

VC Charges Found In Air Base Ammo

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SAIGON—Two satchel charges that failed to explode were found in an ammunition storage area of Tan Son Nhut AB near the spot where U.S. Air Police two days

Christmas Mail Will Be on Time

AUSTIN, Tex. (UPI)—President Johnson was given assurances Wednesday that a record-smashing amount of Christmas mail will get to servicemen in Vietnam on time.

Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien and Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara sent a memorandum to the chief executive stating 10 million pounds of mail left the West Coast for Vietnam in November, compared to 3 million pounds in November, 1965.

earlier repulsed Viet Cong guerrillas raids.

A military spokesman said a 62-pound charge was found Tuesday during a search of the area.

The charge had an 11-hour fuse, the spokesman said, but there was no indication as to when it had been placed in the ammo dump. It didn't explode because the timing device failed to function.

Wednesday morning, a second 62-pound charge was found in the same area. Both charges were disarmed.

The ammunition storage area where the charges were found is on the west side of the sprawling air base. The Viet Cong raiding party, which entered the base during an enemy mortar attack Sunday, got into a nearby area from the northwest side of the field. In the two raids, 30 Viet Cong were killed.

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