

Transcribed Excerpt from Letter from Iowa Soldier during the Vietnam War, September 6, 1967

... This last weekend elections were held in town. Extra MP's were brought up from the 4th Div at Dragon Mt to handle any enemy-inspired disturbances. The only thing so far was that a convoy was ambushed Saturday night on Hwy 19 near Mang Giang Pass with 8 killed and 10 wounded. I rode through Pleiku Sunday morning as a shotgun for our mail clerk. The streets were filled with ARVIN soldiers and people in their colorful holiday clothes. I saw many buildings flying the red and yellow Vietnamese flags, and there were long lines of voters in front of several. There were election posters all over, and everyone seemed to be having a good time. As of tonight there haven't been any incidents downtown. "Maybe" we are making some progress over here ...