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Đà Nẵng Air Base, K-9 Growl Pad, 1965-1966: The posted gate SP watches approvingly as the passing squal heads away from base.
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Đà Nẵng AB K-9 KENNELS



1. Đà Nẵng, K-9 Growl Pad: K-9 Office building. Training Arena and kennels to left and read of office. 1965-1966.



2. Đà Nẵng, K-9 Growl Pad: K-9 BBQ! 1965-1966.



3. Đà Nẵng, K-9 Growl Pad: K-9 BBQ. 1965-1966.



4. Đà Nẵng, K-9 Growl Pad: LTC Arthur G. Phillips Jr. and Captain Owens invited to BBQ. 1965-1966.



5. Đà Nẵng, K-9 Growl Pad: Tom Baker (right) using K-bar to slice steaks. 1965-1966.



6. Đà Nẵng, K-9 Growl Pad: LTC Arthur G. Phillips Jr. eating steak with K-bar. 1965-1966.



7. Đà Nẵng, K-9 Growl Pad: L/R: TSgt Rice, LTC Arthur G. Phillips Jr., SMSgt Fontes enjoy BBQ. 1965-1966.



8. Đà Nẵng, K-9 Growl Pad: Don Poss. 1965-1966.



9. Đà Nẵng, K-9 Growl Pad: Gary Eberbach (left). 1965-1966.



10. Đà Nẵng, K-9 Growl Pad: K-9 Training. R/L: Gary Eberbach, Hemmingway, -- , Hickey, Gallager, -- . 1965-1966.



11. Đà Nẵng, K-9 Growl Pad: Gary Eberbach and Bucky. 1965-1966.



12. Đà Nẵng, K-9 Growl Pad: Kennels, Blackie, X129. 1965-1966.



13. Đà Nẵng, K-9 Growl Pad: Kennels Training Area. 1965-1966.



14. Đà Nẵng, K-9 Growl Pad: Airman Calvert. 1965-1966.



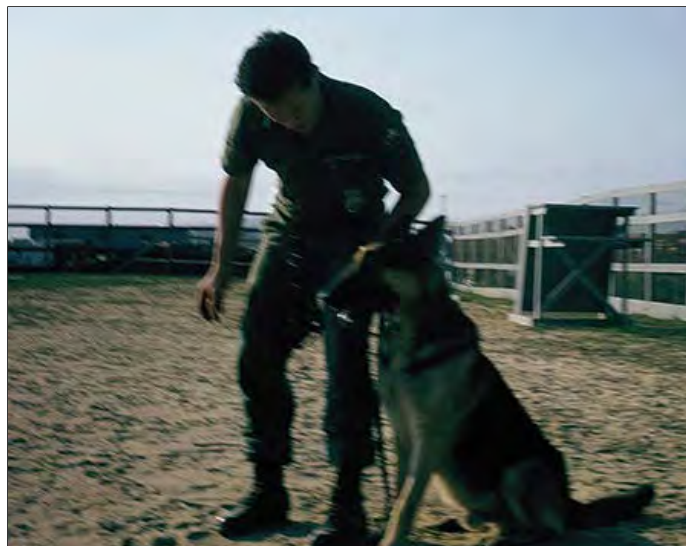
15. Đà Nẵng, K-9 Growl Pad: Airman Calvert. 1965-1966.



16. Đà Nẵng, K-9 Growl Pad: Airman Gallagher. 1965-1966.



17. Đà Nẵng, K-9 Growl Pad: A2C Raymond Hickey and A2C Calvert. 1965-1966.



18. Đà Nẵng, K-9 Growl Pad: Don Poss and Blackie. 1965-1966.



19. Đà Nẵng, K-9 Growl Pad: Don Poss and Blackie. 1965-1966.



20. Đà Nẵng, K-9 Growl Pad: Don Poss choking Blackie to release his bite. 1965-1966.



21. Đà Nẵng, K-9 Growl Pad: Gary Knutson (left) and Eric. 1965-1966.



22. Đà Nẵng, K-9 Growl Pad: Gary Eberbach and Bucky. 1965-1966.



23. Đà Nẵng, K-9 Growl Pad: Gary Eberbach (left), Hemminway. 1965-1966.



24. Đà Nẵng, K-9 Growl Pad: Watch! 1965-1966.



25. Đà Nẵng, K-9 Growl Pad: Watch! A2C Robert A. Lee. 1965-1966.



