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1. The Chinese Communist 240 Regiment, 80 Division, 27 Army, is organized as follows:

Artillery company

3 artillery platoons

3 artillery squads each equipped with 2 92mm Soviet-type field guns

Mortar platoon

3 mortar squads each equipped with 4 82mm mortars

Ammunition platoon

3 ammunition squads each equipped with 4 light machine guns

Reconnaissance unit equipped with 2 light machine guns and 5 sub-machine guns

Special services company

Guard platoon equipped with 9 light machine guns

Plain clothes intelligence agents

Transportation company charged with carrying food and ammunition on bamboo poles

Medical unit

Temporary training unit

Staff section

Political section

Youth sub-section

Organization sub-section

Signal company equipped with 5 telephones and 1 radio

Stretcher bearer company equipped with 50 stretchers

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- 3 infantry battalions
  - 3 infantry companies
    - 3 infantry platoons
      - 3 infantry squads each equipped with 3 light machine guns and 9 burp guns
    - 3 gun platoons
      - 3 gun squads each equipped with 3 60mm infantry guns
  - Machine gun mortar company
    - 3 machine gun mortar platoons
      - 3 machine gun mortar squads each equipped with 6 heavy machine guns, 2 flame-throwers and 2 82mm mortars

2. Other equipment of the regiment includes about 60 horses.

3. The approximate strength of the regiment and some of its units is as follows:

Regiment	2,500
Artillery company	220
Infantry company	116
Machine gun mortar company	180
Reconnaissance unit	35
Special services company	100
Transportation company	160
Medical unit	63 (including 3 doctors)
Temporary training unit	180
Signal company	25
Stretcher bearer company	108

4. The commanders of some of the units of the regiment are:

WANG (王), commander of the 2 Battalion, aged 30, native of Shantung, and a Communist Party member.  
 YANG Ching-ch'un (楊景春), commander of the 6 Company, aged 31, native of Shantung, and a Communist Party member.  
 CHANG (張), commander of the 2 Platoon, native of Hopei, and a Communist Party member.

5. The unit<sup>1</sup> was organized and equipped in T'ai'an Hsien (117-09, 36-14), principally from former Nationalist soldiers who had surrendered to the Chinese Communists. All of the commanders are Communist Party members and veterans of the 8th Route Army. Movements of this unit are as follows:

- 15 October 1950: left T'ai'an en route Antung via Hopei Province and the city of Mukden.
- 15 November 1950: crossed the Yalu River at Sakchu (125-02, 40-24) and moved south via T'aech'on (125-30, 39-55), Tokch'on (126-18, 39-46), Sangch'on (126-12, 39-16), and Yangdok (126-54, 39-10).
- 2 February 1951: arrived in Wonsan.
- 18 March 1951: moved from Wonsan to Yonch'on and dug in there.
- 20 April 1951: advanced to high ground seven and one-half miles south of P'ockon (127-13, 37-54).

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6. Signals used during the night are a long and a short whistle answered by a long and two short whistles. An alternative is a long and short flash from a flashlight answered by a long and two short flashes from a flashlight.
7. The staple food of the regiment consists of millet, sorghum, and rice occasionally, all of which is brought from the Northeast. The food is supplemented by salt and vegetables. On long marches each man carries 6 kilograms of fried noodles and 1 litre of soybeans. This is considered a week's ration.
8. Two-thirds of the men of the 240 Regiment are former Nationalist soldiers, most of whom would defect if they could escape Communist surveillance. Morale among about half of the veteran soldiers has fallen during 1951. Among the veteran Communists who distrust and discriminate against former Nationalist soldiers, the worst are those from Shantung Province, the next those from the Northeast, and the next those from Hopei Province.

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Comment. Presumably this refers to the entire 27 Army.

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