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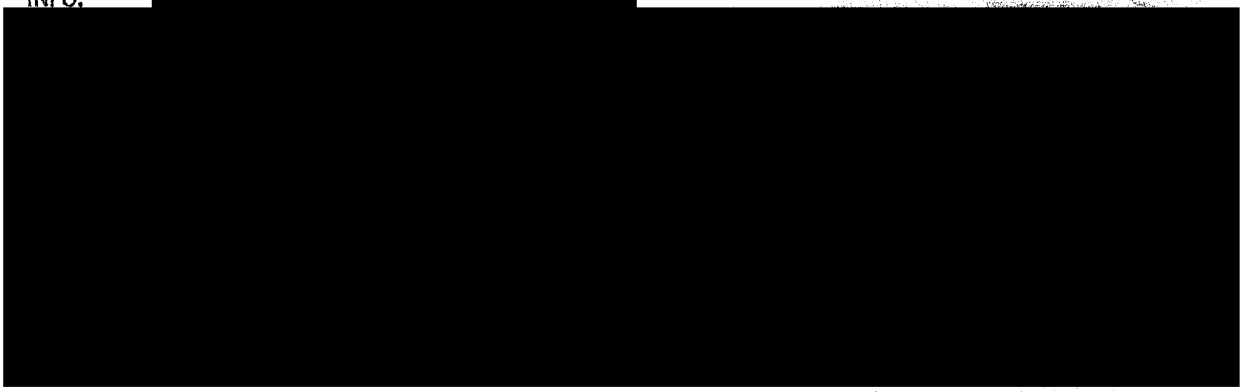
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1. The commander of the Wei Shang Column of the guerrilla forces in Anhwei, HUA Chen-chih, is 37 years old and a native of Fengt'ai (116-46, 32-45). He is a graduate of the Second Class of the Tenth War Zone Officers Training Class during World War II. He has served as a detachment, company, battalion, regiment, and brigade commander during his military career.
2. At the time of the Communist attack on Shanghai, HUA was the regimental commander of the Nationalist 689 Regiment, 203 Division, stationed on Point Island near Shanghai. When Shanghai fell, HUA fled to his home in Anhwei. He commenced recruiting his old subordinates, local troops, students, and patriotic youths for anti-Communist activities. By the end of 1949 he had a force of 1,500 men. In early 1950 when the Communists began their guerrilla suppression campaigns, most of this force went underground.
3. At the present time this column is an active guerrilla force of 400 men, divided into two detachments and one battalion. There are 750 men underground. Forty percent of the force are former regulars who served under HUA, thirty percent are local troops, and the remainder are students, young men who are motivated by patriotism, and members of the underground Pao Mi Chu.
4. The force is equipped with 2 light machine guns, 377 rifles, 6 carbines, and 46 pistols.
5. The unit is based at Hungtee Lake (118- , 33-) and operates in the nearby communities of Huaiyuan (117-15, 32-58), Wuho (117-56, 33-10), Shouhsien (116-50, 32-35), and Fengt'ai.

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