

# The Battle of Bunker Hill 10

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## CASUALTIES

LTC Kent Miller, Squadron Commander  
3rd Security Police Squadron, Biên Hòa Air Base, RVN



*Battle of Bien Hoa, Bunker Hill-10: Tet, Morning of 31 January 1968.  
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**USAF CASUALTIES (KIA, LOD, WIA, INJURIES), and Allied info.  
A check of the records for Bien Hoa on TET 1968 by  
From: Kenneth Record (Capt), VSPA Historian**

- \* **LTC FOX'S BOOK** (Air Base Defense In The Republic of Vietnam, 1963-1973) shows 4 dead and 26 wounded [plus 1 K-9 Sentry Dog KIA], and that VC casualties were 139 dead and 25 POWs. Fox's information on the VC only includes those inside the base perimeter.
- \* **The CASUALTY REPORTS** show 5 dead (Maisey and 4 enlisted members), 5 were wounded badly enough to require hospitalization and 20 others injured by hostile action.
- \* **The COMBAT OPERATIONS AFTER ACTION REPORT (COAA)** signed by LTC Miller (It must be noted that the wing had to approve the report before it went forward to higher headquarters) indicates the following:

**USAF Losses 4 KIA**, 1 Heart attack [**LOD**], 26 WIA, 99 non-combat injuries.

VC Losses 139 KIA (body count) 25 POWs.

Other friendly forces (101st 11th ACR, ARVN) indicate the following: 24 KIA, 73 WIA, VC losses at 423 KIA and 34 POWs.

Unfortunately, none of the reports indicate the AFSC of those wounded or killed. Only one actual SP was killed (Maisey) with one Augmentee [to the 3rd SPS]; I have not yet been able to ID the name of the Augmentee [A1C Edward Muse]. Additionally, Sentry Dog Handler Robert (Bob) Press' K-9 Diablo, X313, was shot dead when Press was WIA after he radioed first-alarm.

- \* The 1st Quarter Historical Report (Jan-Mar 1968) states that SSgt Piazza and Capt Strones were awarded the Silver Star for actions on 31 Jan 1968.
- \* The Squadron Historical report for the 2nd Quarter of 1968 (Apr-Jun) states that two enlisted SPs (SSgt Eddie S. Nigh and SSgt Larry H. Sawyer) were awarded the Silver Star for action on 31 Jan 1968. This same report states that 13 SPs received the BSM/V for their actions on 31 Jan 1968. The ranks break down this way:

1st LT	1	TSgt	2
2nd LT	1	SSgt	5
MSgt	3	A1C	1

This report is signed by 1st LT ROGOZINSKI but ultimately had to be approved by MAJ Lynn the squadron CC who took over on 1 March.

The historical reports from before, during, and after the time period in question indicate a consistently understaffed squadron.