Pyongyang-Hamhung, 4 Nov 51)

Comment: A high desertion rate appears to prevail in many North Korean rear area units. The 7th Railroad Security Regiment, which has a training as well as a security function, has been particularly hard hit.

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