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TO CHECK FOREST FIRES.

Dynamite Exploded For Purpose of
Causing Rain.

WALLACE, Idaho, Aug. 15.—Two companies of infantry from Fort George Wright, Spokane, arrived here early today to aid in quenching the great forest fire in the Couer d'Alene national forest reserve. Conditions continue to improve. Dynamite was exploded in Wallace yesterday with the hope of bringing rain and a small shower fell during the night.

A ten-mile trench has been dug around the Big creek fire and it is believed that only a heavy wind will cause it to get away from the fire fighters.

A large crew of men on the Borax fire on Idaho mountain went on a strike yesterday because they believed the foreman was not a union sympathizer. Men were sent out today to take their places.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—The fury of the forest fires in the Glacier national park in Montana has not abated, according to the latest reports received here by the interior department. Major Wm. R. Logan, supervisor of the new park, in a telegram received by Acting Secretary of the Interior Pierce today, made another appeal that troops be rushed to his assistance. It is assumed, however, that the dispatch was sent before Major Logan received word that soldiers were enroute.

Major Logan was instructed to communicate with the commander of Fort Wright at Spokane, Wash., who would inform him how many soldiers had been placed at his disposal and