Telling it like it was!

From: Alan Ellison

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Don: I'm Al Ellison of Goldsboro, NC. Like yours, my name is on Steve Quigley's page. I noticed that you were in USAF and stationed at Đà Nàng, a couple of years before I got there. I would imagine that there were a considerable number of changes at Đà Nàng during that interval. I have a few pictures of the area scanned and will email them to you. I had the good fortune to meet Steve Quigley today, along with his wife. For me it was an experience I won't ever forget. You are never sure of how meetings like this will turn out; always a little apprehension. But for me, this particular meeting was just great. I had developed the idea that Steve was a class act during email correspondence and I was certainly not disappointed in my judgement. Steve is just a great guy. I don't know how else to put it.

It's been awhile since I have checked out any Vietnam Vet pages. Just read the <u>USS New Jersey story</u>. Boy, that one brings back some memories. I was there for her entire stay in the Đà Nàng area before it moved on. The concussion of it's blasts was *AWESOME*; we discussed the fact that we sure as hell would hate to be on the receiving end of those shells. I wish I could have seen it fire a full broadside. I believe it usually stayed about 5 miles off the coast--far enough where Charlie couldn't reach it. Take care, Don, **Al Ellison** 



1. Đà Nàng AB: Gunfighter Village. Photo by Alan Ellison, 1968. Photo by Alan Ellison, 1968.



2. Đà Nàng AB: Inside of SPS Airmen's barracks. Photo by Alan Ellison, 1968.



3. Đà Nàng AB: Gunfighter Village, Camp Road (East). Photo by Alan Ellison, 1968.

4. Da Nang AB: Looking at the flight line revetment area and aircraft hangars. Photo by Alan Ellison, 1968.

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5. Đà Nàng AB: Đà Nàng's east perimeter: Towers, Bunkers, minefields, SP K-9, and Marines. Photo by Alan Ellison, 1968.



6. Đà Nàng AB: Spooky Nose Art, C-47. Photo by Alan Ellison, 1968.



7. Đà Nàng AB: Airstrike as viewed from East perimeter. Dog Patch village in fore ground of trees and jungle. No Man's land between village and wire. Farmers and kids occassionally wondered in the area alone or with water buffalo grazing. Trees were cut back and defoliated for a clear fire zone. Photo by Alan Ellison, 1968.



8. Đà Nàng AB: Oil Dump ablaze with a geyser column of fire and smoke blasting upwards. Photo by Alan Ellison, 1968.



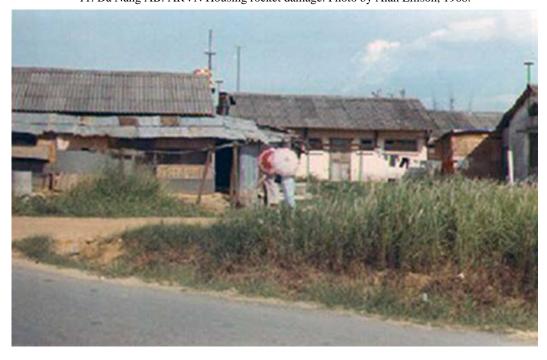
9. Đà Nàng AB: ARVN Housing rocket damage. Photo by Alan Ellison, 1968.



10. Đà Nàng AB: ARVN Housing rocket damage. Photo by Alan Ellison, 1968.



11. Đà Nàng AB: ARVN Housing rocket damage. Photo by Alan Ellison, 1968.



12. Đà Nàng AB: ARVN Vietnamese housing across from SPS hooches. Photo by Alan Ellison, 1968.

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