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The disposition and strength of units attached to the People's Liberation Army (PLA) in Canton as of 7 February 1950 are as follows:

Eastern Canton

- a. Two companies of the 132 Regiment, 44 Army, making up more than 200 men, armed with 12 light machine guns and 100 rifles, reinforced by squads armed with revolvers and .45-calibre pistols, are on Tung Hua (東華) Road East.
- b. One regiment of the Canton Garrison Command, belonging to the 4 Field Army, made up of more than 1,100 men, armed with six 75mm howitzers, four anti-aircraft machine guns, 60 light machine guns, and 500 rifles, is stationed in the first, second, third, and fourth lanes of Tung Shan Ta Chieh (東山大街) and vicinity. Additional squads armed with pistols are also in the area.
- c. One company from the 132 Regiment, 44 Army, 109 men, is on Tung Ch'uan Lu (東川路). They are armed with nine light machine guns and 50 rifles.
- d. The 2 Battalion of the 19 Regiment, Canton Garrison Command, is on the side of Chung Shan University Hospital situated in Chung Shan Erh Ma Lu (東山二馬路). The 1 Battalion of this regiment is in Shih P'ei (石牌), while the 3 Battalion has moved to Wuchou (111-19, 23-28). These units are armed with light machine guns and rocket launchers.
- e. One company of the Canton Garrison Command is billeted in the P'ei Kuei Middle School (培桂中學) on Pai Tzu Lu (百子路).
- f. One battalion of the 41 Army may be found in the vicinity of the Tung Shan (東山) Motor Company.
- g. One company of the Canton Garrison Command is in the vicinity of Chih Hsin (執信) Middle School.

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- h. One anti-aircraft machine gun company of the 2 Field Army, with anti-aircraft machine guns and one light machine gun, is placed in pillboxes around the Pai Hui Niu Hill (白灰牛山), Tung Sha Lu (東沙路).
- i. One Canton Garrison Command platoon is guarding the warehouse on Tung Kao Ta Tao (東蛟大道) where the South China Working Corps (華南工作團) of the China Democratic Association Youth Corps (民主社青年團) stores 12 trucks and 60 drums of gasoline.
- j. One Canton Garrison Command company is in the vicinity of Chih Hsin (執信) Middle School.
- k. A supply depot of the Supply Command is at the end of Tung Hua Road East, but the largest amount of equipment and ammunition is stored in the depot at the end of Tung Shan Ta Chieh.
- l. Mei Hua Ts'un (梅花村) is marked as a prohibited area.

Southern Canton

- a. One company of the Canton Garrison Command, containing more than 120 men armed with nine light machine guns and more than fifty rifles, is in the vicinity of Hua Tu (華陀) Temple at Feng Huang Kang (鳳凰崗).
- b. One regiment of the 41 Army, 1,100 men strong, with four howitzers, is in the vicinity of the Pai Hsien (白堊) Bridge, where it is reinforced by one anti-aircraft machine gun company. It also has more than fifty horses.
- c. A battalion of the Canton Garrison Command, consisting of two infantry companies, has headquarters in Lung Ch'uan Kang (龍船崗), behind the Nan Wu (南武) Middle School. 30 horses are its transport.
- d. Two garrison companies, strength more than 200 men, are in the vicinity of the textile mill (unlocated).
- e. One garrison company, 106 men armed with light machine guns and rifles, is in Chi Li Ts'un (基立村).

Western Canton

- a. One garrison battalion of the 44 Army, 500 men, with six heavy machine guns, 24 light machine guns, and 200 rifles, is at Ch'en Chia Tz'u (陳家祠) near Ts'ai Hung Ch'iao (彩虹橋) Bridge, Hsi Ts'un (西村).
- b. Two garrison companies are in the vicinity of the Hsi Ts'un Cement Factory.
- c. A field artillery battery, armed with four American 75mm guns (range 9,000 meters), is in the suburbs near the end of Hsi Hua Lu (西華路). An anti-aircraft machine gun company is in the same area.

Northern Canton

- a. Headquarters, Canton Garrison Command, is located on Yueh Hua Lu (越華路).

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- b. 12 trucks of the 44 Army and four ammunition dumps are in the Canton First Middle School on Te Hsuan Tung Lu (德宣棠路).
- c. Six howitzers and two anti-aircraft machine guns of the field artillery battalion of the Canton Garrison Command are located in House #153, Te Hsuan Tung Lu.
- d. Four howitzers and 60 horses are in Hsing Lung Hsin Chieh (興隆新街).
- e. One infantry battalion of the 44 Army is located in the rear of Canton City Hospital.
- f. One Canton Garrison Command company is located on Chih Heng Chieh (知行街).
- g. Two heavy machine gun companies are on Ching Hui Lu (淨慧路).
- h. One company belonging to the Canton Garrison Command is on Chi Hsiang Lo (吉祥路).
- i. One battalion of the 44 Army is located at the end of P'an Fu Lu (盤福路).
- j. One battalion of the 41 Army with a strength of 600 men, four howitzers, and 200 horses, is at Hsiao Pei (小北).
- k. One transport regiment and one motor company, equipped with 300 horses and 100 hand carts, are at Hsiao Pei.
- l. The headquarters of the Military Control Commission is located in the Ching Hui Kung Yuan (淨慧公園) in Hsiao Pei.

Central Canton.

- a. In this district there are two Public Security Corps (公安總隊) and one Public Security Division. One battalion of the Canton Garrison Command is dispersed on both sides of Li Wan Chiao (荔灣橋) at the end of Ho Pao Lu (多寶路).

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