

Account of the Da Nang AB Sapper Attack, July 1, 1965

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At approx. 0115 hrs, 1 July 65, SSgt Jensen drove up in a 1 ½ ton truck bringing coffee. I opened the right side door. He asked me how everything was. I said pretty quiet so far. I got a cup and was looking for the coffee jug when a mortar hit a C-130 on the far south end. Sgt. Jensen told me to call in to APO. As I started back toward the portable radio I was approx. 15 V.C. dressed in dark fatigues with camouflage helmets firing in our direction. Sgt. Jensen got out of the truck took approx. 2 or 3 steps and fell. The flames from the C-130 made it possible to see the V.C.. I immediately counter fired making my way to the portable radio. I had the mic in my left hand and firing with my right hand. The V.C. fire was heavy all around me. I heard hand grenades and rockets going off and my only thought was head for cover. I dove in my fox hole and came up firing. I changed magazines at that time. I noticed 3 or 4 V.C. behind one of the tents and fired upon them. They retreated towards the perimeter road. Directly in front of me V.C. were falling back. Automatic weapons fire still continued in my direction. I saw the SAT stop about 100 yards north of my position then depart. A while later the SAT stopped about 50-75 yards away. I rolled out the back of my fox hole into a drainage ditch. I ran as fast as could yelling my name to the SAT vehicle. After the V.C. had moved back approx. 2 or 3 more mortars hit in the F-102 and C-130 area.

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