

VIETNAM DONG HA AIRFIELD PHOTOS

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1 & 2. Đông Hà Air Field: Mines and Trip flares placed on perimeter. Look close and notice the in-place railroad rail between the men walking and the man squatting (near their feet) placing a flare.

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3. Railroad Track torn up.



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5. Đông Hà Air Field: Command Post.



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8. Đông Hà Air Field: Command Post.
Hecker points .38 at camera.



9. Đông Hà Air Field: Command Post.



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14. Đông Hà Air Field: Det 1/620th TAC, Con Squadron.



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31. Đông Hà Air Field: Graveyard, bunkers, radar... all in a days work.



34.Đông Hà Air Field: Towers and bunkers.



32. Đông Hà Air Field: Truck parking



33. Đông Hà Air Field: USAF Dispensary; Sick Call; Immunization; Emergency's.



35. Dong Ha Air Field: Bunkers.



36. Dong Ha Air Field: Bunker.



37. Dong Ha Air Field: Bunker.



38. Dong Ha Air Field: Bunker with essentials: hotplate, coffee maker; M60.



39. Dong Ha Air Field: M60.



40. Dong Ha Air Field: M60.



41. Đông Hà Air Field: Mini office. Small frig and adult beverages... nice fan.



42. Đông Hà Air Field:

43. Đông Hà Air Field:



44. Đông Hà Air Field:



45.Đông Hà Air Field: Farmer, waterbuffalo, rice paddy.



46. Đông Hà Air Field:



**47. Đông Hà Air Field:
A real barbershop!**

48. Đông Hà Air Field: Duty NCOIC
Med. hospital area.



49.Đông Hà Air Field: Sign:
Security Police Personnel.



50. Đông Hà Air Field: Bus.



51. Đông Hà Air Field: Day room with pool table.
Damaged interior.

52.Đông Hà Air Field:



53.Đông Hà Air Field:



54.Đông Hà Air Field: Easter Party Time!





55. Đông Hà Air Field:



56. Đông Hà Air Field:



57. Đông Hà Air Field:



58. Đông Hà Air Field:



59. Đông Hà Air Field:

60. Đông Hà Air Field: A-Flight Duty Roster, 8 October 1968.

FROM: "A" FLIGHT COMMANDER

8 OCT '68

TO: "A" FLIGHT PERSONNEL

SUBJECT: DUTY ROSTER

1: GUARDMOUNT WILL BE HELD AT SFO, 1845 HRS, 8 OCT '68; AFTER WHICH PERSONNEL WILL BE POSTED AS FOLLOWS;

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|-----------------|---------------|
| 1: A1C SYRE | A1C REYNOLDS |
| 2: SGT BRESS | A1C STUART |
| 4: SGT MARSHALL | A1C SANDERSON |
| 5: A1C MULLIS | A1C GRACE |
| 6: SGT LUTHER | A1C WEAVER |
| 7: A1C THIMLEN | A1C JOZENS |
| 8: SGT ELING | A1C ANDERSON |
| 15: SGT POPLIN | A1C BULTEMA |

CP: SGT HECKER

2: ~~B&B~~
A1C MEYERS

3: FLAG DETAIL
SGT POPLIN
A1C SYRE
A1C WEAVER
A1C SANDERSON
A1C JOZENS

BASE DETAIL
MORNING- A1C STUART
AFTERNOON- SGT ELING

Ronald M. Federico
RONALD M. FEDERICO, SGT
"A" FLIGHT COMMANDER



61. Đông Hà Air Field: Someone say 'Party'?



62. Đông Hà Air Field: Yep!



63. Đông Hà Air Field:



64.Đông Hà Air Field:



65. Đông Hà Air Field: Motorcyle to China Beach anyone?

66. Đông Hà Air Field: Bunk.



67. Đông Hà Air Field:



68. Đông Hà Air Field:



69. Đông Hà Air Field: M60.



70. Đông Hà Air Field: Bunkers and Chinook choppers.



71. Đông Hà Air Field:
Chinook choppers.





72. **Đông Hà Air Field:** Chinook choppers.

73. **Đông Hà Air Field:**



74. **Đông Hà Air Field:** Delta Med Evac Hospital,
3rd Marine Div. I Corps. April 1968.

**Delta Med Evac. Hospital
3rd Marine Div. I Corps
DongHa, RVN, April 1968**



75(below). & 76 (right). Đông Hà Air Field: Command Post entrance.



77. Đông Hà Air Field: Command Post.

COW PALACE LOUNGE
 DONG HA, VIETNAM
 1967
 APO 96362 No. 141

SGT. HECKER, M.R. 620th PS
 RANK NAME ORGN

IS AN ACTIVE MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING
 AND IS ENTITLED TO ALL PRIVILEGES OF THIS
 CLUB

Michael Heckler
 SIGNATURE

NOT TRANSFERABLE
 75. Đông Hà Air Field: Open Mess pass. MODIAN

78. Đông Hà Air Field: Dining Hall.



DONG HA A. F. BASE
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 OPEN MESS

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79. Đông Hà Air Field: Med Hospital area.



