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Subj: ANIMAL DEN OCCASIONAL BULLETIN 4, ATTACKS ON BIEN HOA, 1964-1973

TO ALL:

Here is the list of attacks [on Bien Hoa AB]. I have notes of maybe two that were not counted below, but must also note that the below does not include attacks on the US Army Compound on the north side of the runway. This list is for Air Force areas only. You will recognize the acronyms: KIA (killed), WIA (wounded), RVN (Republic of Viet Nam), etc. I really feel sorry for the US men who were there in 1972-3, without a hell of a lot of backup, it seems to me. There weren't as many attacks then, but some of them were pretty severe.

Will put some other stuff in the next bulletin.

ATTACKS ON BIEN HOA AIR BASE, RVN, 1964-1973, From Roger P. Fox, "Air Base Defense in the Republic of Vietnam, 1961-1973," Office of Air Force History, United States Air Force, Washington, D.C., 1979. Appendix I, Chronology of VC/NVA Attacks On the Ten Primary USAF Operating Bases in RVN, 1961-1973 (Prepared by the Author [Fox])

Thanks to Dwight H. Gates for sending me the material from which the below is abstracted. I didn't know about this source until Dwight told me about it. Dwight, I sent the men the URL for your article so they already have that.

Bien Hoa Air Base Attacks [There were several more that I know of not listed by Fox and not included below. JM.]

1964:

1 November, 0026 Hours: 70 Rounds; 5 Aircraft Destroyed; 15 Damaged; 4 US KIA; 30 US WIA; 2 RVN Aircraft destroyed; 3 Damaged. (This was the first enemy attack on a permanent USAF installation in RVN.)

1965:

23 August, 2359 Hours: 97 Rounds; 11 US Aircraft Damaged; 24 US WIA; 5 RVN WIA.

1966:

18 October, 2250 Hours: Unknown Rounds; No Damages or Casualties

1967:

7 February, 0050 Hours: Attack or Accident of Unknown Cause, Destroyed 2600 napalm bombs valued at \$342,000.

12 May, 0101 Hours: 189 Rounds; 2 US Aircraft Destroyed; 32 US Aircraft Damaged; 6 US KIA; 31 US WIA; 2 RVN Aircraft Destroyed; No Further Records.

5 November, 2240 Hours: 15 Rounds; 2 US WIA.

1968:

31 January, 0300 Hours (Tet): 45 Multi-Battalion Attack; 2 US Aircraft Destroyed; 17 US Aircraft Damaged; 4 US KIA; 26 US WIA; 139 KIA Enemy Loses Inside Base Perimeters; 25 Enemy POWs Captured Inside Base Perimeters.

11 February, 0003 Hours: 16 Rounds; 6 US Aircraft Destroyed; 26 US Aircraft Damaged; 1 US KIA; 38 US WIA; No Further Records.

18 February, 0103 Hours: 7 Rounds; 1 US Aircraft Destroyed; 3 US Aircraft Damaged; No Further Records.

28 February, 0101 Hours: 32 Rounds; 5 US Aircraft Damaged; 14 US KIA; 24 US WIA; No Further Records.

12 March, 2250 Hours: 7 Rounds; 1 US WIA; No Further Records.

22 March, 0138 Hours: 9 Rounds; 5 US Aircraft Damaged; 12 US WIA.

5 April, 2217 Hours: 12 Rounds; 1 US KIA; 14 US WIA.

5 May, 0259 Hours: 74 Rounds; 13 US Aircraft Damaged; 11 US WIA.

5 May, 0600 Hours: 7 Rounds; No damages or casualties.

7 May, 1930 Hours: 1 Round; No damages or casualties.

15 June, 0237 Hours: 9 Rounds; 6 US Aircraft Damaged.

22 August, 0100 Hours: 11 Rounds; 9 US WIA.

30 August, 2300 Hours: 2 Rounds; No damages or casualties.

8 September, 0300 Hours: 8 Rounds; 6 US Aircraft Damaged.

26 October, 2320 Hours: 7 Rounds; 4 US WIA.

1969:

23 February, 0210 Hours: 39 Rounds; 2 US Aircraft Destroyed; 8 US Aircraft Damaged; 4 US WIA.

29 March, 0220 Hours: 2 Rounds; 1 US WIA.

31 March, 2347 Hours: 2 Rounds; No damages or casualties.

12 May, 0122 Hours: 5 Rounds; 3 US Aircraft Damaged.

21 May, 2001 Hours: 2 Rounds; No damages or casualties.

23 May, 0138 Hours: 3 Rounds; 3 US WIA.

28 May, 2234 Hours: 4 Rounds; No damages or casualties.

5 June, 2042 Hours: 4 Rounds; 1 US Aircraft Damaged.

6 June, 0304 Hours: 36 Rounds; 2 US Aircraft Damaged; 1 US KIA; 2 US WIA.

9 June, 2121 Hours: 3 Rounds; 1 US KIA.

12 June, 2358 Hours: 30 Rounds; 1 US WIA.

16 June, 1952 Hours: 4 Rounds; 1 US Aircraft Damaged.

18 June, 0050 Hours: 9 Rounds; 6 US WIA.

20 June, 2147 Hours: No damages or casualties.

10 July, 0701 Hours: 4 Rounds; No damages or casualties.

20 July, 0614 Hours: 29 Rounds; No damages or casualties.

12 August, 0200 Hours: 8 Rounds; No damages or casualties.

5 September, 0100 Hours: 4 Rounds; No damages or casualties.

6 September, 0619 Hours: 18 Rounds; 1 RVN Aircraft Damaged; 7 RVN KIA; 12 RVN WIA.

25 November, 0523 Hours: 3 Rounds; No damages or casualties.

12 December, 0625 Hours: 11 Rounds; 1 US Aircraft Destroyed; 3 US WIA.

1970:

21 January, 0456 Hours: 8 Rounds; 3 US Aircraft Damaged.

4 February, 0029 Hours: 4 Rounds; No damages or casualties.

27 February, 2359 Hours: 6 Rounds; 6 US Aircraft Damaged; 4 US WIA.

1 April, 0620 Hours: 5 Rounds; 1 US Aircraft Damaged.

4 April, 0005 Hours: 2 Rounds; No damages or casualties.

3 May, 0140 Hours: 6 Rounds; No damages or casualties.

3 May, 0609 Hours: 4 Rounds; 1 US Aircraft Destroyed; 5 US WIA.

3 May, 1806 Hours: 7 Rounds; 23 US WIA.

4 May, 0605 Hours: 3 Rounds; No damages or casualties.

11 June, 0653 Hours: 2 Rounds; No damages or casualties.

25 June, 1104 Hours: 1 Round; No damages or casualties.

17 November, 0518 Hours: 28 Rounds; 3 US KIA; 23 US WIA; 2 RVN KIA; 11 RVN WIA.

1971:

16 March, 0610 Hours: 5 Rounds; 2 RVN WIA.

16 August, 2319 Hours: 2 Rounds; No damage or casualties.

25 September, 0443 Hours: 3 Rounds; No damage or casualties.

29 September, 0658 Hours: 1 Round; No damage or casualties.

3 October, 0345 Hours: 3 Rounds; No damage or casualties.

25 November, 0248 Hours: 3 Rounds; No damage or casualties.

1972:

12 January, 0157 Hours: Sapper Attack, destroyed \$400,000 in munitions.

21 February, 0310 Hours: 5 Rounds; 2 US WIA.

7 April, 0108 Hours: 4 Rounds; No damage or casualties.

23 May, 2221 Hours: 4 Rounds; 2 RVN KIA; 5 RVN WIA.

1 August, 0515 Hours: 86 Rounds; 4 US Aircraft Damaged; 1 US KIA; 37 US WIA; 2 RVN Aircraft Damaged; 6 RVN KIA.

9 October, 0952 Hours: 1 Round (or possible sabotage or accident); 1 US Aircraft Destroyed; 50 US WIA; 3 RVN Aircraft Destroyed; 94 RVN Aircraft Damaged; 3 RVN KIA; 23 RVN WIA.

31 August, 0600 Hours: 64 Rounds; 1 US Aircraft Destroyed; 10 US Aircraft Damaged; 1 US WIA; 1 RVN Aircraft Damaged; 3 RVN KIA, 9 RVN WIA.

22 October, 0505 Hours: 56 Rounds; 7 US Aircraft Damaged; 3 US WIA; 2 RVN KIA; 14 RVN WIA.

12 November, 0300 Hours: (Data included with below)

12 November, 0515 Hours: 21 Rounds; 1 US Aircraft Destroyed; 3 US Aircraft Damaged; 8 US WIA; 10 RVN WIA.

1 December, 0500 Hours: 28 Rounds; 14 RVN Aircraft Damaged; 1 RVN KIA; 9 RVN WIA.

4 December, 0420 Hours: 7 Rounds; 3 US Aircraft Damaged.

15 December, 0405 Hours: 12 Rounds; No damage or casualties.

16 December, 0115 Hours: 6 Rounds; No damage or casualties.

16 December, 0915 Hours: 3 Rounds; No damage or casualties.

1973:

22 January, 0200 Hours: 10 Rounds; 1 US Aircraft Damaged.

26 January, 0225 Hours: 26 Rounds; 1 US Aircraft Damaged; 1 US KIA; 7 US WIA; 3 RVN WIA.

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