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Find Guerrillas Set Up Mortars Less Than Mile From Viet Nam Air Base

SAIGON (UPI) — Government troops trying to track down a Red guerrilla band that wiped out half of the U.S. jet bomber fleet in Viet Nam discovered evidence that the attacking Communists had set up mortars less than a mile from the secret Bien Hoa airbase, it was disclosed today.

The Communist guerrillas, using old American-made mortar

shells in the attack Sunday, destroyed or damaged 21 American B57 bombers. Four Americans and two Vietnamese were killed. Thirty one Americans and five Vietnamese were wounded. A fifth American was killed in a separate mortar raid.

A U.S. military spokesman said today the guerrillas set up six mortars within a mile of

the base. He said Vietnamese government troops also found 82 empty cartons which probably contained the mortar bombs with which the Communists shelled the base.

"Negative Results"

The spokesman said the government search for the Communist guerrillas ended early today with "negative results." It had been launched more than six hours after the Communists lifted their mortar barrage.

The spokesman, under questioning by newsmen, was unable to explain the delay in getting the search operation under way. The futile chase was made by three air-supported battalions.

The raiders slipped away, apparently without suffering any casualties. U.S. officers estimated that as few as nine Viet Cong guerrillas could have carried out the raid.

Both American and Vietnamese officers were critical of security precautions in what was coming to be called a "little Pearl Harbor."

Thick Communist Territory
The B57's were parked on the air field at Bien Hoa, only 12 miles north of Saigon in an area thick with Communist Viet Cong.

U.S. officials refused to estimate the damage in dollars. The twin-jet B57's cost \$1.25 million apiece. Sunday, six B57's were destroyed, eight took "major" damage and seven were slightly damaged.

In addition, four U.S. rescue helicopters and four A1H Skyraider bombers of the Vietnamese air force were damaged in varying degrees. U2 reconnaissance planes also are based at Bien Hoa. None was hit.

The 20-minute, 100-shell barrage had put half of the U.S. jet-bomber fleet in Viet Nam out of commission.

Replacements were en route today. U.S. officers refused to say where they would be stationed.

The B57's had arrived in Viet Nam only last Aug. 6, to help maintain an alert against possible raids from Communist North Viet Nam in counter-retaliation for the U.S. retaliatory strikes on North Vietnamese torpedo boat bases on the Gulf of Tonkin.

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REDDY FEATHER SAYS:

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The Goal Is \$29,834
YOUR Community Fund Still Needs \$9,678.26

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BOY SCOUTS
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CRIPPLED CHILDREN SOC.
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MENTAL HEALTH
COMMUNITY CENTER
AMERICAN RED CROSS

Give The United Way

Robert Lane Joins Uhrick Bros. Store



Robert E. Lane

Robert E. Lane, superintendent of the Oubache state recreation area for the past 2½ years, is resigning, effective Nov. 16, to become associated with Ernest Uhrick in the Uhrick Brothers Furniture store.

Lane, who has two weeks vacation coming, actually started working in the store today.

A veteran of 25 years in the retailing business, Lane, a resident of 521 S. 13th street, used to operate a confectionery on Monroe street, and he also operated a shoe store where the Decatur News Agency is now located. His move to Uhrick Brothers is just down the block from where he has done most of his retail business.

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Okay Yield Signs For County Roads

The Adams county commissioners this morning approved stop and yield right-of-way signs for a number of county roads which have been paved recently.

The signs, made legal by the commissioners' approval, will be placed at intersections of gravel roads leading into the paved sections or at intersections with other paved roads. The paved roads approved for sign placement include:

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