

Casualties Light

Rockets Hit Americal Div. Base

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CHU LAI, Vietnam — Between 15 and 20 Communist 122mm rockets slammed into this U.S. Army base late Monday afternoon, damaging a small dispensary, military sources said Monday.

About 25 people were in the dispensary when the rockets hit the base about 4 p.m., according to a medic who was in the building.

The only casualties were at the dispensary and an Americal Div. spokesman here described them as "light."

Meanwhile, in Saigon Vietnamese military spokesmen re-

ported heavy fighting erupted between government troops and a reinforced enemy battalion 110 miles northeast of the capital in Binh Thuan province Sunday.

Vietnamese forces killed 41 Communists, including a company commander, Vietnamese military spokesmen reported Monday.

Two Regional Force Companies, backed by artillery and tactical air strikes, slew 23 Reds, they said. A short time later, ARVN units killed 18 enemy in the same area, spokesmen said.

In another development, nine 1st Cav. Div. soldiers were

wounded during an enemy rocket attack and subsequent search of the area around their position, 30 miles northeast of Saigon, spokesmen said.

Fighting flared in the central highlands Sunday as Vietnamese spokesmen reported three contacts near Da Lat. ARVN infantrymen killed 12 enemy soldiers two miles southwest of the city while enemy casualties were not known for two contacts also near the provincial capital, they said.

RF militiamen repulsed a Communist ground and mortar attack on their outpost in Lam Dong Province, 105 miles northeast of here Sunday, spokesmen

said. RF casualties were described as light by military spokesmen.

One Communist was killed while four RF dependents died in the attack, which included 60 rounds of 82mm mortar fire, they said.

Government troops reported killing 18 Reds in scattered contacts in Quang Tin, Kien Giang and Binh Tuy Provinces, spokesmen said.

An element of the 173rd Airborne Brigade teamed with a Popular Force platoon 120 miles southeast of Da Nang to slay five enemy soldiers in a one-hour contact Sunday U.S. spokesmen said.