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1. The Kwangsi-Vietnam Border Column of the Chinese Communist Army is commanded by T'ANG Ts'ai-yu (0781/2088/3731).¹ The column, which is composed of three detachments, an artillery battalion, and a service battalion, has a total strength of 14,000 men. It is equipped with eight howitzers, six machine guns, and rifles of Chinese, Japanese, and United States manufacture.
2. The three detachments are disposed as follows:
 - a. First Detachment, under WANG Shao-fei (3769/1421/7378) with 4,000 men, is in the general area of Lang Son and Dong Dang.
 - b. Second Detachment, under CHOU Yu-t'ien (0719/7183/3944) with 3,500 men, is in the Chennankuan (106-41, 21-58) area.
 - c. Third Detachment, under MA I-hsing (7456/0001/5887) with 3,200 men, is in the P'inghsiang (106-44, 22-06) and Naling (107-09, 22-48) areas.

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1. [] Comment. [] as of April 1950 T'ANG Ts'ai-yu was deputy commander of the 8 Military Sub-District and was to head a military group being specially trained by Soviet advisers to infiltrate Vietnam and assist HO Chi Minh. [] in April 1951 T'ANG was in charge of collecting military information for the Mao Chun operations unit in North Indochina.

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