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## VC Hit CP

Soldiers of the 1st Bn., 35th Inf. and the 2nd Bn., 9th Arty. had the scare of their lives when a Viet Cong mine detonated in the center of their forward command post.

Although the command-detonated mine blew a hole five feet deep and 10 feet wide and sent shrapnel flying throughout the CP, scratches and bruises were the only injuries taken.

Men of Alpha Btry., 2nd Bn., 9th Arty., who were bunked on top of the bomb, had been called to their posts for a fire mission seconds before the explosion occurred.

The 250-pound bomb and 105-mm rounds—believed to be U.S. ammunition which failed to explode when it was dropped into a nearby VC stronghold a week earlier—had been buried prior to the "Cacti Green's" arrival in the landing zone.

MSgt. Francis G. Corcoran, who traced the wire leading from the bomb to where it had been detonated, said the VC had taken great pains to conceal the wire and bombs.



**POOPED TROOP**—A scout dog supporting a Co. C, 1st Bn., 35th Inf. patrol in the 506 valley takes a break to rest. The "Cacti Green," men of the 3rd Brigade Task Force, are on Oper-