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25X1 1. The headquarters of the 15 Army Group is in Canton. As of 20 October 1951 units of the group were disposed as follows:

a. 41 Army, Swatow.

121 Division, Korea.¹

122 Division, Ch'aoyang (116-35, 23-17).

364 Regiment, moved northward.

365 Regiment, P'uning.

366 Regiment, Chench'uan Port.

Supplemental Regiment, Ch'aoan.

123 Division, Haifeng (115-20, 22-58).

367 Regiment, moved northward.

368 Regiment, Lufeng.

369 Regiment, Jenshan

Supplemental Regiment, Tzuchin.

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Direct Units² (F-4).

Artillery Regiment, Nanao.
 Guards Regiment, Ch'enghai.
 Transportation Regiment, Ch'aoan.
 Communication Regiment, Swatow.
 Engineer Regiment, Ch'aoyang.

b. 43 Army, Haik'ou (110-20, 20-03)

127 Division, Wench'ang (110-42, 19-42)
 379 Regiment, Ch'iutung.
 380 Regiment, Yulin.
 381 Regiment, Linkao.
 Supplemental Regiment, Tanhsuan.

128 Division, Chanchiang (110-24, 21-11)
 382 Regiment, Wuch'uan.
 383 Regiment, T'ungming Port.
 384 Regiment, Peihai.
 Supplemental Regiment, Tienpai.

129 Division, moved northward.

Direct Units. (F-4).

Artillery Regiment, Haik'ou.
 Guards Regiment, Haik'ou.
 Communication Regiment, Haik'ou.
 Transportation Regiment, Haik'ou.
 Engineer Regiment, Ch'iungshan.

c. 44 Army, Tungkuan (113-46, 23-02), T'ai'ping.

130 Division, moved northward.

131 Division, Sanshui (112-54, 23-08)
 391 Regiment, moved northward.
 392 Regiment, T'aishan.
 393 Regiment, Kaoyao.
 Supplemental Regiment, Hoshan.

132 Division, Shihlung (113-51, 23-07)
 394 Regiment, moved northward.
 395 Regiment, Paoan.
 396 Regiment, Hsint'ang.
 Supplemental Regiment, Polo.

Direct Units. (F-4).

Guards Regiment, T'ai'ping.
 Communication Regiment, Tungkuan.
 Transportation Regiment, Shihlung.
 Artillery Regiment, Paoan.
 Engineer Regiment, Chihhsia.

d. 46 Army.

137 Division, Ch'uchiang (113-33, 24-50)³
 409 Regiment, Lienhsien (112-26, 24-47)
 410 Regiment, Yingte (113-21, 24-12)
 411 Regiment, Wengyuan (113-48, 24-30)

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- e. 2 Artillery Division (attached units).⁴
 - 7 Artillery Regiment, Canton.
 - 8 Artillery Regiment, Huiyang.
- f. 3 Engineer Corps (attached units)⁴, Hsuwen (110-07, 20-25).
 - 9 Engineer Regiment, Shihlu.
 - 10 Engineer Regiment, Chinhsien.
 - 11 Engineer Regiment, Sanya.
 - 12 Engineer Regiment, Hop'u.
- g. Armored Regiment, Canton.
- h. Artillery Regiment and Chemical Battalion, Canton.
Artillery Regiment, Swatow.

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- 2. In early January 1952, the 2 Artillery Regiment of the 131 Division commenced garrison duty on Great Wanshan Island (113- , 21-).
 The commander is CHANG Chieh (張杰).
- 3. Prior to December 1951 the 17 Regiment of the Kwangtung Military District (KMD), formerly called the 4 Regiment of the Kwangtung-Kwangsi Column (KK), had been taken into the 44 Army. The 22 KMD Regiment had also been taken into the 44 Army. The 25 KMD Regiment had been taken into the 43 Army.
- 4. As of 1 December 1951 the KK 4 Regiment was under orders to merge with the 44 Army of the 15 Army Group.⁵

Artillery Regiment Organization

- 5. As of early November 1951, a typical artillery regiment of the 2 Artillery Division consists of four battalions, a political section, an operations headquarters, and the "direct units". These direct units include a storage company, a transport company, a guards company, an observation and communications company, and a sanitation unit.
- 6. Each artillery battalion has three companies. Each company had four platoons, an operations combat team, a guards combat team, a general affairs department, and a cooking team. Each company had 150 to 155 men and four guns, one for each platoon.
- 7. Each platoon is divided into an artillery combat team and a munitions combat team. The personnel of a platoon consists of the platoon leader, his deputy, an observation officer, calculation officer, communications officer, two combat team commanders and two deputies, and the artillery and munitions troops. There are 27 men in a platoon. The equipment of each platoon includes a 10-wheeled heavy truck and an ammunition trailer.
- 8. The 2 Artillery Division uses 105 mm and 155 mm guns; artillery units of the 15 Army Group use 75 mm and 105 mm guns. An observation plane is available to direct individual guns of a particular company; however, orders from the communications center direct all the guns of a particular company.
- 9. Headquarters of the Railway Army Group is at Hengyang (112-35, 26-56) and its 9 Regiment is at Yingte (113-21, 24-12).⁶

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Comment. In the 15 Army Group a regiment is a unit for obtaining supplies.

