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1. The Southwest Yunnan Border Defense Command was organized in Kunming [redacted] by KUO T'ien-min (郭天民), deputy commander of the 4 Army Group of the 2 Field Army and concurrently deputy commander of the Yunnan Military District. KUO took 30,000 men from the Yunnan Military Region and more than 20,000 from the Kwangsi-Yunnan-Kweichow Border Column, commanded by CHUANG T'ien (莊天), and reorganized them into the following three border defense commands:

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- a. The K'ai-Heng Border Defense Command occupies the Ami (103-10, 23-14) and Mengtzu (103-23, 23-20) region. Headquarters is in K'ai Yuan, and advance units are stationed in Tashutang (103-55, 22-54) and Hokou (103-57, 22-32), along the Yunnan-FIC railroad.
- b. The Ssu-P'u Border Defense Command occupies the Ssumao (101-04, 22-47) and Puerh (101-05, 23-03) region. Headquarters is in Puerh, and advance units are at Cheli (100-50, 21-58), and Fohai (100-26, 21-58), both south of Puerh.
- c. The Pao-T'eng Border Defense Command occupies the Paoshan (99-09, 25-07) and Tengchung (90-29, 25-01) region. Headquarters is in Paoshan, and advance units are stationed in Nantien (98-20, 24-49), southeast of Tengchung.

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[redacted] Comment. Tashutang and Hokou are key points on the route to Hanoi; Cheli and Fohai are on the route to Kentung (99-36, 21-17) in northeast Burma; Nantien is on the route to Bhamo.

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