

Saigon Attacked Data Base

April 11, 1966 – April 11, 1972

December 6, 1960 -- The Viet Cong dynamite the kitchen at the Saigon Golf Club, killing a Vietnamese kitchen helper and injuring two Vietnamese cooks.

May 19, 1962 -- A Viet Cong grenade is hurled into the Aterbea restaurant in Saigon, wounding a Berlin circus manager and the culture attache from the German embassy.

May 20, 1962 -- A bomb explodes in front of the Hung Dao Hotel, Saigon, a billet for American servicemen, injuring eight Vietnamese and three Americans who are in the street at the time.

October 20, 1962 -- A teenage Viet Cong hurls a grenade into a holiday crowd in downtown Saigon killing six persons, including two children. and injuring 38 persons.

May 31, 1963 -- Two powerful explosions set off by terrorists on bicycles kill two Vietnamese and wound ten others in Saigon. Police believe the explosive accidentally detonated prematurely.

October 26, 1963 -- The French Embassy in Saigon reports that four French planters were kidnapped and two others wounded in machine gun attacks on French rubber plantations East of Saigon.

November 9, 1963 -- Three grenades are thrown in Saigon injuromh a total of 16 persons including four children, the first is thrown in a main street; the second along the waterfront and the third in the Chinese residential area.

February 1, 1964 -- A bomb exploded in the Playboy Bar in Saigon killing four Vietnamese and injuring 35 Vietnamese and four Americans.

February 9, 1964 -- Two Americans are killed and 41 wounded including four women, five children when a Viet Cong bomb is set off in a sports stadium during a softball game. A second portion of the bomb fails to explode. Officials estimate that had it detonated fifty persons would have died. (It was the Pershing Stadium across the street from 3rd Field Hospital.

February 16, 1964 -- Three Americans are killed and 32 injured, most of them U.S. dependents, when the Viet Cong bomb the Kinh Do movie theater in Saigon.

February 21, 1964 -- The Saigon - Da Nang train is derailed, with 11 persons killed and 18 seriously injured.

October 1964 -- U.S. officials in Saigon report that from January to October of 1964 the Viet

Cong killed 429 local Vietnamese officials and kidnapped 482 others.

December 24, 1964 -- A Christmas eve Viet Cong bomb explosion at the Brink officer billet kills two Americans and injures 50 Americans and 13 Vietnamese.

March 30, 1965 -- A Viet Cong bomb explodes outside the American Embassy in Saigon killing 2 Americans. 18 Vietnamese and injuring 100 Vietnamese and 45 Americans.

June 16, 1965 -- A Viet Cong bomb explodes at the Tan Son Nhut Air Terminal, killing 9 and injuring 40.

June 25, 1965 -- Terrorists dynamite the My Canh restaurant in Saigon killing, 27 Vietnamese 12 Americans and two Filipinos, one Frenchman, one German; more than 80 persons are injured.

August 18, 1965 -- A Viet Cong bomb at the Saigon Police Directorate office in Saigon kills six and wounds 15 Vietnamese.

October 4, 1965 -- One of two Viet Cong planted bombs explodes at the Cong Hoa National Sports Stadium killing eleven Vietnamese, including four children and wounding 42 other persons.

October 5, 1965 -- A Viet Cong Bomb goes off, apparently prematurely, in a taxi on a main street in downtown Saigon killing two Vietnamese and wounding ten others most of them Vietnamese.

December 4, 1965 -- A Viet Cong terrorist bomb kills eight persons when it explodes in front of the Metropole Hotel in Saigon converted to quarters of U.S. enlisted men, 157 are injured, including 72 Americans, three New Zealanders and 62 Vietnamese.

January 7, 1966 -- A Claymore mine explodes at Tan Son Nhut main gate killing two persons and injuring 12.

Apr 11, 1966, Monday (Stars and Stripes article, Page 6)(Penley) VC Hits Police With Mortars. (S&S .pdf dated April 14, 1966, Saigon)

Sep 04, 1966, Sunday (Stars and Stripes article, Page 6)(Penley) VC Mine Kills 12 aboard Bus.

