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EXPLOSIONS ROCK SAIGON 11 HOURS

Blasts at Ammunition Dump NY LIMES DEC 1 & 1972

SAIGON, South Vietnam, Friday, Dec. 15 (AP)—For 11 hours yesterday Saigon shook to explosions reportedly set off by two saboteurs in a huge ammunition dump seven miles to the southeast.

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Four South Vietnamese sol-diers were injured by flying glass in downtown Saigon, where hundreds of windows were shattered and some ceil-

were shattered and some ceilings collapsed.

Military sources reported that more than 2,000 tons of bombs and mortar and artillery shells had been destroyed at the dump. But these were said to be only a small part of the total amount of explosives stored there.

The munitions depot, described as South Vietnam's largest, was believed to have a capacity of 40,000 tons. One



Saigon's troops clashed with infiltrators near Parrot's Beak section of Cambodia (1). B-52's bombed Donghoi area (2).

military source said there were 15,000 tons in the depot when the blasts began. The storage bunkers are separated by steel, concrete and sandbags.

The Saigon command's spokesman, Lieut. Col. Le Trung Hien, said that two companies of North Vietnamese commandos were chased away Col. Le that two from the ammunition depot Wednesday night but that two Wednesday night but that two men managed to cut their way through the dump's wire fence and plant timed explosive devices.

Guards opened fire, he said, but the two men escaped. The explosions began four hours later, shortly after 4 A.M., and continued until 3 P.M.

The dump is in open country in an abandoned rubber plantation on the opposite side of the river from the capital.

In other war developments, the Saigon command described ground action as generally light,

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It reported daylong fighting near the Parrot's Beak region of Cambodia and said Government militiamen clashed there with North Vietnamese troops attempting to infiltrate into the Saigon region. Saigon region.

B-52's Fly 33 Missions

SAIGON, Friday, Dec. 15
(UPI) — American B-52 bombers flew 33 missions averaging three planes each over North and South Vietnam in the 24-hour period ended at noon yesterday, the United States command said. Fourteen of the missions mand said. Fourteen of the missions were directed over the North — one short of the record of 15 set by the big bombers three weeks ago.

The planes reportedly dropped 1,260 tons of bombs on a ring of supply depots around the port city of Donghoi, 30 miles north of the demilitarized zone.

Over South Vietnam, the command said, 19 B-52 missions were flown against enemy troop and supply staging areas.

The command also reported that a Navy RF-8 Crusader jet crashed in the South China Sea Wednesday. The pilot was ejected and was rescued.