

# VIETNAM

## Cam Ranh Bay AB AB

### Towers and Bunkers

12th APS, 8 Nov 1965 - 31 Mar 1970;  
483rd SPS, 31 Mar 1970 - 31 May 1972  
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1a. Cam Ranh Bay AB, Gate. Note the Tower through the sliding-gate. *See anything unusual?*  
Photo by unknown.



1b. Cam Ranh Bay AB, Gate. A better view of the Tower through the sliding-gate.

*Did you spot the small boy outside the fence near the gate? Photo by unknown.*



**2. Cam Ranh Bay AB. US Navy Gate-64. Note Tower-63 visible beneath gate's eaves (above Airman).**  
Photo by unknown.

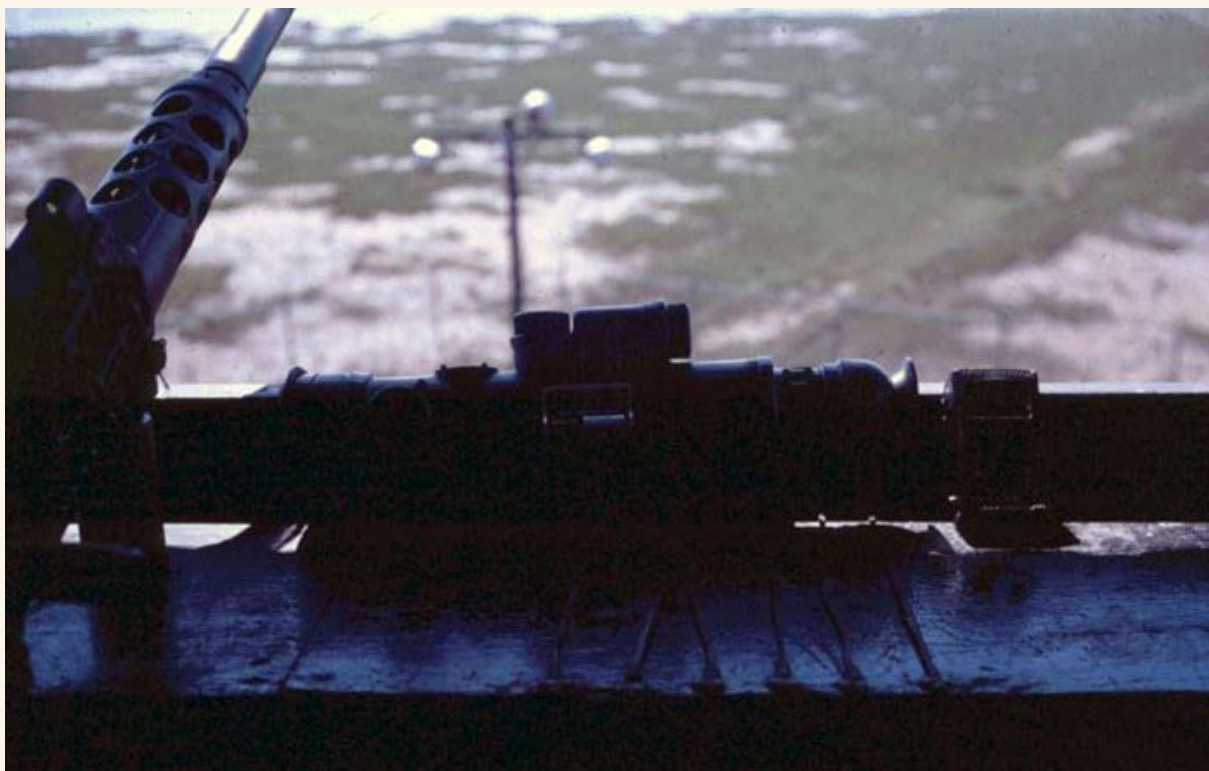


**3a. Cam Ranh Bay AB. 12th SPS Tower, area of My CA Village. 1968-1969.**  
Photo by Bill Hawn.





**3b. Cam Ranh Bay AB. Close up, 12th SPS Tower, area of My CA Village. 1968-1969.**  
Photo by Bill Hawn.



**4. Cam Ranh Bay AB. Perimeter Tower view. .50-Cal and Starlite scope on the counter. 1970.**  
Photo by Jim Randall, LM 69, CRB, 483rd SPS, 1970.