Dec 03, 1966, Saturday (Stars and Stripes article, Page 6)(Penley) Grenade Wounds 3 Viet Civilians, (Page 6) Saigon, Vietnam

Dec 05, 1966, Monday (Stars and Stripes article, Page 1)(Penley) "Jihn Do Building" adjacent to HQ U.S. Agency For International Development (AID) was bombed

Dec 06, 1966, Tuesday (Stars and Stripes article, Page 24)(Penley) Lodge Tours Bombed Billet; 'Can't Stop This Type of Attack', Saigon, Vietnam. It is the USAID HQ.

Dec 08, 1966, Thursday (Stars and Stripes article, Page 24)(Penley) High Viet Politician Killed by Gumen, Saigon, Vietnam.

Dec 09, 1966, Friday (Stars and Stripes article, Page 24)(Penley) MPs Arrest Saigon Mayor, Saigon, Vietnam

Dec 11, 1966, Sunday (Stars and Stripes article, Page 1)(Penley) Viet Sentry Saves Span, Convoy, Saigon, Vietnam

Dec 11, 1966, Sunday (Stars and Stripes article, Page 24)(Penley) VC Attack Ammo Dump, Saigon, Vietnam

Dec 13, 1966, Tuesday (Stars and Stripes article, Page 6)(Penley) Alert Guards Save Bridge, Saigon, Vietnam

Dec 15, 1966, Thursday (Stars and Stripes article, Page 6)(Penley) VC Terrorists Toss Grenades, Saigon, Vietnam

Dec 16, 1966, Friday (Stars and Stripes article, Page 6)(Penley) Saigon Serviceman Injured by Grenade, Saigon Vietnam. Grenade thrown into the back of a 2 ½ ton truck near the Capitol BEQ.

Dec 18, 1966, Sunday (Stars and stripes article, Page 6)(Penley) Grenade Injures 4, Saigon, Vietnam. Unknown bar.

Dec 29, 1966, Thursday (Stars and Stripes article, Page 6)(Penley) "Viet Politician Hurt By Bomb Placed in Auto.

Apr 1967 (Presidential Palace attacked .pdf)(Penley)

Jun 13, 1967 (Tuesday)(Stars and Stripes) Woman Terrorist shoots USAF Captain(Referenced from Jun 24th incident) (Penley)

Jun 24, 1967 (Saturday)(Stars and Stripes)(.pdf)(Penley) Woman Terrorist shoots 5th Victim

Jun 25, 1967 (S&S page 6, .pdf)(Penley) Grenade injuries 30 At Busy Saigon Corner

Jan 11, 1968 (S&S page 6, .pdf)(Penley) VC Grenades Hurt 14 Police

Jan 31, 1968 (Tet Offensive)(Penley)

Feb 25, 1968 (S&S page 6 .pdf)(Penley) ROK Embassy hit.

May 6, 1968 (S&S page 1 .pdf)(Penley) Saigon Hit, Reds Shell Viet Cities

May 9, 1968 (S&S page 6 .pdf)(Penley) Viet Police Colonel Slain by sniper (Penley)

May 9, 1968 (S&S page 24 .pdf)(Penley) Reds Hit Saigon, Police Stations, Shell Downtown

June 13, 1968 (S&S page 6, .pdf)(Penley) Soldiers Rushed To Saigon After Heaviest Attack

Jun 24, 1968 (S&S page 6 .pdf)(Penley) Three police wounded (Cholon)

Dec 28, 1968, Saturday (Stars and Stripes Article)(Penley) Grenade Attack on MPs, Patrol's Dawn Is Up Like Thunder, Saigon, Vietnam

Jan 09, 1969, Thursday (Stars and Stripes Article)(Penley) Women Raid House, Saigon, Vietnam.

