Tết 31 JAN 1968 BOMB DUMP, Biên Hòa Air Base James F. Cox, Jr., A2C K-9 Handler, and K-9 *Pete*, 5F40 3rd Security Police Squadron

Biên Hòa Air Base
31 JAN 1968, 1200 hours, Noon
James Cox, A2C, K-9 handler, and K-9 Pete,
5F40: Around noon we returned to the
kennels from the Bomb Dump. That was when
we learned the east-end had been penetrated.
We K-9 were then assigned to go and assist in
a sweep toward the east-end of the runway
area to search for concealed enemy snipers,
Viet Cong and NVA KIA or wounded. A lot of
enemy bodies were found, and they were
taken to the east-end of the runway where
there was a large pit that had been dug.
Captured enemy were turned over to the
ARVN or QC police for interrogation.



K-9 Handler James F. Cox Jr., Biên Hòa Air Base, Tết, 31 January 1968.

I believe they were burned before the trench was finally covered. The thing that is still with me is the smell of the dead bodies, all night long on that K-9 post.



Battle of Biên Hòa, Bunker Hill-10: First of two mass-graves. K-9 handler James Cox stood guard over the oven pit Tết 31 Jan 1968.

It was a *very* long night, and there was plenty of time to think about the rocket attack a couple of nights before, when the K-9 and 3rd SPS Law Enforcement Police hut was hit by a rocket.



Biên Hòa Air Base, K-9 and 3rd SPS Law Enforcement Police hut. Tết 31 Jan 1968.



