

# **Nakhon Phanom Air Base**

## **1975**

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**1. NKP: C-130 on flight line.**



**2. HH-43 "Huskie" Search & Rescue helicopter.**



3. **Midnight Shift**, drawing weapons.



6-7. (above & below) **HH-43** Closeup



4. (above) & (5. below) I think this was Post-27, the PIG Weapons Locker: Miniguns, M60's...



8. **Tony Miranda**







9. (top-left) Earl...and today's menu is ...

10. (top-right) Earl holding illumination, "Sunshine", mortar round.

11. (center-left) Earl playing with his toys: 81mm Mortar.

12. (below-left) Close up of Earl's shoe. Looks like it's coming apart at the toe!

13. I'll Be Seeing You.







**14. (above) View from M60 bunker, with Grenade-screen in front. Fields of fire. Waiting for the Dark.**

**15. (top-right) & 16. (center-right) Perimeter bunker with M-60 machinegun. 17. Tony Miranda (me) sitting on top of Bunker "behind" the Grenade-screen.**







**18. View of perimeter.**  
Very spookie at night!



**19. (left)** Closeup of mamasan on her waterbuffalo. Mamasan and daughter-san tending rice paddy outside the perimeter. Daylight hours were okay to farm -- nighttime-- the paddy was a free-fire zone.

**20. (below)** Dawn, on the East perimeter... and yes, it was beautiful.







21. **NKP Thai guard** on patrol with Alvin Baker, SPS . *Buckle up for safety!*

22. **Alvin Baker** and Thai guard. No... he's not really about to shoot the "Saigon Chief of Police"---at least I don't think he was.



23. **View from AFRTS Station** toward Chow Hall (photo-center-left) and tennis court.





24. and 25. Refueling at the POL.



26. (below) **SSgt Sipeo**... happy in his work.  
27. (right) Perimeter Check.



28. 706 as seen from a Tower

29. *Oh for a water-balloon!*

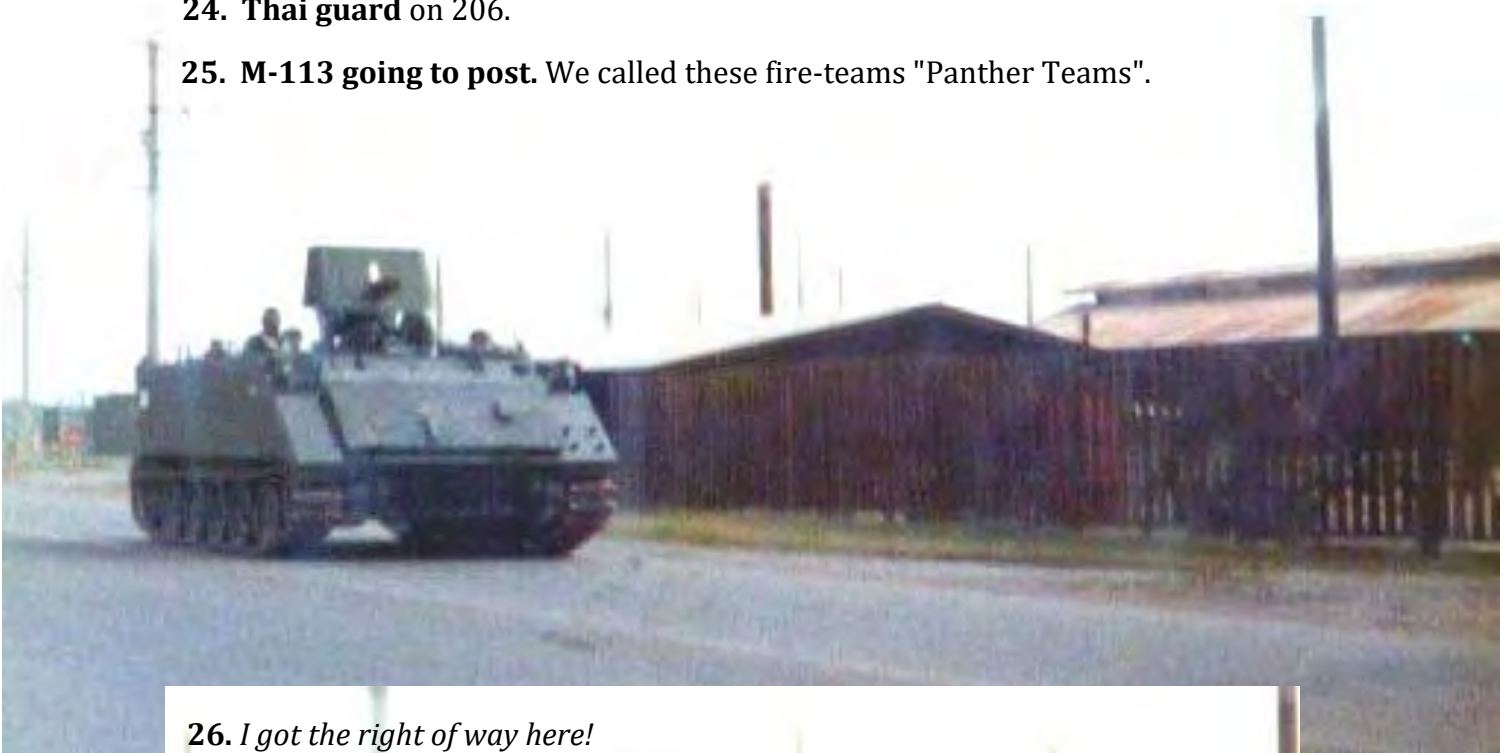






**24. Thai guard on 206.**

**25. M-113 going to post. We called these fire-teams "Panther Teams".**



**26. I got the right of way here!**







**27. I didn't do it... *it wasn't me!* Is that why SSgt Sipeo's grinnin'?**





28. 904's .50 cal... *locked and loaded!*



29. Chillin' on a trak. Hurry up... and... wait.



30.



31. **Bill Baltz**, on trak. Paper work, or letter home? (Send cookies, mom, but skip the pound cake this time!)



32. Manning the .50 cal on M-113 trak "Iron Butterfly".



34. **Left to right:** Bill Baltz, Ken Pennington, and Dave Bernstein, coolin' it on a sand-bunker.





35. Glen Burge and Tony Miranda (me). *(What's in the bag--coolaid or goldfish? -- (Save some for me, guys!*

36. Sgt Ligon. M16 ready to go!





**37. K-9 going to post. *Handlers are along for the ride.***



**38. Midnight Shift Coffee rounds. If you could drink it, you were guaranteed to stay awake!**



**39. What am I doin' up here? *Who me?***



**40. ... *give me a minute to think, Sarge.***



**41. Mike Parks and me in a Weapon's Carrier.**







42. Sam car driver, next to the Mekong.



43. (above right) Tony Miranda, standing in front of the Mekong River.



44. Home Sweet Home. *Mr. Cool.*



45. Now you can see why the hooches are up off the ground--**Monsoon rains!**

46. Takin' it Easy in front of the hooch.



47. Left to Right: Glen Burge and Bill Baltz.