

ĐÔNG HÀ AIR FIELD AMBUSH!

366th Security Police Squadron, Det.

Waterboy Radar Site

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Police at Dong Ha Learn Patrol Tactics

DA NANG AB—Three AF security policemen at Dong Ha recently graduated with honors from an experimental three-day reconnaissance orientation course conducted by the 3d Marine Div. training section. Because of the limited time available, the course was tailored to teach security-type patrolling and ambushing to selected Air Force, Army and Marine personnel who must make short-distance patrols around their own camps.

After finishing the first two days of instruction, Sgt. Victor E. Billeci and A1Cs Weyman D. Gaumany and John G. Nemes, the only Air Force men in the class, were selected to go on a patrol led by Marine Cpl. John DeCarlo.

"After walking about 3000 feet from the Dong Ha Marine base camp," DeCarlo said, "I set up my patrol in an ambush position, hoping to catch enemy forces in

the area in our crossfire. We had been there less than five minutes, when Gaumany spotted five Viet Cong walking directly toward us with their rifles at sling arms, and pointed them out to me. At this time they were about 60 feet from our position."

DeCarlo immediately ripped off a burst at the rear man and the whole squad opened up on the VC. Both the enemy point and rear men were killed and the rest of the enemy force made a run for it.

DeCarlo said, "I had instructed the Air Force men and other members of the patrol that I would be the only man to spring the ambush and everything went off as planned. The Air Force men all performed like professionals and I would be proud to take any of them with me at any time."

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Frank Lewicki, Waterboy post.



**Mark Kolbinsky and myself at Đông Hà. Mark won the Bronze Star w/Valor on Feb. 22, 1968.
After we left our hole in the ground, Mark went to the South East, encountered
wounded and under heavy artillery fire carried them to D-Med.**



Patrol.



Frank Lewicki: inside bunker with M60.

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