

Battle of Suoi Bong Trang – February 23rd and 24th, 1966

This was first stop we made in Michelin Rubber plantation.

I don't recall operation name. (Operation Rolling Stone) Stayed here 2 nights. Nothing but low jungle brush to our front.

I believe Jerry Cecil and I shared this hole but I am not sure. All I can remember is that this was the night defensive perimeter for Brigade HQ.



1st Brigade headquarters was located behind us.

This action took place while I was assigned to 1st Brigade HQ in Phuoc Vinh. All I can remember about this operation is that several days later all HELL broke loose near Prek Lok.

Jerry and I shared same hole when action started at 10 PM and lasted until about 6 AM. We were nearly overrun (actually VC got within about 25 meters of our position - overran mess hall and parts of MP encampment which was located behind and next to our position).

I have slide somewhere showing small tree that took some hits which was next to our hole. I think Jerry Cecil has the same slide.

If I remember correctly there were between 125 and 200 dead VC bodies recovered the next morning inside perimeter and on perimeter.

PUFF broke the back of the attack. AWESOME FIREPOWER!



I can remember exact details from that night as if it happened yesterday. It was longest night in my life. I still see green tracers going directly over my head. Jerry shared that night with me.

Thanks,
Swank

For more info on this battle, see http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Suoi_Bong_Trang