**5. Cam Ranh Bay AB. Perimeter Tower view. M16, 40mm, and .50-Cal on the counter. 1970.**  
Photo by Jim Randall, LM 69, CRB, 483rd SPS, 1970.



**6. Cam Ranh Bay AB. Perimeter Tower view. M16 and .50-Cal on the counter. Floodlights (foreground) illuminate the marsh and shore. 1970.**  
Photo by Jim Randall, LM 69, CRB, 483rd SPS, 1970.



**7. Cam Ranh Bay AB. Gate Tower view. 1970.**  
Photo by Jim Randall, LM 69, CRB, 483rd SPS, 1970.



**8. Cam Ranh Bay AB. Gate Tower view. Unknown Airman. 1970.**  
Photo by Jim Randall, LM 69, CRB, 483rd SPS, 1970.





**9. Cam Ranh Bay AB. Perimeter Tower view. .50-Cal on the counter. 1970.**

Photo by Jim Randall, LM 69, CRB, 483rd SPS, 1970.



**10. Cam Ranh Bay AB. Perimeter Tower view. M16 (lower-left) and .50-Cal on the counter. 1970.**

Photo by Jim Randall, LM 69, CRB, 483rd SPS, 1970.



**11. Cam Ranh Bay AB. Perimeter Tower view.**  
**M16 (lower-left) and .50-Cal's barrel and floodlights overlook the perimeter. 1970.**  
Photo by Jim Randall, LM 69, CRB, 483rd SPS, 1970.