Jan 23, 1969, Thursday (Stars and Stripes article, Page 6)(Penley) VC Shell Bases, Attack BOQ's In Night Of Terror, Saigon, Vietnam. (Annapolis BOQ and Missouri BOQ)

Oct 22, 1969, Wednesday (Stars and Stripes article, Page 24)(Penley) Blasts, Fire Rip USO in Saigon, Saigon, Vietnam.

Feb 10, 1970, Tuesday (Stars and Stripes article, Page 6)(Penley) Bomb Shatters Viet Press Office, Saigon, Vietnam.

May 06, 1970, Wednesday (Stars and Stripes article, Page 6)(Penley) Bus Hits Mine; 13 Viets Killed, Saigon, Vietnam

May 14, 1970, Thursday (Stars and Stripes article, Page 6)(Penley) 3 Red Rockets Shake Up Saigon, Saigon, Vietnam.

May 15, 1970, Friday (Stars and Stripes article, Page 6)(Penley) Terrorists Strike Twice, Saigon, Vietnam. (Louisiana BEQ and Cholon.)

Jun 04, 1970, Thursday (Richard Carvell) – Machine gun attack; 2 Vietnamese civilians killed.

Jun 20, 1970, Saturday (Richard Carvell) – Police station fire bombed; no casualties.

Jun 21, 1970, Sunday (Richard Carvell) – Grenade thrown into a bar on Plantation Road (a bar which was off-limits to American servicemen) just outside the Tan Son Nhut west gate; no casualties.

Jun 22, 1970, Monday (Richard Carvell) – Grenade thrown into the USO (one of two attacks on the USO during my Vietnam tour, but I visited the USO infrequently); one Vietnamese civilian wounded.

The *Stars & Stripes* Vietnam Bureau reported about the grenade thrown into the USO in the last paragraph of a longer story about casualties and terrorist attacks. Part of the story

dealing with events outside of Saigon is deleted.

Jun 29, 1970, Thursday (Stars and Stripes article, page 6)(Penley) BEQ Blast Injures 5 In Saigon, Saigon, Vietnam. (Le Lai BEQ)

Jul 03, 1970 (.pdf)(Penley) Sabotage Attack On the Rex BOQ, Saigon, Vietnam.

Jul 06, 1970, Monday (Stars and Stripes article, page 6)(Penley) Bus hits VC Mine, Saigon, Vietnam.

Jul 09, 1970 Thursday (Stars and Stripes article, page 6)(Penley) Saigon Sentry Kills 2 In Grenade Incident. Took place adjacent Brinks Hotel.

Jul 13, 1970, Monday (Richard Carvell) – Grenade thrown at the automobile of the General Secretary of Vietnam's Lower House; the General Secretary was not in the vehicle; two Vietnamese civilians wounded.

The Associated Press later reported:

Jul 13, 1970, Monday (Richard Carvell) – Rocket struck a boat; one Vietnamese civilian wounded.

Jul 16, 1970, Monday (Stars and Stripes article, page 7)(Penley)
Assassins Miss Viet Assemblyman (Richard Carvell)

Saigon (AP) – A grenade exploded Monday under the car of Pham Duy Tue, secretary-general of the Vietnamese National Assembly's lower house, wounding a guard and a main. Tue was not in the car.

The 29-year-old representative said he was upstairs in his Saigon apartment at about 7:45 a.m. preparing to go to his downtown office when he heard the explosion, looked out and saw a cloud of smoke rising from the car.

He ran to the car, Tue said, and found the guard and a maid bleeding from head wounds. The maid was reported seriously injured, but the guard suffered only minor shrapnel wounds. The guard was inside the car and had just started the engine.

Tue said the U.S.-made M26 fragmentation grenade apparently had been placed in a box under the front of the car during the night and rigged to go off when the car moved.

Tue said government self-defense force troops were on duty all night at a guardpost just outside the driveway, and he did not know how anyone managed to get to the car.

Tue, a representative of Gia Dinh Province just outside Saigon, is the third youngest member of the lower house.

He was considered a strongly pro-government politician until the House recently began debating a broad economic and fiscal reform package that Tue has opposed.

