

## **Sapper Attack! December 4, 1966**

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*On Dec 4, 1966 Tan Son Nhut AB received 33 rounds during a Stand Off and Sapper attack.  
Casualties: US KIA 3, WIA 15, RVN KIA 3, WIA 4, and with 20 aircraft damaged. NVA/VC KIA: 28, POW 4.*

### **377th APS, Tan Son Nhut Air Base, Republic of Vietnam, 1966-1967**

While reading Bill Trimble's story, I recalled that I had numerous pictures from that 4 Dec 1966 sapper attack which I received from a "friend" in the 600th photo unit. The 12 photos from the sapper attack were taken by USAF combat photographers during the operations. The original photos are 8 X 10 black and white. They are all black and white and depict our "sweeps" "Viet Cong weapons recovered" and morgue photos of VC killed in the action.



I have no caveats on these photos that I am aware of. Photos are all from the USAF **600th Photo Squadron, Vietnam**, which did all the PR photos for the press corp. I know they were checked by someone before I left the country as there were marks on my photo album that weren't there when I packed.

**All photographs are by Official USAF combat photographers, 600th Photo Squadron, during or following the Sapper Attack at Tan Son Nhut AB, 4 Dec. 1966.**



1. Photo above: 377th Air Police form a skirmish line to search for hiding sappers.  
2. Photo below. Close up





3. 377th APS Airmen search scrub brush and holes for VC and NVA sappers.



4.377th APS Airmen prepare to cross a gully stream, search for VC and NVA sappers.



5. 377th APS Airmen crossing a gully stream, searching for VC and NVA sappers.



*What's a little water... ?*

**6. 377th APS Airmen crossing a gully stream, searching for VC and NVA sappers.**



7. 377th APS Airmen search scrub brush, concealing-structures, and holes for VC and NVA sappers.



**8. Photo Above:** 377th APS Airmen search perimeter fields, scrub brush, heavy foliage and forest for concealed VC and NVA sappers.  
*9. Photo below: Close Up.*





**10. 377th APS** Airmen search scrub brush and holes for VC and NVA sappers.





**11. Photo above:** 377th APS Airmen prepare to cross another stream, searching for VC and NVA sappers.  
*12. and 13. Next two Photos: Close Ups.*



**14. Photo left:**  
NCO examines VC boots, discarded while fleeing.

**15. Photo right:**  
SPSs check out VC/NVA  
weapons cache displayed.



16. Photo right: VC/NVA weapons cache displayed.



**17. Photo right:  
Major and NCOs examine  
VC/NVA weapons cache.**



18. Battle damaged 377th Air Police Pickup Truck. Note: The busted gum-ball red light on top.

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