

VIETNAM
DONG HA AIRFIELD
BOMB DUMP EXPLOSIONS!
PHOTOS

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My primary base was 366th Security Police Squadron, Đà Nẵng AB. *SSgt Mel*
[The day the bomb dump exploded--was a good day to have been at Rocket City and not Đông Hà!]



1. Đông Hà Air Field: Bombs began to cook off sparadical.



2. Đông Hà Air Field, Admin Hootch and Incoming Rocket/Mortar shelter.



3. Đông Hà Air Field, 500 and 1000 pound bombs began exploding. Everyone on base knew what was happening.



4. Đông Hà Air Field. Admin shelter was a good place to set up my recorder.



5. & 6. Across Đông Hà AB, activity stopped. Time to find shelter, and now! Were we under attack? What's happening? Then the bombs started exploding... slowly at first, like pop corn.





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14.... Then like a thundering raging hailstorm like gravel fired from cannon...



15. ...Ear slapping!



16....Earth shaking.



17....Teeth rattling.



18. ...Bone Jarring. Bedrock breaking...



19. Tectonic Plate Shifting. The world was surely coming to an end: Apolcalpse was beginning--at Dong Ha Bomb Dump!]

VIDEO (Day)

Dong Ha 1968 ammo dump explosion, by VintageFilmArsenal

VIDEO (Night)

Ammo dump 1968 explosion at a Base, by James Barrette

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