**12. Cam Ranh Bay AB. Gate Tower perimeter view. 1970.**  
Photo by Jim Randall, LM 69, CRB, 483rd SPS, 1970.



**13. Cam Ranh Bay AB. Gate Tower view. 1970.**  
Photo by Jim Randall, LM 69, CRB, 483rd SPS, 1970.

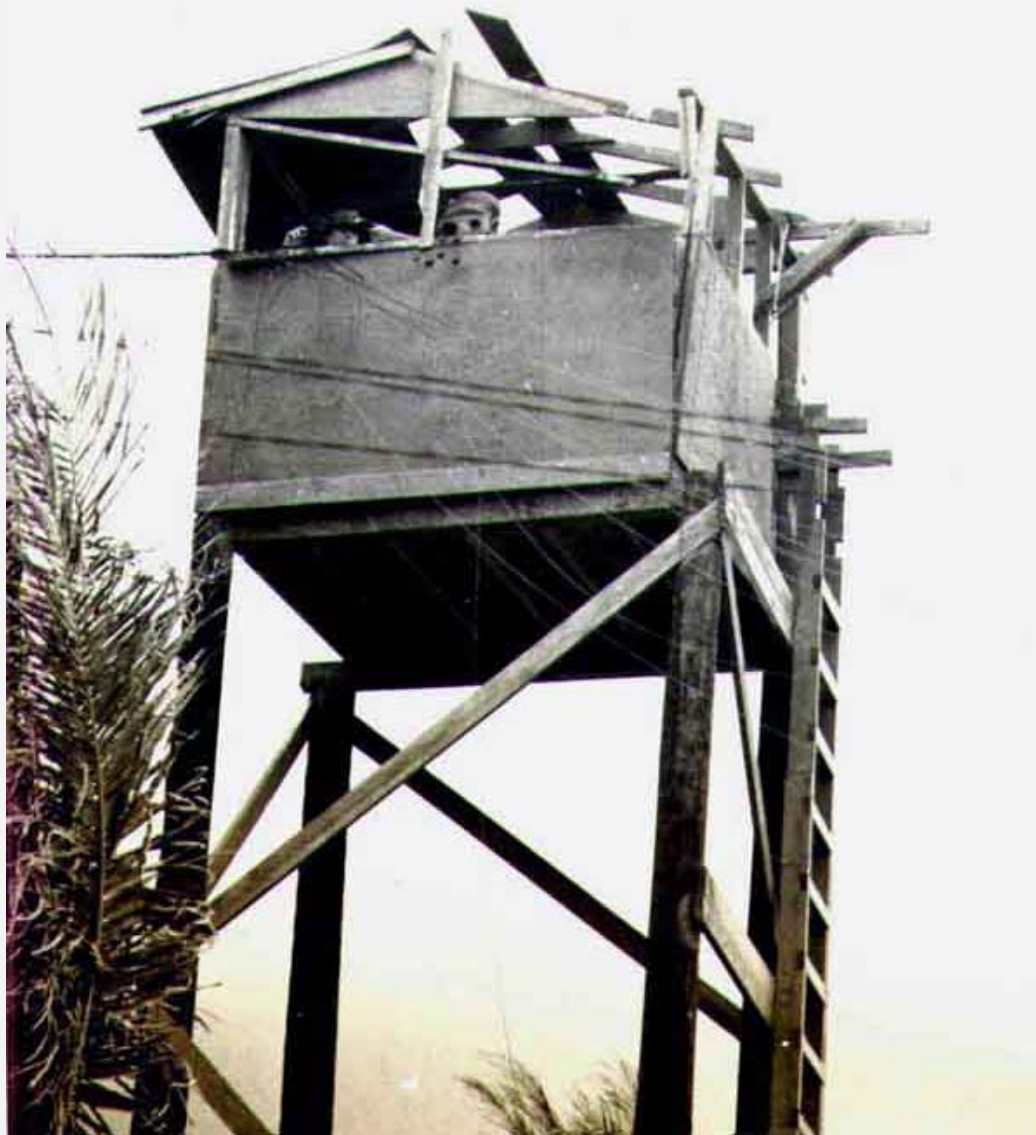


**14. Cam Ranh Bay AB Tower. 1969-1970.**  
Photo by Tony Morris, LM 70, CRB, 12th SPS, 483rd SPS, 1969-1970.





**15. Cam Ranh Bay AB Tower.**  
Photo by Turner.



**16. Cam Ranh Bay AB. US NAVY Tower. 1970. Jim Randall was about 75 yards from the tower when the Rocket scored a direct hit. Rober Lee Porter, USN Tower Guard, was KIA.**

Photo by Jim Randall, LM 69, CRB, 483rd SPS, 1970.

A check of the casualty data base for “Khánh Hòa” Province (Cam Ranh Bay AB), the only USN casualty by Hostile Action within two weeks is “Roger Lee Porter”, who died of wounds (“ARTILLERY/ROCKET/MORTAR”) on June 20, 1970. No one else died in that Province in the USN at that time.

PORTER, ROGER LEE  
UNITED STATES NAVY  
1970, 06 20

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***Below photos: Left: Debris inside the tower included a flack jacket. Right: inside tower damage.***





**17. Cam Ranh Bay AB Tower. 1969-1970.**  
Photo by Doug Gorski,  
Charter Member, CRB, 483rd SPS, 1969-1970.



**18. Cam Ranh Bay AB Tower. Close up. 1969-1970.**  
Photo by Doug Gorski,  
Charter Member, CRB, 483rd SPS, 1969-1970.



**19. Cam Ranh Bay AB, Bunker. 1972-1973.**  
Photo by Randy Snyder, CRB, 483rd SPS; BH, 3rd SPS; TSN 377th SPS, 1972-1973.

