

## JANUARY

The month of January brought with it a series of mortar attacks on the Camp Coryell Compound. Numerous casualties and extensive damage to aircraft and building structures. The latter part of January was the ~~beginning~~ beginning of the Vietnamese Tet New~~x~~ Years Holiday season which turned into a night mare for members of the 155th Assault Helicopter Compound and its detachments.

<sup>0245 hours</sup>  
On 4 January the compound came under a barrage of mortar and B-40 rocket attack. 40 mortars and 6 B-40 rockets landed on the compound. For the first time the 155th was infiltrated by the Viet Cong through the perimeter fence. The compound suffered no casualties.

On 17 January, 0125 hours, again the compound came under mortar attack. 25 rounds landed in the limits of the Ban Me Thuot airstrip. Immediately the compound responded with a heavy volume of automatic weapons fire to prevent what had happened the 4th of January from reoccurring. Members of the 155th were rapidly learning what it was like to come under attack at more frequent intervals.

~~The enemy commanding hours of 23 January 1968 started~~

<sup>0115 hours</sup>  
On 23 February 1968 the compound was hit by 53 mortar rounds.

<sup>0350 hours</sup>  
On 4 March 1968 46 rounds landed on the compound. Numerous casualties were suffered. 1 Korean Civilian was killed while enroute to repair perimeter light generators. Compound suffered the loss of 2 Air Force Air Weather Personnel who were killed in their quarters when a round struck their hootch. Compound immediately responded with a heavy return of ~~machine~~ automatic weapons fire. The results of this return of fire was 6 confirmed enemy KIA. The enemy again were attempting to infiltrate the compound from both ends of the compound.

On 13 March 1968, 2220 hours compound came under a barrage of enemy mortar fire. 82 rounds struck the compound causing extensive damage to property and inflicting numerous casualties.