

**TẾT 1968**  
**BIÊN HÒA AIRBASE**  
**Bomb Dump, Tower Able-10**  
**Luther Wade Young, Sgt, 3rd Security Police Squadron**

**Before 2400 hours, 30 January 1968**



*Biên Hòa AB, Bomb Dump, SPS Tower, Able-10,  
Luther Wade Young, Sgt. Tết 31 Jan 1968.*

The night started out normal enough, as guardmount was over and we departed for our posts. I departed for the bomb dump and my tower post, Able-10. So, everything started out as a routine, normal night, and there was no activity around the area of the bomb dump.

After midnight that would all change.

When the bomb dump had opened, I took over Able-10 as *my* Tower post for the balance of my tour.

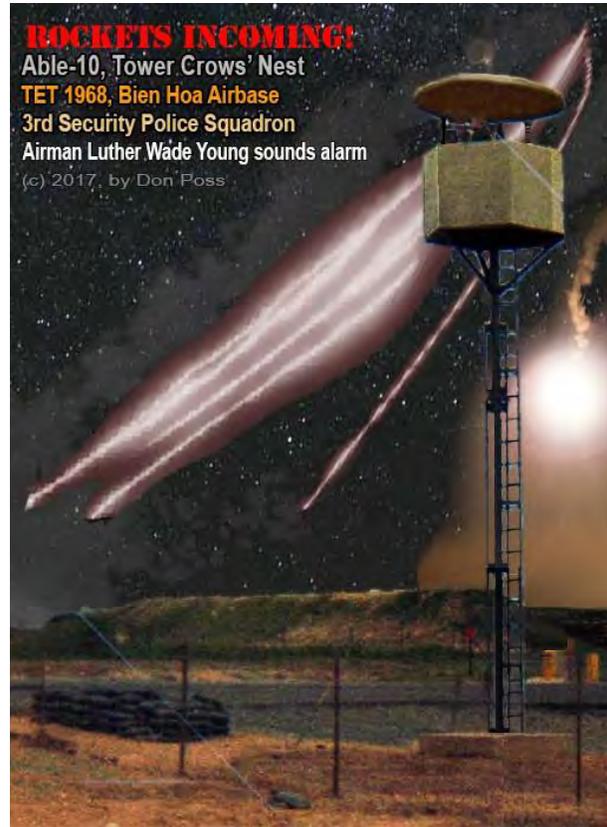
**0300 hours, 31 January 1968**

From my Able-10 tower post, I was able to spot incoming rockets as they were fired toward the airbase from north of our area. I called CSC and alerted them of the incoming impending attack. The incoming rockets stopped exploding on base around ten minutes later. I heard over the radio that one of our K-9 handler's dog was alerting—that's when the VC (Viet Cong) and NVA (North Vietnamese Army) ground troops started their attack at the east-end of the base.

Since our troops in the trucks weren't needed in the bomb dump area, they were sent to other areas as needed. The bomb dump wasn't being attacked but we were all on alert for any enemy activities until the fight ended.

I do not remember how long the fighting went on, but I do know that I was on post for an extended period of time. My tower, Able-10, did have a search light on top, however, during the early hours of the 31st I didn't use it.

Eventually the base-alarm siren alarm button was moved to and installed in my tower, because *a bit of time* could be saved if I set off the alarm, then called CSC and let them know about the rockets and where they were coming from. The time saved would allow the base additional critical seconds and time to seek cover before the first impact. During one attack, I was able to sound the alarm and a squadron from *Operation Ranch Hand* was able to get into their bunker before a rocket hit their living quarters, which were destroyed, and there were no casualties or injuries. This was a joint effort with all members of the 3rd Security Police Squadron. I did my part as did the others. It took a team effort from enlisted men to Officers to protect Biên Hòa Airbase.



*Biên Hòa AB, Bomb Dump Tower Able-10, Sgt Young sounds base alarm: Incoming Rockets. Tết 31 Jan 1968, 0300 hours.*

