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4. Chinese Communists desire details on UN tank tactics: An unidentified Chinese Communist unit, presumably an element of the 7th Artillery Division, on 30 May passed on a request from Division headquarters for a report on UN tank tactics. The report, which is to be based on a month's experience, is to include details on the total number of tanks available, utilization on the defense, infantry support tactics, and the percentage of hits registered. It is also to cover UN use of anti-tank equipment and mines. (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, K-3461, 2 June 52)

Comment: The reason underlying the request for information is not apparent. It may be speculated that the Communists plan the eventual use of tanks in this area and wish to acquire a working knowledge of UN tank tactics.

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5. "Anti-plague" team noted in front line Chinese Communist unit: The 27th Chinese Communist Artillery Regiment headquarters asked its forward command post on 2 June to check on how much of the needed medical supplies had been received and to report on "how the anti-plague soldiers sent to the front are performing their duties." Headquarters then stated that, as it had to relay information to the army anti-plague office, the forward unit should report the plague situation "once daily or once every two or three days." (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, K-3538, 4 June 52)

Comment: Recent intercepts have revealed the existence of plague and cholera among Communist troops and civilians in the rear areas of western Korea. The presence of anti-plague teams in this regiment, now on the west central front, is probably a precautionary measure to prevent the spreading of these diseases. The above message also points up the increasing importance being attached to the health problem by the enemy.

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