

Viet Reds Blast Two U.S. Airfields

SAIGON (UPI) — Communist guerrillas fired more than 250 rockets and mortar shells into two U.S. airfields just north of Saigon Saturday in co-ordinated pre-dawn attacks that killed 4 Americans and wounded 34.

The shelling was the second in three days against key American bases around Saigon. No Viet Cong dead were found although U.S. guns riddled their suspected positions.

One of the Communist rockets went through the roof of an American officers' club which only a few hours before was packed for a farewell party. It was empty when the shell hit.

Two civilians were killed and 17 wounded in similar Viet Cong attacks on U.S. installations at Bing Hung and Tan Uyen. It was the second straight assault on Tan Uyen, where the U.S. Army plans to

move its Vietnam headquarters in a few weeks.

THE TWO airfield raids Saturday, at Phu Loi and Lai Khe, destroyed three U.S. helicopters and damaged 14. Both airstrips remained operative.

The stepped-up terrorism came as another 1,500 U.S. Marines Saturday sliced into the demilitarized zone. The Leathernecks invaded the no-man's-land for the second time in the war Friday to try to knock out Communist mortars, and artillery zeroed in on U.S. outposts in northern South Vietnam. B-52 bombing attacks earlier failed to silence them.

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