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## V.C. Divisional HQs. In Cambodia

### Base spotted from air

SAIGON, Aug. 5 (UPI) — Communist North Viet Nam has moved the headquarters for an entire army division into nominally neutral Cambodia, to direct their combat troops in South Viet Nam.

Reliable American intelligence sources told UPI that the Reds have shifted the headquarters of the North Vietnamese 325th Division to a Cambodian hideout about 270 miles North of Saigon.

The Division's sanctuary was tracked down by secret radio detection equipment aboard American surveillance planes. The new equipment was put to use after the Americans lost track of the 325th's headquarters. They were formerly able to pinpoint within a few hundred yards the location of the communist radio transmitters.

The Division's new location is in a roadless wilderness, where primitive, local tribesmen have scarcely heard of the Cambodian government. It would be possible for the 325th to have moved into its new hideout without the permission, or even the knowledge, of Cambodian authorities.

But the aerial surveillance planes have spotted a supply base and airfield far deeper inside Cambodia, which appears to be funneling supplies to the Reds in South Viet Nam.

The air base is about 50 miles south of the Division headquarters, at a Cambodian town called Bo Kheo. Radar scanners have spotted aircraft flying from North Viet Nam to Bo Kheo.

The 325th controls three full regiments—each numbering at least 2,000 men—which

operate in the central highland of South Viet Nam.

The Division headquarters formerly commanded three regiments from hideouts in the mountains of neighboring Laos.

The Red air was located along the Ho Chi Minh trail supply route, which is controlled by communist rebels.

Intelligence officers believe that Laos got too hot for the 325th when the Laotian government gave the American Air Force permission to raid communist-controlled parts of the country.

The Division headquarters disappeared, and then turned up in the narrow Cambodian passade, which is just north between Laos and South Viet Nam. The new location pro-

jects them from American air strikes.

Cambodia is officially neutral, but it has no diplomatic relations with the United States and gives verbal support to the Viet Cong

rebels. It denies giving the Reds bases.

The base is connected with South Viet Nam by National Highway 19. Aircraft have spotted convoys of as many as 40 trucks (Continued on page 8)

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rolling from Bo Kheo to the Vietnamese district capital of Le Thanh.

A Special forces camp at Due Co is the only remaining government outpost near the

new Red convoy route. It has been under continuous siege by the Viet Cong for a month. A thousand government paratroopers were rushed in to Due Co on Tuesday to save this last outpost along the communists' new supply line.