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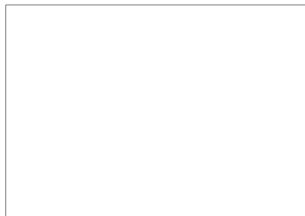
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ABSTRACT

1. This report locates and delineates the major army units subordinate to the West Infantry Division, the reserve division of the North Korean Fifth Army Group. It is based on analysis of photographic coverage from October 1972 through February 1974 and contains a location map, a photograph, and a table.

INTRODUCTION

2. The North Korean Fifth Army Group is responsible for the security of the central sector of the Demilitarized Zone and commands five infantry divisions (one held in reserve) and a medium-tank regiment. The major elements of a division are three infantry regiments, one artillery regiment, one mortar regiment, one tank company, and a headquarters area.

3. This report is the fifth in a series¹⁻⁴ on the Fifth Army Group and is designed to realign the boundaries of the existing Basic Encyclopedia (BE) point targets into BE target areas. The realignment of the BE boundaries has been coordinated with DIA and CIA analysts, and appropriate BE action has been taken by DIA. In the future, the entire West Infantry Division will be reported under the BE number now assigned to the headquarters area [redacted]. The area nomenclature and boundaries have been arbitrarily assigned for reporting purposes.

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4. Subsequent reports will follow, as time and manpower permit, on all divisions within the Fifth and Second Army Groups. Supplemental reports will follow when significant changes are observed within the reported areas.

BASIC DESCRIPTION

5. The West Infantry Division (Figures 1 and 2), a reserve division subordinate to the Fifth Army Group, occupies the west sector of the Fifth Army Group area of responsibility. The artillery regiment of this division has been split and a battalion dispersed to each infantry regiment area. A subordinate mortar regiment area and a tank company area could not be determined. The West Infantry Division area is bounded on the west by the Imjin River at 38-21N 126-53E; on the east at 38-30N 127-12E; and on the north at 38-35N 127-07E and 38-37N 126-54E. The adjacent defense sectors are: to the west, the 2nd Army Group; to the south, the Southwest Infantry Division; and to the east, the North Infantry Division. Table 1 lists the units of the West Infantry Division with their geographic coordinates and associated BE numbers. The areas listed below are keyed to Figures 1 and 2.

Ichon Army Barracks and Headquarters Infantry Division

6. This division headquarters area (area A) contains one headquarters building, two administration buildings (one large C-shaped), six barracks, one messhall, one auditorium, three vehicle storage/maintenance buildings, and numerous storage/support buildings.

Ichon Army Barracks Southeast

7. This infantry regiment area (area B) contains eight administration buildings, 54 barracks, 54 quarters, 90 barracks/quarters, four auditoriums, seven vehicle storage buildings, six messhalls, and numerous storage/support buildings.

Oktong-ni Barracks and Training Area

8. This infantry regiment area (area C) contains one headquarters building, eight administration buildings, 48 barracks, 94 quarters, 23 barracks/quarters, two auditoriums, seven vehicle sheds, eight messhalls, and numerous support/storage buildings.

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Table 1. Units of the West Infantry Division
(Areas keyed to Figures 1 and 2)

<u>Area</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Installation and BE</u>	<u>Geographic Coordinates</u>
A	Infantry division headquarters	Ichon Armv Bks & Hq Inf Div [Redacted]	38-29-20N 126-53-17E
B	Infantry regiment	Ichon Army Bks SE [Redacted]	38-28-55N 126-54-52E
C	Infantry regiment	Oktong-ni Bks & Trng Area [Redacted]	38-28-53N 127-08-00E
D	Infantry regiment	Murung-dong Army Bks East [Redacted]	38-21-22N 126-50-37E
E	Artillery regiment	Oktong-ni Army Bks NW [Redacted]	38-28-30N 127-06-00E

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Murung-dong Army Barracks East

9. This infantry regiment area (area D) contains one headquarters building, nine administration buildings, 22 barracks, 46 quarters, 97 barracks/quarters, four auditoriums, eight vehicle storage buildings, nine messhalls, and numerous support/storage buildings.

Oktong-ni Army Barracks Northwest

10. This artillery regiment consists of three battalions, one within each infantry regiment area. Area E contains one headquarters building, two administration buildings, six barracks, 53 quarters, one auditorium, four vehicle storage sheds, two messhalls, and one 4-gun howitzer battery. Area E1 contains one administration building, four barracks, ten quarters, 29 barracks/quarters, two vehicle sheds, two messhalls, and one 4-gun tunnel-served field gun battery. Area E2 contains four barracks, 12 barracks/quarters, two vehicle storage sheds, one messhall, and one 4-gun tunnel-served howitzer battery.

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