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- 25X1 1. [] Comment. Available information of 1 January 1952 does not list the 121 Division in Korea.
- 25X1 2. [] Comment. Direct Units probably refers to units of smaller than division size which are directly subordinate to army headquarters. Although all five of these units in each of the armies listed here are stated to be regiments, it is considered more normal for the direct units of a Chinese Communist army to consist of an artillery regiment, a security battalion, a signal section of about company size, an engineer battalion, and a rear services section which is nearly of regimental size and is composed of medical and transportation sections.
- 25X1 3. [] Comment. This division still obtained its supplies from the 12 Army Group.
- 25X1 4. [] Comment. The report is not clear as to whether the 2 Artillery Division and the 3 Engineer Corps are attached to the 15 Army Group, or that the regiments from these organizations are attached.
- 25X1 5. [] Comment. The 3 and 6 Regiments of the KK Column were merged with a public security division in the spring of 1951.
- 25X1 6. [] Comment. Although this Railway Army Group is not stated to be part of the 15 Army Group, the fact that this information comes through the supply department of that group indicates that it may at least be attached.

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1. The headquarters and the political department of the Kwangtung-Kwangsi Column are at Hsuehking (學宮), Shihch'i.
2. The 2 Regiment (Military District 15 Regiment) is at Nanlang (南朗), Sanhsiang (三鄉), K'engwei (坑尾), and Ch'ien-shan (113-32, 22-14) under the command of HUANG Pu (黃布).
3. The 4 Regiment (Military District 16 Regiment) is at Jungch'i (容奇), Taliang (大良) and Ch'entsun (陳村) of Shunte (113-16, 22-50), and at Nanhai (113-08, 23-02). The regimental commander is YANG Ta-wen (楊達文).
4. The 5 Regiment (Military District 17 Regiment) is at Nanshui (南水), Ch'ihk'an (110-22, 21-14), and Hengch'in (橫琴), under the command of LIU P'ei (劉沛).
5. The Artillery Regiment (Military District 18 Regiment) is at T'angchia (唐家), Ch'iao (113-39, 22-24), and Paoan (113-56, 22-32), under the command of LIU Chin-shan (劉金山).
6. The 19 Regiment of the Kwangtung Military District, which is commanded by HSU Tung-ming (徐東明), has established its headquarters at the Catholic Church in Hsiaohsiang (小香) of Yangchiang (111-53, 21-52).

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1. In mid-December 1951 the Wanshan Joint Operations Department completed the construction of two lighthouses, one on Chuchou (113-50, 22-00) Island, and one on Sanyap'ai (113-48, 22-04) Island. This construction was recommended by Soviet advisers. The gas which is used for the lights must be replenished every three months. These lighthouses aid navigation from Chanchiang (110-24, 21-11) and Hainan to Canton. One platoon of Chinese Communist troops is stationed on Chuchou to guard the lighthouse there.
2. Ten gunboats of various sizes were taken to Macao in 1949 by TENG Ts'ui-Kung (鄧萃功), naval commander of the Kuomintang Naval Patrol and Defense Department. The Macao Government interned these boats and subsequently negotiated with the Kuomintang Government for the use of the boats. These boats are now being repaired and refitted in the Macao Government shipyard.¹
3. On the night of 12 January 1952 a junk carrying rice from Hong Kong to Macao was attacked by two junks in international waters off Chiuchou (九洲), near Macao. The two armed junks belonged to men under the control of HUANG Ch'i-tzu (黃祺仔) and TA Lu-mu (大碌木). A Chinese Communist gunboat from the Wanshan Islands came to the rescue of the rice junk. The water police from Macao also appeared.
4. In late December 1951, the Wuchou (111-19, 23-28) Military Control Commission sent KAO Ch'ung-ping (高崇炳) to Macao to investigate the anti-Communist activities of Wuchou natives there. KAO is a native of Shunte (113-16, 22-50). He now lives at the Firewood Trade United Company (柴業聯合行) on the second floor of number 11 Rua Cinco de Outubro, Macao.
5. In early January 1952 Chinese Communist troop garrisons on various islands in the Pearl River Delta area were as follows: Santsao - 300, Great Wanshan - 400, Ch'iaotao (113-39, 22-24) - 300, Inner Ling Ting - 100, and Bias Bay - 1000.
6. In early January the Pearl River Defense Headquarters sent the gunboats CHIEH CHIANG (捷江), HUNG HSING (紅星), and HSIN CHUNG KUO (新中國) to patrol in the Ling Ting Islands area.
7. On 2 January, a meeting called by YEH Chien-ying was attended by Soviet advisers Shih-wu-fu-ti (史勿夫弟), Ying-t'e-chia-ssu-fu (?特加斯夫), Wei-hsin-ssu-erh-fu (維辛斯尔夫), and Sha-t'o-fu-fu (沙托伏夫), the latter three coming to Canton from Peiping. On 9 January 1952 FANG Fang, LIN P'ing, and HSIAO Hsiang-yung, who had also attended the meeting, accompanied the Soviet advisers on the gunboat HSING KUANG (星光) on an inspection trip to the Ling Ting, Santsao, and Wanshan Islands. The Soviet advisers recommended that all coastal fortifications be reinforced.
8. In April or May 1951, CH'EN Po-nan (陳伯南), deputy chief of the intelligence section of the political department of the South China Military District

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Comment. This is the Ch'ingchou (青洲) Shipyard.

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