Asked if he knew who was trying to kill him, the secretary-general laughed and said, "I have no idea, but I had a feeling recently that something like this might happen."

Jul 20, 1970, Monday (Richard Carvell) – Rocket struck a house; no casualties. Suspected rocket launch point: 953-858 on map.

Jul 20, 1970, Monday (Richard Carvell) – (201R) [H-9] – Rocket landed in the fish pond in front of the Vietnamese Presidential Palace; no human casualties.

The AP reported:

Jul 21, 1970, Tuesday (Richard Carvell)(Stars and Stripes article)(Richard Carvell) 2
Rockets Hit Saigon

SAIGON (AP) – Two 122mm rockets smashed into downtown Saigon early Monday, causing some damage but apparently no casualties.

One of the Communist-made, 100-pound rockets went through the roof of a three-story apartment one block from the Central Market.

Several persons were sleeping in the building but none was hurt.

There was no immediate word on where the second rocket landed. It was possible it came down in the Saigon River, a few blocks away from the first.

Jul 24, 1970, Thursday (Stars and Stripes article, page 6)(Penley)
Viets Kill 49; USO Bombed (Richard Carvell) (Tan Son Nhut USO outside the main gate.)

SAIGON – Elements of the Vietnamese 21st Inf. Div. killed 49 enemy soldiers in two IV Corps battles Monday, as ARVN spokesman reported.

Two terrorist incidents were reported in the Saigon area Sunday and Monday. An explosive device went off at a Plantation Road bar Sunday night, causing light damage. There were no injuries, an ARVN military spokesman said. A hand grenade exploded in the kitchen of the Tan Son Nhut USO Monday night, slightly injuring a kitchen helper. Damage was light, a USO spokesman said....

Jul 26, 1970, Saturday (Richard Carvell) – Two pounds of plastic explosives detonated; no casualties; one pound of explosives found in the same area and disarmed.

Jul 27, 1970, Monday (Richard Carvell) – In Saigon at 2200H, a VN Security Guard observed a terrorist loitering across from the main gate of the Hienn Voung Motor Pool for U.S. busses at the intersection of Nguyen Dinh Chieu and Truong Minh Giang Streets (XS 848 921), 4.3 kilometers southeast of the Tan Son Nhut main gate. When challenged, the terrorist fled with the guard in pursuit, and dropped a grenade which detonated, slightly wounding the guard. U.S. EOD located an unexploded M-26 grenade opposite the motor pool during their investigation. The terrorist escaped. (CMAC TOC)

Jul 31, 1970, Friday (Richard Carvell) – Fifty pounds of explosives detonated on a Honda motorcycle at the Ky Son BEQ (Bachelor Enlisted Quarters); one American wounded. Three floors heavily damaged; two Vietnamese tailor shops damaged; three vehicles damaged; two Honda motorcycles destroyed. Terrorist escaped.

Aug 02, 1970, Friday (Richard Carvell) - Stars & Stripes reported: **(Richard Carvell)**

Blast, Fire Rip Ky Son BEQ in Saigon

By SPEC 5 CHARLES C. SELF
S&S Staff Correspondent

SAIGON – A 45-pound explosive ripped open a fuel tank outside the Ky Son enlisted men's quarters in downtown Saigon Friday night setting off a fire that swept through the bottom floor and caused the evacuation of the building.

No injuries were reported in the explosion or fire although a security guard standing near the generator was reportedly knocked into the street by the blast.

Lights in several nearby U.S. buildings blinked as the explosion destroyed a generator at the BEQ. The Plaza Hotel, Ky Son Annex and Dai Nam Theater also lost their electricity.

A civilian engineer setting up a new generator after the explosion explained that the charge had apparently been placed next to a 600-gallon fuel tank serving the generator.

When the bomb went off, it caused the fuel tank to explode – breaking windows on the first three floors of the building. The first that followed swept the ground floor and caused some damage to the second floor.

Residents of the nine-story building said dense smoke poured into the upper floors forcing residents, some still in night clothes, to leap to the roofs of adjoining buildings or grope through the darkened halls to stairways leading to the roof.

