



VICTIM OF SAIGON NIGHTCLUB BLAST IS CARRIED TO AMBULANCE

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Bomb Kills GI In Saigon Bar

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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

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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

Shortly after the explosion at 9:10 p.m. a few rounds 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 policemen 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 patrons, is on the corner of Phan Van Dat and He Linh streets, which faces Saigon's waterfront. The block houses night spots catering to Ameri-