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1. Chinese Communist authorities ordered all United Nations prisoners of war in Central and South China sent to Hankow prior to 23 December 1951 for subsequent transfer to the Northeast to await exchange.
2. On 13 November, 105 Republic of Korea prisoners of war were transferred to the Northeast via the Hankow-Canton railway. On 18 December, 13 American and 8 British prisoners of war who were formerly in a building at 52 Fu Hsing Road,¹ Shameen were transferred by rail to Hankow. The Americans and British were escorted to Hankow by a company of Public Security troops under the command of LI Kuo-liang (李國良).

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Comment.
American prisoners of war allegedly at 52 Fu Hsing Road, Shameen, Canton.
referred to American prisoners of war
who were being kept in the former US consulate on Shameen. Another
referring to US prisoners in the Canton area
stated that US prisoners were performing hard labor on airfields in
the Canton area.
from yet another source,
as of early November 1951 there were no prisoners of war
on Shameen.

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