Two automobiles in front of the building were gutted by fire, and a third was damaged.

Officials said the men would be housed in other billets until the damage could be repaired.

"Everyone acted pretty good," one man said. "Everybody kept their cool. The guys who were in charge really did a good job. They had gas masks and flashlights and helped everybody get out pretty smoothly."

The next day, August 3, this short article appeared in *Stars & Stripes* updating the bombing:

Aug 02, 1970, Friday (Richard Carvell) - 4 Hurt in Blast At Ky Son BEQ (Richard Carvell)

S&S Vietnam Bureau

SAIGON – The enemy terrorist bombing of the Ky Son BEQ in Saigon Friday night left four persons injured – two Vietnamese civilians and two U.S. personnel – according to the U.S. Command.

The U.S. wounded were treated at a dispensary and released, spokesmen said.

The 30- to 40-pound plastic charge, that ripped through a generator fuel tank and did moderate damage to the nine-story building, was placed by "an undetermined number of enemy terrorists," the command reported Saturday.

Aug 12, 1970, Wednesday (Richard Carvell) – Two terrorists fired on a Vietnamese National Policeman and a Vietnamese civilian, wounding both. Terrorists escaped.

Aug 17, 1970, Monday (Richard Carvell) – Three cakes of TNT detonated under a restaurant table; 19 wounded (12 Vietnamese civilians and seven Vietnamese National Policemen).

Stars & Stripes reported:

Blast in Shop Wounds 19 (Richard Carvell)

S&S Vietnam Bureau

SAIGON – Nineteen people, including four National Policemen, were wounded early Monday morning in an

apparent terrorist explosion that ripped apart a coffee shop in the Cholon section of Saigon, a National Police spokesman said Monday....

Aug 28, 1970, Friday (Richard Carvell) – Hand grenade thrown at passing ambulance; no casualties. Terrorist escaped.

Sep 12, 1970, Saturday (Richard Carvell) – Thirty-five pounds of plastic explosives detonated near Vietnam Regional Exchange Office at 489 Retruss Ky Street; two Vietnamese civilians wounded; two Vietnamese houses damaged; one Vietnamese auto damaged; no damage to the Vietnam Regional Exchange Office.

Sep 12, 1970, Saturday (Richard Carvell) *Stars & Stripes* reported: **Blast Wounds 2 SAIGON (S&S)** – Two persons were wounded Saturday by an explosive charge detonated in front of a house in Saigon, a government source reported. One house was heavily damaged, and other house and an automobile parked nearby were slightly damaged.

Oct 29, 1970, Thursday (Richard Carvell) – (302) [K-9] – Plastic explosives with ball bearings detonated at a Vietnamese house; one Vietnamese civilian wounded; house 50 percent destroyed.

Nov 1, 1970, Sunday (Richard Carvell) – Explosive at PDSF Office; two PDSF wounded.

Nov 2, 1970, Monday (Richard Carvell) – Four 122 mm rockets were launched on Saigon on this date. At this impact site, two houses were damaged by the rocket rounds. The rocket impact area was five to six kilometers southeast of the Tan Son Nhut main gate.

Nov 2, 1970, Monday (Richard Carvell) – One Vietnamese child killed; 11 Vietnamese civilians wounded; three houses damaged.

Nov 2, 1970, Monday (Richard Carvell) – Two Vietnamese civilians wounded.

Nov 2, 1970, Monday (Richard Carvell) – Five Vietnamese civilians killed, two Vietnamese civilians wounded; three houses destroyed. Suspect launch site of all rockets XS 962-835.

Army artillery engaged fire against the suspected launch site (XS 962 835) with unknown results. (TACC SECURITY/MACV)

The *Stars & Stripes* story came from both AP and S&S sources. *Stars & Stripes* reported in its initial story that there were three rockets, but the next day, the number was increased to four.

