

Infantry Suffers Heavy Loss

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SAIGON (AP) — U. S. B52 bombers and artillery rained explosives Wednesday into suspected enemy positions in jungles northwest of Saigon after a day-long battle between American and Viet Cong infantrymen that took a heavy toll on both sides.

The Viet Cong's veteran 271st Regiment, hunted by troops of the U. S. 1st Infantry Division in

Operation Shenandoah II since late September, turned on two American companies and a battalion command detail Tuesday in what the GIs called an ambush and the general called a meeting engagement.

THE AMERICANS killed at least 103 of the Communists, but lost 58 dead and 61 wounded. This action, 40 miles northwest of the capital, swung back to an old Viet Cong stamping ground the focus of a war that had long centered on the demilitarized zone in the north.

Two widely known officers, Lt. Col. Terry Allen Jr., 38, and Maj.

Don W. Hollender, 32, were among the American dead, cut down in succession in the battalion command.

Allen's father commanded the 1st Division, the "Big Red One," in Tunisia and Sicily in World War II. Hollender, who starred at West Point as an end and quarterback, was voted the most valuable player on the Army's 1955 football team.

THE AIR WAR over the North also heated up Tuesday, with American strikes again as close as 10 miles to Red China's frontier. Targets included the previously attacked Lang Son rail-

road bridge in that area and the Lang Gai railroad yards, 20 miles south of the border.

Four American planes were shot down and the pilots are missing. The U. S. Command said the planes were three Air Force F105 Thunderchiefs and a Navy A4 Skyhawk. Announced plane losses over the North thus rose to 705.

FIGHTER-BOMBERS helped out the 1st Division infantrymen in the jungle fight. They flew 47 sorties against the Viet Cong.

Spec. 4 James Schultze, 19, of Ozone Park, Queens, N. Y., told newsmen: "It was an ambush. They were just on all sides of us. I never heard so much fire in my life."

But Gen. William C. Westmoreland, commander of U. S. forces in Vietnam, who flew to the scene, said: "I'm not aware of there being any ambush involved. To the best of my knowledge, this was a meeting engagement."

WESTMORELAND said "I would say the enemy stood and fought with a greater degree than he has in recent weeks in this area," but he saw no change in enemy tactics.

"These are Viet Cong tactics," he said.

Some others had speculated that Communist forces, after weeks of lying low for reinforcements and supplies, might be ready once again to challenge American units head on.

Vietnam Casualty Awarded Medal

WASHINGTON (AP)—The 20th Medal of Honor of the Vietnam war has been awarded to Army 1st Lt. James A. Gardner of Dyersburg, Tenn., who was killed while personally destroying five Communist bunkers.

Secretary of the Army Stanley R. Resor, acting for President Johnson, will present the medal to Gardner's former wife, Mrs. Joella Gardner Rosler of Clarksville, Tenn., in a Pentagon ceremony Thursday.

Gardner's mother, Mrs. Lonnie Patterson of Dyersburg, also will be present.

Army 'Negligent' Says House Report

WASHINGTON (AP) — House investigators singled out ammunition deficiencies Wednesday as the major contributor to malfunctions of the troubled M16 rifle. They declared Army handling of the problem "borders on criminal negligence."

As initially developed, the light-weight, rapid-firing rifle being used in Vietnam "was an excellent and reliable weapon," the report said. But the investigators contended the manner in which the Army rifle program has been mismanaged "is unbelievable."

THE HOUSE Armed Services Committee, in a hard-hitting report after lengthy hearings and a field trip to South Vietnam, also:

—Called for government audits of both the Colt Firearms Co., maker of the rifle, and Olin

Mathieson, producer of the powder used in ammunition for the M16. The report charged Colt made excessive profits over what was originally negotiated.

—Said it was "at least unethical" for Maj. Gen. Nelson M. Lynde Jr., who was commanding general of the Army Weapons Command at the time of the initial procurement, to accept employment with the producer of the rifle upon his retirement.

—CLAIMED there still is no proof that modifications proposed will eliminate malfunctions experienced with the M16 in Vietnam and called for an independent test of the combined weapon system.

The subcommittee report was signed by all three members, Reps. Ichord, Speedy O. Long, D-La., and William G. Bray, R-Ind.

They said Army and Marine troops had been hit by "serious and excessive malfunctions" with the controversial rifle—the worst being a failure to extract the spent cartridge.

SHORTAGES of cleaning equipment, lack of proper training, instructions and supervision in care and cleaning of the weapon played a part in the malfunctions, they said.



DRAFT CARDS COLLECTED IN SAN FRANCISCO
Hands reach upward on courtyard in front of the federal building as draft cards are collected in basket for presentation to U. S. district attorney in San Francisco, Calif. Basket ended up in front of locked door of official's office. (AP Wirephoto)

Jet Sales To S. America Approved Over Opposition

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WASHINGTON (AP) — After months of resistance to Latin American pressures, the United States has now decided to approve the limited sale of jet fighter planes of supersonic capability to countries in South America.

The decision announced Wednesday appears to be a serious blow to the U.S. policy of trying to prevent Latin American arms races — and concentrate on economic development — by blocking the introduction of advanced weapons into Latin American military forces.

A STATE Department spokesman said that half a dozen countries in South America are interested in buying U.S. F5 fighter planes made by the Northrop Co., which Northrop now may sell directly to Latin American buyers with U.S. government approval. The six countries are Peru, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Venezuela and Colombia.

The official position was that there has been no real change in U.S. policy which holds that mili-

tary expenditures "should not get in the way of over-all economic development" in Latin America. NEVERTHELESS, last August

Students, Big D Blamed For Riots

AUSTIN (AP) — The student newspaper at the University of Texas says the Texas-Oklahoma football game should be taken away from the Cotton Bowl in Dallas and played in Austin and Norman, Okla.

"The destruction of the Texas-Oklahoma weekend in Dallas is a tragedy in itself, but the possibilities of destruction are even more frightening," said an editorial in the Daily Texan Wednesday.

"A weekend of such 'unreal' and unrestrained moods in a town like Dallas could, however, be worse. Smaller movements have started riots that have wrecked cities and destroyed lives."

The Texan said college students contributed to the problem but "the blame is on the City of Dallas, which is turning the event into a profitable weekend for its merchants at the expense of the ordinary citizens. Increasing the police force may put more people behind bars, but if anything were really to start, this would not be enough."

the United States urged Western European allies not to sell arms to Latin America and it specifically vetoed the sale by Britain of six Canberra jet bombers to Peru. Later in the summer the United States opposed the sale by France to Peru of 12 Mirage fighter-bombers.

Indications are that the United States would still like to keep the 1,400-m.p.h. Mirage out of South American skies. Officials said privately they hope Peru might find the U.S. offer of F5s attractive.

AS RECENTLY as last Friday a State Department press officer followed the line of opposition to introducing advanced weapons into Latin American arsenals. But already, it is now known, Asst. Secretary of State Covey T. Oliver was sounding out key congressional figures on selling F5s to the South Americans.

Robert J. McCloskey, State Department press officer, told a news conference Wednesday the decision to approve Northrop sales was made "very recently." In fact, it is understood that it was made this week.

The State Department says the Northrop F5 cost \$750,000 apiece, without electronic or other equipment. In other words its actual cost would be much higher. Depending on its load, it can fly at supersonic speeds but its normal cruising speed is subsonic.

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