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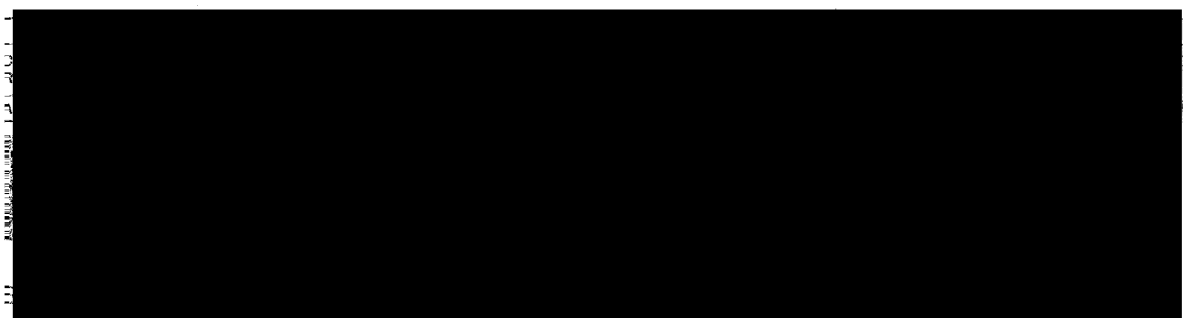
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- The Independent Artillery Division of the Chinese Communist 4 Field Army left Mukden on 16 March 1951 and crossed the Yalu River into Korea at Antung on 29 March. It moved south through Sinuiju, Sonchon (124-55, 39-48), Anju (125-40, 39-37), and Sunchon (125-56, 39-25) and was scheduled to continue through Yangdok (126-38, 39-13), Ichon (126-53, 38-30), and Pyonggang (127-18, 38-25) to reach Chorwon (127-12, 38-15) by 20 April.
- The division was originally composed of four regiments, the 28, 29, 30, and 31 Regiments. The 29 Regiment remained in Mukden, however, and only three regiments entered Korea. The division was formed in Mukden in July 1950 around a nucleus of men from the former 9 Artillery Division of the Chinese Nationalist forces. The 28 Regiment, composed of artillery battalions, a medical company, a propaganda company, an observation company, an anti-aircraft gun company, and a motor vehicle company, had a total strength, when it left Mukden, of 1,700, including 350 men in an artillery battalion and 110 men in an anti-aircraft gun company.
- The division armament included four 105mm field artillery pieces and 30 rounds per gun for an artillery company and four guns (undescribed) for the anti-aircraft gun company. The latter company, however, was hit by United Nations planes about a mile south of Anju on 1 April and lost all its guns and equipment. The motor vehicle company had nine trucks. The artillery company had one radio and five telephone sets.
- All officers of the division above the grade of company commander are middle school graduates who are reported to have had little combat experience. The commander of the 28 Regiment, WANG (王), 38 years old, and the division political commander, LIU (刘), 45 years old, are members of the Chinese Communist Party.
- Food supplies for the division, consisting mainly of soy beans, corn, and miscellaneous grains, are transported on horses, or by horse-cart. Shells for the guns are carried by transportation platoons of 50 men attached to each company. Supplies of all kinds were inadequate after the division entered Korea, and as a result morale is low.

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6. Since its entry into Korea, the division has suffered a typhoid epidemic, and four or five men contract the disease daily. The medical company can hardly keep up with the work of transporting patients to the rear. Most of the men are longing for an early return to their homes.

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