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25X1X6 2 September

1. The Communist Coastal Defense Hq which was formerly at Jihchao (119-27, 35-26) is now located at Chucheng (119-27, 35-59).

A Nationalist report of 31 August shows the Communist strength in the Chiaotung Military Zone at three strategic points. The first is in Talienyng (119-31, 36-50) area where fortifications have been built and the 9 Field Div brought from Pingtu (119-56, 36-47) and deployed in the area. A second stronghold is the Nantsun (120-11, 36-32) -Lanti (119-59, 36-35) area, protecting against a possible Nationalist drive from Chiaohsien (119-58, 36-35) north. A third stronghold is the Laiyang (120-42, 36-57) area which is fortified and heavily garrisoned.

3 September

2. Approximately 10,000 troops believed to be a portion of the Huatung Field Army are reported in the area southwest of Huimin (117-29, 37-30).

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4 September

3. Nanking has issued an order to the military command in Shantung that Chefoo be taken by 1 October. As a result Nationalist forces are being marshalled and preliminary advances being made.

The Nationalist 3, 25, and 54 Armies will participate in the Chefoo campaign. The 8 Army already is moving toward Pingtu.

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4. The main Communist strength in Shantung was broken during the battle of Lincha (118-34, 36-32). Thousands of Communists were killed. The Mi River was at flood stage and the Communists were unable to bring in reinforcements.

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5. On 1 September the Communist 5 Garrison Brig attacked Changi (119-23, 36-52) from both the north and south. Both attacks were beaten off and the unit advancing from the north was forced to retreat across the Wei River. The force attacking from the south was driven back into the river and approximately 1,000 men were killed or drowned while another 1,000 were captured.

The Nationalist 54 Army captured Lanti. The Communist 26 and 27 Divs of the 9 Col have moved into the mountain area north of Pingtu. The Communist 26 Div of the 9 Col withdrew toward Yehhsien (119-56, 37-11). Shantung military sources expect Pingtu will fall with little opposition.

Nationalist fighter planes and bombers attacked Laiyang on 3, 4, and 5 September.

Pilots report large portion of Laiyang destroyed.

8 September

6. Pingtu fell to the Nationalists in the late afternoon of 7 September.

The Nationalist 74 Div has been reorganized, having suffered heavy losses during the Mongyin (117-59, 35-45) battle. Its 57 Brig is now at Chimo (120-29, 36-24) awaiting orders to advance toward Laiyang. The old 9 Army at Kaomi has been reorganized and redesignated the Nationalist 9 Div.

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7. The Nationalist 2 Engineer Regt, a new designation, has 2,000 troops in Tsingtao. These troops came from Nanking and are destined for Chimo where they are to begin building a highway to Laiyang when that city falls.

11 September

8. All Nationalist units: The 57 Brig of the 74 Div is five kilometers from Lingshan (120-29, 36-33). The 54 Army is moving northeast from Lanti toward Laiyang. The Nationalists claim Laiyang will be taken by 17 September.

At Chucheng 10,000 Communists are surrounded by the Nationalists.

12 September

9. The Nationalists moved from Shaho (119-46, 37-03) toward Yehhsien.

The attack on Laiyang will depend upon the fall of Yehhsien.

13 September

10. A new designation, the Communist New 7 Div is in the mountain area north of Pingtu. This division is composed of the 19, 20, and 21 Regts and an artillery regiment.

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