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155TH ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY "SECURITY"

The primary responsibility for physical security and defense of the 155th Assault Helicopter Company is the 52d Security Platoon.

The Platoon is comprised of 30 enlisted men, three E-5's, a platoon Sgt. and Security Officer as acting platoon leader. The platoon provides 24 hour security for the compound. To accomplish this the security platoon will occupy and maintain 4 observation bunkers, 4 mortar firing positions, 3 infra-red light towers, 3-50 caliber positions and 2 gates. In addition the platoon has besides each individual weapon 6-M79's and 6-M60's.

The security platoon will additionally furnish observations posts, listening posts and patrols as deemed necessary by the Commanding Officer.

To augment the security platoon we have the 212th MP Co K-9 Detachment which has 3 patrols nightly.

In addition the mission of providing a reserve reaction force for the defense of the Ban Me Thuot City Airport complex has been assigned to the 3d Battalion, 45th regiment of the 23d ARVN Infantry Division.

Troops Available:

1. 3 Intelligence & Reconnaissance (I&R) Platoons
2. 3 ARVN Infantry Companies
3. 1 Half Track Armored Car Section
4. 1 Scout Platoon
5. 1 CIDG Company
6. 1 105 mm and/or 155 mm Howitzer firing section
7. Military Police detail

Command and request for these units is coordinated through 23d Division Headquarters Tactical Operation Center (DTOC).

All Intelligence information for Darlac sector is closely coordinated and received through S-2 Darlac sector, 23d Division G-2 and Special Forces S-2. There is close coordination with these people and all information received is probably as current as possible.