80. Đông Hà Air Field:



81. Đông Hà Air Field: Sign:



82. Đông Hà Air Field:



83. Đông Hà Air Field:



84.Đông Hà Air Field:



85.Đông Hà Air Field: Main Gate.



86.Đông Hà Air Field:



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93. Dông Hà Air Field:



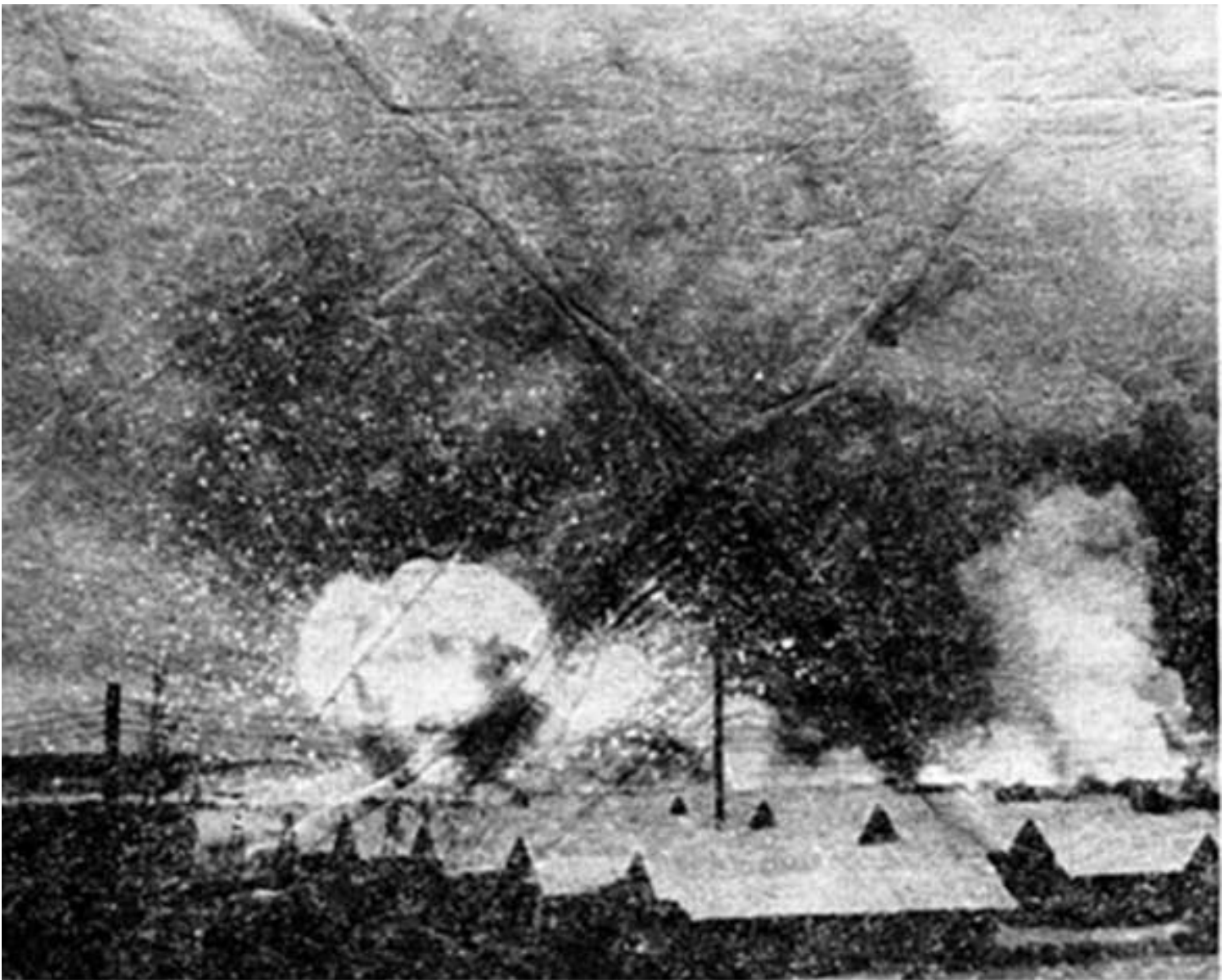


94. Đông Hà Air Field:



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Red Artillery Scores Hit

An explosion rips through an ammunition supply point at Dong Ha, Vietnam, after an enemy artillery attack. Secondary explosions continued for more than 10 hours. At least 12 Marines were injured, but none of them seriously. (USMC Photo by Sgt. T. S. Addington)

**97. Đông Hà Air Field: Vietnam War Poets, USAF
Sgts. Daniel Eling (MI) and Morey Galbreith (OH) compare notes.**



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Dong Ha

Most soldier poets in Vietnam write just for something to do, but Air Force Sgt. Daniel Eling of Muskegon, Mich., (left) is one who takes his writing seriously. Here he compares notes with fellow poet Air Force Sgt. Morey Galbreith of Delta, Ohio.
(AP photo)

We Take Care of Our Own