

A1C Dan A. Bolster served with the 366th Security Police Squadron at Da Nang Air Base, RVN. The story of Bolster's death is described by his friend Dan Stokes, a fellow security policeman at Da Nang: "Dan was a quick wit of a man who always smiled. My recollection is that he was cleaning a .45 (M1911A2 pistol) in his hooch during the rainy season, and according to his hooch mates, was pulling the charging handle and dry firing the weapon again and again. Annoyed by this, someone quipped they were going to 'shove the thing up his ass if he did it again.' Apparently, at the same time the comment was made, Dan slid a magazine in the weapon and said something to the effect of 'Well, I'd just kill myself if that happened,' and put the weapon to his head and pulled the trigger. It discharged after stripping a round from the clip the last time the charging handle was pulled...I'm sure it was by accident.."

(Narrative by Dan Stokes, edited for clarity) [Taken from togetherweserved.com]

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