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Last-ditch holdouts still fighting the Viet Cong

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Fighting between Communist forces and last-ditch holdouts was still going on in scattered sections of South Vietnam more than a week after the surrender to the Communists, correspondent Alan Dawson reported in a delayed dispatch from Saigon.

"Among the holdouts are troops of the 25th Division about 15 miles northwest of Saigon and a small militia unit about 20 miles

southeast of the capital, sources said," Dawson reported.

"Surprisingly, the resistance is not coming from supposedly elite units of the former South Vietnamese army but from the supposedly inferior units," the sources said.

"Holdouts in the jungles northwest of Saigon are near the district capital of Phu Hoa Dong, having fled from a former U.S. division base camp 18 miles northwest of Saigon.

"To the southeast the militia men around Long Le district capital fled from ad-

vancing revolutionary forces April 30 and instead of surrendering as ordered have holed up in the swampy, impenetrable Rung Sat special zone, ironically a former Communist stronghold.

"Military sources said the militia men were being tracked down one by one and either captured or killed depending on whether they offered resistance. No casualty figures were available."

Dawson quoted the sources, saying resistance to the Communist armies had faded in virtually all other sections of the nation.