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1st Cav. ^W 11/2/70 Uncovers Big Cache ⁵⁷

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SAIGON — Soldiers from the 1st Air Cav. Div., searching near a once heavily-traveled enemy supply route, uncovered a large cache of munitions, including more than two tons of C4 explosive, a U.S. Command spokesman announced Saturday.

The men found 4,320 pounds of C4, 600 blocks of TNT, 105 82mm mortar rounds, and 1,200 grenades.

The cache was in good condition and was evacuated, the U.S. spokesman said. It was found 50 miles northeast of Saigon, along an enemy infiltration route known as Adams Road.

If all the C4 explosive found in the cache had been detonated in one place in the Saigon area, it would have leveled a square city block, Capt. Michael Murphy of the 170th Explosive Ord. Det. in Saigon estimated.

Enemy gunners fired mortars into two American positions Friday, the U.S. military spokesman said.

Reds unleashed 30 rounds of mixed ordnance, including rocket-propelled grenades, 60mm mortars and 75mm recoilless rifle fire at a unit of the 11th Armored Cav. Regt., 25 miles north of Saigon, killing one American and wounding six.

Two armored personnel carriers were heavily damaged and two were lightly damaged, the U.S. spokesman said. Two enemy soldiers were killed and two weapons were captured, he said.

In the Central Highlands, Communist gunners fired 25 82mm mortar rounds into LZ Wayne Davis, 24 miles south-southeast of Pleiku, causing light casualties, with no fatalities, a U.S. Command spokesman said.

In other action Friday, one American was killed in a brief exchange of fire north of Saigon in Phuoc Long Province, and another was killed by a sniper in Binh Dinh Province.