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1. As of November 1951, each hsien in Yunnan had a basic cadre regiment (基幹團) of 1,500 full-time militiamen, who received rations, clothing, and a small salary. These regiments were used as a source of replacements for the regular army and were usually selected for this duty on the basis of merit. In troubled areas, several regiments might be combined into a police brigade (警備隊) or an independent division (獨立師). Each ch'u had a basic cadre company (基幹大隊) of 100 full-time militiamen; its units might be sent to a hsiang for a specific purpose.
2. In addition to the basic cadre units, other militia forces in Yunnan were composed primarily of poor farmers and farm workers between the ages of 15 and 26 who served without compensation in their local areas. A ch'u usually had 300 such militiamen and a hsiang about 100. The militia commander was usually the leader or an outstanding member of the local farmers' association, or, in a ts'un, the ts'un leader. Militiamen on duty were armed with cast-off or locally made rifles.

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