Total Solar Eclipse

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It was another typical day in the Vietnam War Zone. We had arrived at this location on July 18, 1965 when it was still overgrown jungle. Few large trees in sight, but we had many vines, brush and elephant grass. Not to mention scorpions, centipedes, ants, termites, lizards and many varieties of poisonous snakes.

We dug foxholes, then constructed defensive bunkers. We began clearing the jungle first with machetes and then with a borrowed dilapidated bulldozer. Eventually we assembled our living quarters in tents with dirt floors and then with wood floors.



Our operations area was assembled in a barbed wire secure area. On Nov 23, 1965 around 10:00 AM, as we were working in our operations huts, the sky began to turn gray and the temperature began to drop. Fog began to move across the landscape and in the distance we could hear a rooster crow.

We had not been notified of this event and some of us had never experienced anything like this in our young life.

We were in the middle of a total solar eclipse that covered the entire country of South Vietnam