Reds Drop 3 Rockets on Saigon, 5 Killed (Richard Carvell)

Compiled From AP and S&S

SAIGON – Viet Cong gunners shelled Saigon Monday for the first time in 3 ½ months, killing five Vietnamese, wounding five others and destroying a half dozen houses.

The rocket attack appeared timed to coincide with South Vietnam's National Day, celebrated only hours earlier and the U.S. Congressional elections Tuesday.

Three 100-pound missiles crashed into the capital shortly after midnight.

One of the missiles blew out the entire front of a third floor apartment building near the central market, about five blocks from Independence Palace. The rocket shattered windows in a block wide area. Many Americans live in the area, but none were reported hurt.

A second rocket hit across the Saigon River on the eastern edge of the city, near the Vietnamese Navy headquarters, and the third rocket hit two blocks from the central market, near the Alaska Barge Company, but there were no casualties.

Nov 12, 1970, Thursday (Richard Carvell) – Grenade thrown at the front door of the Saigon USO (second USO attack during my tour); no casualties and only minor damage.

Nov 16, 1970, Monday (Richard Carvell) – Arms cache discovered near Tan Son Nhut Air Base.

Nov 22, 1970, Sunday (Richard Carvell) – Arms cache discovered near Tan Son Nhut Air Base.

Nov 24, 1970, Tuesday (Richard Carvell) – Arms cache discovered near Tan Son Nhut Air Base.

Nov 25, 1970, Wednesday (Richard Carvell) – Three to four pounds of explosive detonated in rear of bookstore; three Vietnamese civilians wounded.

Nov 27, 1970, Friday (Richard Carvell) – Arms cache discovered near Tan Son Nhut Air Base.

Nov 28, 1970, Saturday (Richard Carvell) – In Saigon at 1935H, three unidentified persons on two Hondas stopped at a tax office at #105 Phung Hung St. (XS 816 885) 5.3 km south of Tan Son Nhut. While two of the terrorists held a NPFF guard, the other terrorist placed and detonated an estimated two kilos of explosive inside the building. There was 55 percent damage to the inside of the building, however no casualties resulted. The terrorists escaped and the incident is under National Police investigation. (HAC/CMAC/MACV)

Dec 12, 1970, Saturday (Richard Carvell) – Two students on a motor bike threw a fire bomb at a Scout vehicle; no casualties; vehicle destroyed.

Dec 13, 1970, Sunday (Richard Carvell) – Five students threw a fire bomb at a U.S. jeep; one U.S. military injured (burned); jeep 20 percent destroyed.

Dec 15, 1970, Tuesday (Richard Carvell) – Thirty-three pounds of TNT exploded on the steps of U.S. Army Le Qui Don BOQ (Bachelor Officer Quarters); two Vietnamese civilians wounded; 50 percent damage to building.

Here is the *Stars & Stripes* report of the attack: (Richard Carvell)

Satchel Charge Rips Saigon Officer Billet

By SPEC. 4 John Durham
S&S Staff Correspondent

SAIGON – Terrorists exploded a satchel charge at an American officers' billet two blocks from the presidential palace in downtown Saigon Tuesday night, slightly injuring two GIs and destroying an American jeep.

The blast ripped off a balcony and damaged rooms on six floors of the building. The jeep, which had been parked inside the compound, was blown across the street.

Stagg Sgt. Bernard Strawn, hotel supervisor of the Le Qui Don BOQ, said the two Americans who were injured were at a party in a room close to where the charge was set.

He said one man received a bump on his arm when he was knocked across the room. The other was slightly cut by flying glass or concrete, he said.

A young Vietnamese boy walking by the BOQ at the time the charge went off was tossed across the street and wrapped in a section of fence, according to Spec. 4 Randy C. Shreves, one of the first MPs on the scene. The boy was slightly injured, according to a U.S. Command spokesman.

Shreves, who was cruising in the area before the blast, said he heard a smaller charge which "sounded like a hand grenade" before the satchel charge blew.

A Vietnamese woman, peddling soft drinks and beer from a push cart no more than 30 feet from the explosion, was unhurt, according to witnesses.

