

Cam Ranh Bay Bomb Dump Explosion!

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Photo of the Cam Ranh Bay AB Munitions area blowing up for 2 days!
We had a sapper attack on 8/25/71. I have my diary notes and also a
Time mag. article mentioning the attack. Let me know how much, other
than the photo you need.

I'm sending the photo's, Time article, and the notes from my diary. The
notes came from my friends who were in the munitions area the night of
the attack. I was in Australia on R&R. I took the aftermath photo's.



A few revetments of 500 pounders withstood the
explosions and fire.

One of the few things left standing in the devastation.



Building at the entrance of the Mike Area.

Grenades and CBU's were spread over a 2 mile area.



Ain't I Pretty!



Time Article

TIME, SEPTEMBER 6, 1971

Isolated Positions. While the political squabbles stirred up Saigon, Communist artillerymen, defying counterattacks by waves of B-52s, placed isolated South Vietnamese positions just below the Demilitarized Zone under tremendous pressure. Throughout the country, enemy sappers and mortar teams launched scattered attacks on a slew of targets, including the huge U.S. base at Cam Ranh Bay, where an ammunition dump was set ablaze and spewed forth explosives for twelve dangerous hours. Still, the U.S. command reported only ten American combat deaths—the lowest weekly total since August 1965

"The man who succeeds is the man who reads."
 Jesse Lee Bennett

August 1971		MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
SUNDAY	234			
MONDAY	235		Period From 23 thru SEPT 7 is "ACTIVE"	
TUESDAY	236		MANY Alerts and Sightings, FIRE	Fights
WEDNESDAY	237		(16-107 AM) 2 Rocket ATTACKS & Sappers. OVER 235,000 lbs of Bombs go up. 5 jeeps Lost + weapons Carrier	AMMO Dump GOES bye bye
THURSDAY	238		5 Towers Destroyed	5 guys WUNT
FRIDAY	239		6 Buildings Destroyed	Bombs Blow for 13 Hours
SATURDAY	240		uncountable others damaged	we get shelled by our own Rockets

"NARY"

My nightly post was Mike 3 in the bomb dump. John Buck (Mike 4), Frank Yarbrough , John McClain and Frank Neely were on the QRT team that night in the Mike area.



I was with the 483rd SPS from 3/71 to 3/72 at Cam Ranh. I'm now VSPA Life Member #105.

At CRB, I was night humper too, Phantom Flight.



Check out the patch on my cammies... I've never seen another one like it.

Read Capt. Daniel Williams related story

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