

366th SPS

Tan My, Vietnam

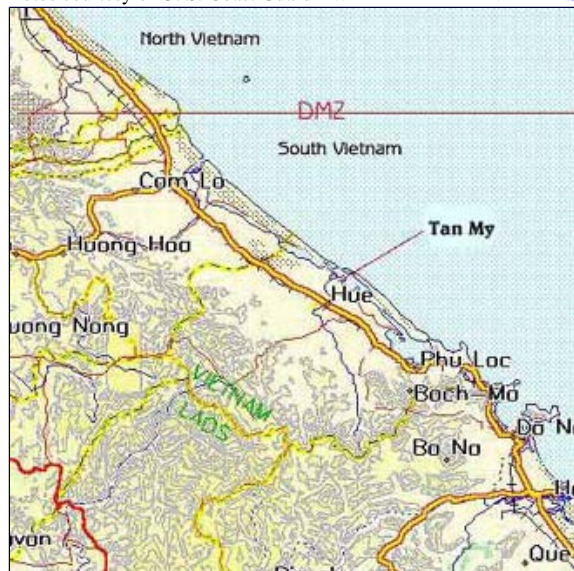
**LORAN Tower,
N/E of HUE**

Det. 1, 366th SPS!

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Have you heard of a detachment called, Det. 1, 366th SPS? It was a small detachment NE of Hue, at a place called Tan My. I was an SP (81150) and served there approximately 6 months. I believe at the time, it was the northernmost Air Force operation. The site was actually run the the US Coast Guard, and was home to a '600'? LORAN tower used to guide our B-52's. The Coast Guard manned the electronics of the tower, while the Security Police provided security for the small base. It was very small, approximately 1-1.5 mile perimeter, with three towers, two bunkers and a main gate.

Let me know if you've heard of it.

Thank you,

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The road toward Hue.



U. S. Air Force personnel provided security for the Tan My LORAN station up to 1975.



"Hey... YOU wanna eat that camera?"



This guard post, mounting a .50 caliber machine gun, is in the antenna field -- a very lonely and isolated position.



This is a very large target. The guard tower in any compound in Vietnam was a good point of reference for enemy mortar, rocket or artillery fire.



The commissioning of Tan My Loran Station, RVN, August 1969. In the foreground is the Coast Guard detachment, and in the rear is the U. S. Air Force detachment assigned to protect the site.

Construction of the warehouse. Notice workers under Air Force guard. Also note watertanks in back of ware house.



Air Force security at Station front gate. In the background is the villa of the former South Vietnamese President Ngo Dinh Diem.

366th Weapons Systems Security, Đà Nẵng, c.1968, (W1273) (Erik Newpher reports this was an Air Force unit that provided security at the Tan My Loran Station).



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