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Hard Head

OASIS A 3rd-Brigade sergeant learned the value of a steel helmet when a piece of shrapnel tore into it instead of his head.

The incident occurred near Ban Me Thuot when Company C, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry, commanded by Captain Thomas Steuber of Milwaukee, Wis. made camp for the night.

Sergeant First Class Pineino of Isabela, P.R., was walking around the perimeter when a mortar came soaring in and exploded near the camp.

"The first thing we knew," said one Ivymen, "Sergeant Pineino had his helmet in his hands and examining it.

"There was a hole in it, but the helmet had diverted the shrapnel, saving his life."
"I've always been a firm believer in the steel helmet," said SFC Pineino.

