Tank School

Briefing by Deputy Director: School founded in 1950.

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Gathers superior officers from all units and trains them.

Subjects: Tactics, gunnery, technical, communications, politics, terrain (chikei)

also improve and fortification (chikujo). 2000 students, 240

instructors. School lasts 2 years. Organization: Headquarters,

Training Dept, Political Dept, Supply Dept, Control Dept, Technical

Office, Training Unit, Student Dept. Training Unit (Regiment) has

4 jung (Batallion), each Batallion has 5 Companies. // Although

not so stated clearly, I imagine that each Company has 5 Sections

(or platoons), each of which has 5 tanks (each Company has 16 tanks

with 1 for the commander). //

First in the tank shed we saw medium tanks (Soviet T-34, with 8.5 cm tank guns) and self-propelled guns (Soviet with 7.6 cm field guns). Also say tanks of all nations lined up as reference material. There were several Japanese light tanks, which were said yo be for training. Various foreign tanks appeared to have been captured in Korean war. After that, at parade ground, were shown two T-84 tanks passing over uneven ground (TN: Probably the "obstacle course" mentioned in previous report), but this was extremely elementary. This ended our morning activities, and we had lunch. After lunch we had a nap. This nap we encountered later everywhere we went. It is said to be a recent custom for the summertime.

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if they his, were not deadly (TN: presumably meant did not bring flown the NIG, rather than not deadly to personnel). He said that the F-S6 was dead if hit by the LIGs 23mm guns, to say nothing of the 37mm. Then I said, since the NIG is harder to bring down, that is fine as long as you fire two or three times and then flow, but the F-S6, which attacks from distant bases, must carry a heavier humbs ammunition load, and it won't do to leave after two or three shots. Example himself like that. He said that was quibbling. He seemed quite sure of himself.

Flight control is carried cut with a control tower capable of only two simple movements (sio) and by shortwave radio. U-MIG takeoffs and landing training were observed. Efsasskatans A landing within the area marked off by white flags was worth 5 points, points were taken off for landing outside this area. The flags were placed 100 meters from the center (TN: pf the area they marked off).

Ground stamfing was done from a height of 400 meters at a model on the ground. However, shouldn't jet attacks against pround vargets be limited to good targets such as airfields or concentrations of mechanized units? Possibly they are learning from the success of Soviet pursuit planes and diphasising pursuit planes to the utnest. Also, do they do this firing by the process of training for firing against targets in the air? I asked the Group chief about this, and he explained that they do firing on land. (TM: Presumably firing regular machine guns. Point seems to be differenced between firing from moving plane at another moving plane and fifting at stationary targets on ground.)

Then we went by jeep to the headquarters of the school at:
Chehsien. In places the road was damaged by the traces of floods.
The old farmers driving their carts along this road, and the stark naked little children playing in the dirty water beside it were no different than they were to or fifteen years ago. After an

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hour and a half of shaking up we arrived at the Air School headquarters outside Chohsien at about noon.

The location of the headquarters is a broad space.