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1. As of late August 1951, Chinese Communist Army units in Tsinghai consisted of the 5 Cavalry Division and a portion of the 8 Army, both assigned to the 2 Army Group, 1 Field Army. Headquarters of the 8 Army was in Hsining (101-49, 36-37), while its 22 Division was stationed along a line from Minho (102-55, 36-18), through Hsining to Tulan (98-46, 37-01) and Bagatsaidam Lake (95-10, 37-30). Its 24 Division was stationed at Yushu (96-52, 33-01) as a reserve for Chinese Communist troops in Tibet. Its 23 Division was stationed at various points along the motor road in Kansu and was centered at Shantan (101-17, 38-47). The division relied on this road, which ran from Shantan to Hsining via Weiyuan (104-09, 35-08), for communication with 8 Army headquarters.[1]

2. In late August military district troop units consisted of one infantry regiment, stationed at Hsining, and two cavalry regiments, which had elements stationed at various places in Yushu.

3. As of late August militia units consisted of 25,000 poorly equipped militiamen, still in productive activity, from 19 hsien, one municipality, and three administrative offices of the province. Although the population of Tsinghai is 1,300,000, the militia force was less than 2 percent of this, one of the lowest ratios of militia to total provincial population in the country.

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1. [redacted] Comment. According to information available [redacted] from July through September this army was believed to be in Manchuria.

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