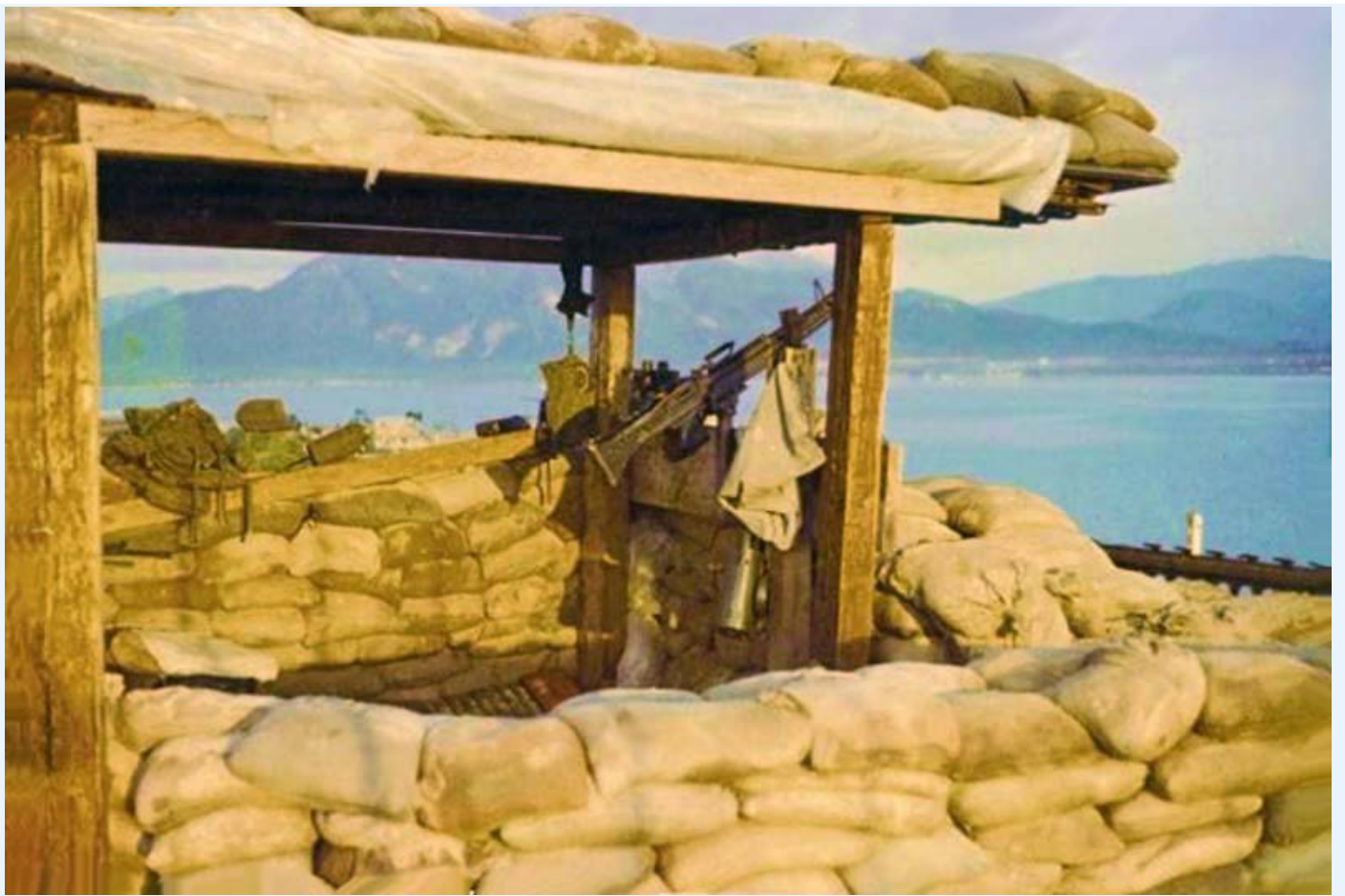


**19. Cam Ranh Bay AB, SP Explosives Bunker. 1969-1970.**



**20. Cam Ranh Bay AB, Vientmaese civilian walking to work. 1972-1973.**  
*Did you notice here dress-pattern matches the Water Tower is on the left?*  
**Photo by Steve Ray, LM 304, CRB, 483rd SPS; KRT, 388th SPS. 1972-1973.**





**21. Cam Ranh Bay AB, M60 Bunker oversees Bay. March, 1968-1969.**

**Photo by John R. Balderas, CRB, 12th SPS; HTI, DET 1/619th, SPS (TCS); NT, 14th SPS; DN, 366th SPS. 1968-1969; 1970.**



**22. Cam Ranh Bay AB, Tower, with M60. March, 1968-1969.**

**Photo by John R. Balderas, CRB, 12th SPS; HTI, DET 1/619th, SPS (TCS); NT, 14th SPS; DN, 366th SPS. 1968-1969; 1970.**

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