"I was standing up and was rocked by the explosion," Strawn said. "I grabbed my rifle and went outside."

Strawn said there were no serious injuries because almost everyone on that side of the building had gone to eat when the blast went off at 7:05 p.m.

Dec 17, 1970, Thursday (Richard Carvell) – Grenade exploded in open-air bar; one U.S. Navy man and one Vietnamese civilian killed; 12 Vietnamese civilians wounded.

Dec 17, 1970, Thursday (Richard Carvell) – Thirty-five pounds of explosives detonated; one U.S. military killed, one Vietnamese civilian and one U.S. military wounded.

Dec 19, 1970, Saturday (Richard Carvell) – Rocket attack; six Vietnamese civilians killed; seven Vietnamese civilians wounded; one house destroyed, two damaged.

Dec 19, 1970, Saturday (Richard Carvell) – Rocket hit filling station two blocks from the U.S. Embassy; 1 Vietnamese civilian wounded.

Dec 19, 1970, Saturday (Richard Carvell) – Plastic explosive detonated at Vietnamese newspaper office; four Vietnamese civilians wounded.

Dec 19, 1970, Saturday (Stars and Stripes article)(Penley) S. Viet Assembleman Killed.

Dec 21, 1970, Monday (Richard Carvell) – Two pounds of TNT detonated at railroad station; no casualties.

Dec 26, 1970, Saturday (Richard Carvell) – Explosion destroyed two generators at Merlin BEQ (Bachelor Enlisted Quarters); resulting fire destroyed 70 shacks of Vietnamese disabled veterans; two Vietnamese civilians killed; 12 Vietnamese civilians wounded.

Apr 8, 1971, Thursday (Richard Carvell) – Forty pound plastic explosive device detonated; one U.S. military, one Vietnamese civilian killed; 12 Vietnamese civilians wounded.

Bomb Kills GI In Saigon Bar (Richard Carvell)

**By SPEC. 4 John Durham and SPEC. 4 Larry McQuillan
S&S Staff Correspondents**

SAIGON – A terrorist bomb ripped apart a downtown Saigon bar Thursday night, killing a GI and a young Vietnamese woman and injuring at least a dozen persons.

Sources at the scene said the charge was a 40-pound plastic device, and it scattered bricks and plaster at least a block away. The explosion shook buildings as far as four blocks from the bar, situated one block off Tu Do Street in a popular entertainment area.

At least 55 U.S. servicemen were in the CBC bar at the time of the explosion, according to Air Force Sgt. Steven V. Shearer, who was sitting close to the wall where the bomb was planted.

It was the first attack against Americans in Saigon since terrorists blasted two American billets in mid-December.

Shearer, who crawled under rubble to help pull wounded Americans out of the bar, said the place had one of the best rock and roll bands in Saigon. Psychedelic posters covered two of the walls that were still standing.

Military police radio reports at the scene described the CBC bar as completely destroyed and said a restaurant next door had been extensively damaged.

A tanker truck parked on the street next to the bar was not damaged.

Shortly after the explosion at 9:10 p.m. a few round of small arms fire were heard close to the scene. A sailor who went outside after the detonation said he saw a South Vietnamese soldier shooting at a man running down the street.

Vietnamese and American military personnel cordoned off the area immediately after the blast and searched nearby buildings and vehicles for other explosives. At least four ambulances screamed away from the bar carrying wounded to civilian and military hospitals.

Rescue teams, working under searchlights, picked their way through the rubble for more than one hour.

The bar, which reportedly could accommodate more than 100 persons, is on the corner of Phan Van Dat and He Linh streets, which faces Saigon's waterfront. The block houses night club spots catering to Americans.

Apr 11, 1972, (Stars and Stripes article)(Bob Laymon) In the Saigon area, a lone Viet Cong sapper slipped into a South Vietnamese ammunition dump eight miles east of the capital before dawn and set off explosive charge. The blast destroyed 25 per cent of the ammunition stores and shook buildings in Saigon. The sapper was killed, and one South Vietnamese soldier was wounded.