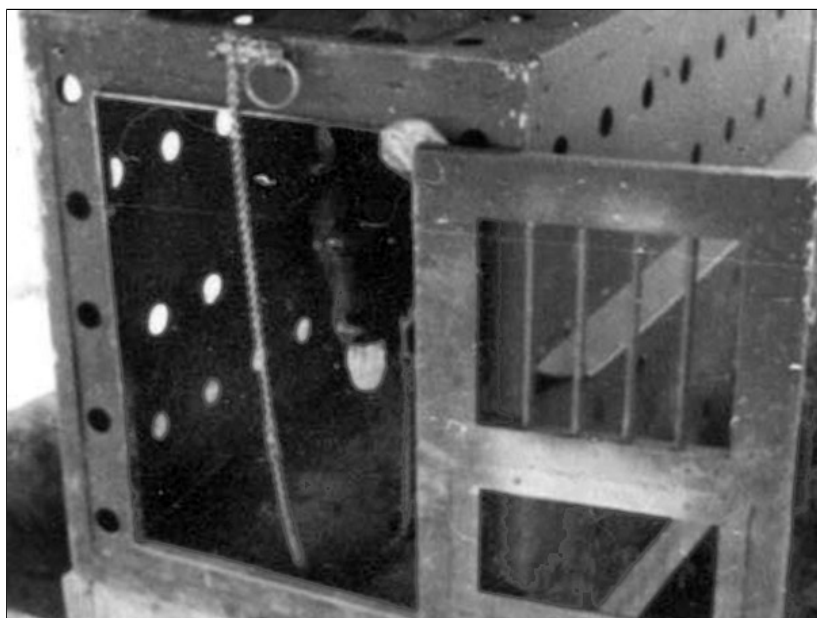
26. Đà Nẵng, K-9 Growl Pad: Training arena. 1965-1966.



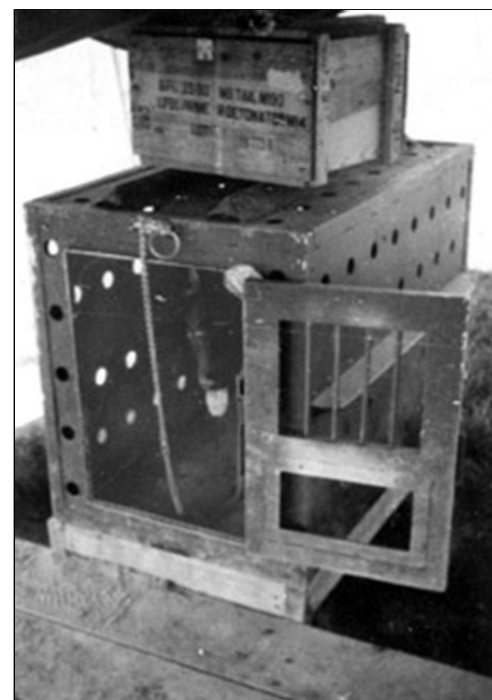
27. Đà Nẵng, K-9 Growl Pad: Training arena. 1965-1966.



28. Đà Nẵng, K-9 Growl Pad: Training is over and handlers putting dogs away for chow. 1965-1966.



29. Đà Nẵng, K-9 Growl Pad: Original transport carrier served as living cage until kennels was constructed. 1965-1966.



30. Đà Nẵng, K-9 Growl Pad: Original transport carrier. 1965-1966.



31. Đà Nẵng, K-9 Growl Pad: Airmen arrive at Kennels for transport to Freedom Hill 327 and Firing Range. 1965-1966.



32. Đà Nẵng, K-9 Growl Pad: A sergeant decided to find out if anyone remembered how to march. They actually did! 1965-1966.



33. Đà Nẵng, K-9 Growl Pad: En route to Firing Range, babysans waving. 1965-1966.



34. Đà Nẵng, K-9 Growl Pad: ... girlsan no wave--but smiled!
1965-1966.



35. Đà Nẵng, K-9 Growl Pad: Airmen arriving at Firing Range. 1965-1966.



36. Đà Nẵng, K-9 Growl Pad: M16s fire at low targets. 1965-1966.



37. Đà Nẵng, K-9 Growl Pad: M16s fire at low targets. 1965-1966.



38. Đà Nẵng, K-9 Growl Pad: Airmen preparing to fire 1965-1966.



39. Đà Nẵng, K-9 Growl Pad: Firing on 100 yards targets. 1965-1966.



40. Đà Nẵng, K-9 Growl Pad: Don Poss, waiting his turn at range. 1965-1966.

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GUARDMOUNT and POSTING K-9 MWD

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Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad. Guardmount. Click photo for Full View.

Đà Nẵng AB K-9 POSTING



1. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: Guardmount close up.



2. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: Don Poss. Wrist brace due to firing a defective slap-flare. 1965.



3. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: Growl Pad's new office building. 1965.



4. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: Inside the GP Office. Bulletin Board for SOPs and info. Don Poss (center). 1965.



5. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: Inside GP Office. Gary Knutson (left) and Don Poss (right) waiting for Guardmount. 1965.



6. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: Hurry up and Wait for Guardmount. 1965.
Front bench, L/R: Horce L. Miller, Don Poss, Tom Baker.



7. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: Close up.. 1965.



8. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: Closer view. L/R: Horce L. Miller, Don Poss, Tom Baker. 1965.



9. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: Guardmount called to attention. 1965.



10. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: *At Ease*. 1965.



11. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: Guardmount post assignment read out. 1965.



12. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: L/R: Don Poss and Blackie; [Gary Knutson](#) and Eric. 1965. Both are VSPA Life Members.



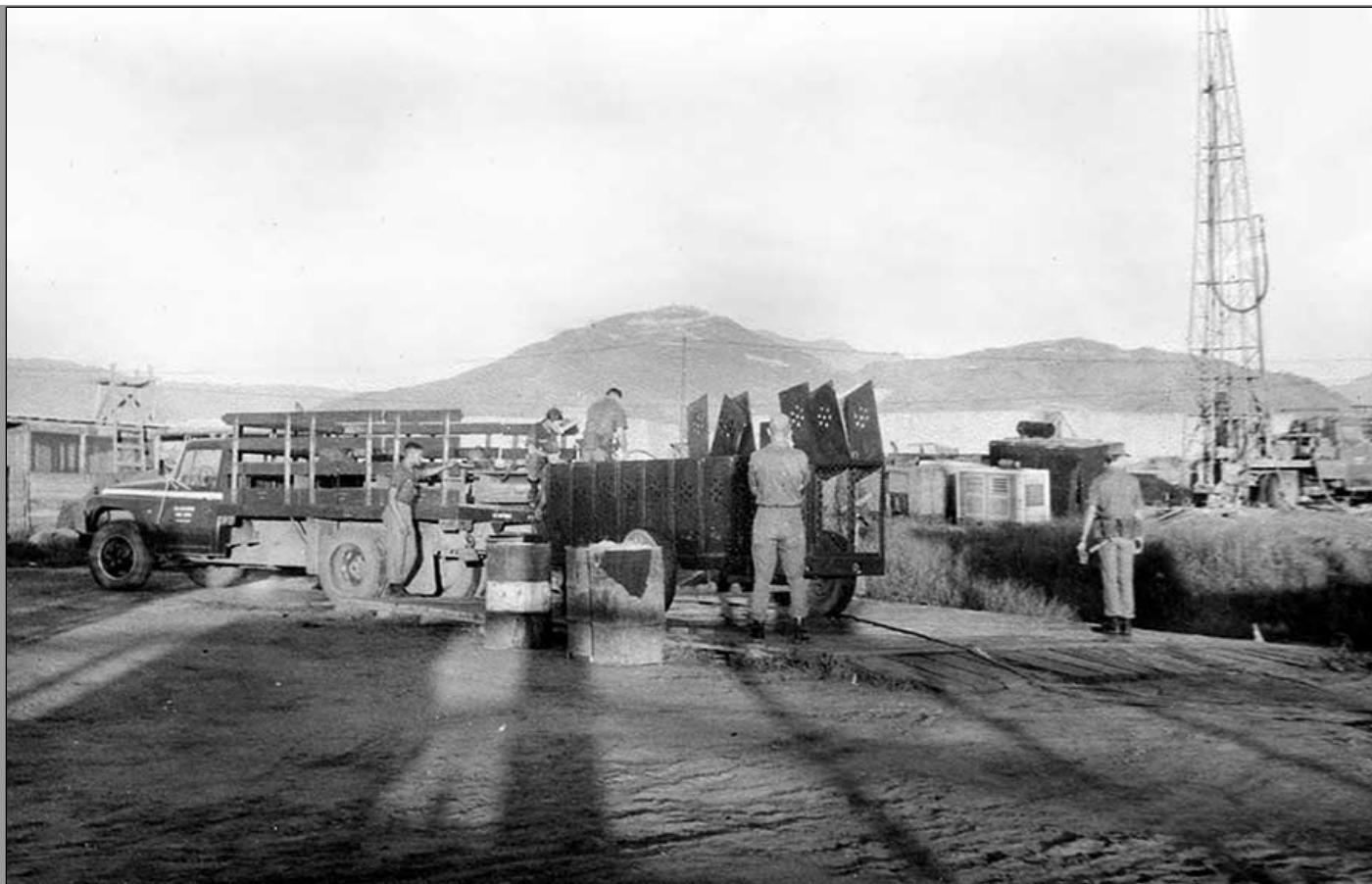
13. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: A2C [Phil Norwich](#) (RIP Dec 1997). Bandage due to an eye infection. 1965.



14. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: A2C Gary Knutson putting Eric in K-9 Posting Trailer. 1965.



15. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: A1C Lee R. Miller and Shep, awaiting K-9 Trailer. Wing Tanks stored on Growl Pad grounds. 1965.



16. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: K-9 Trailer being hosed down and cleaned up. 1965.



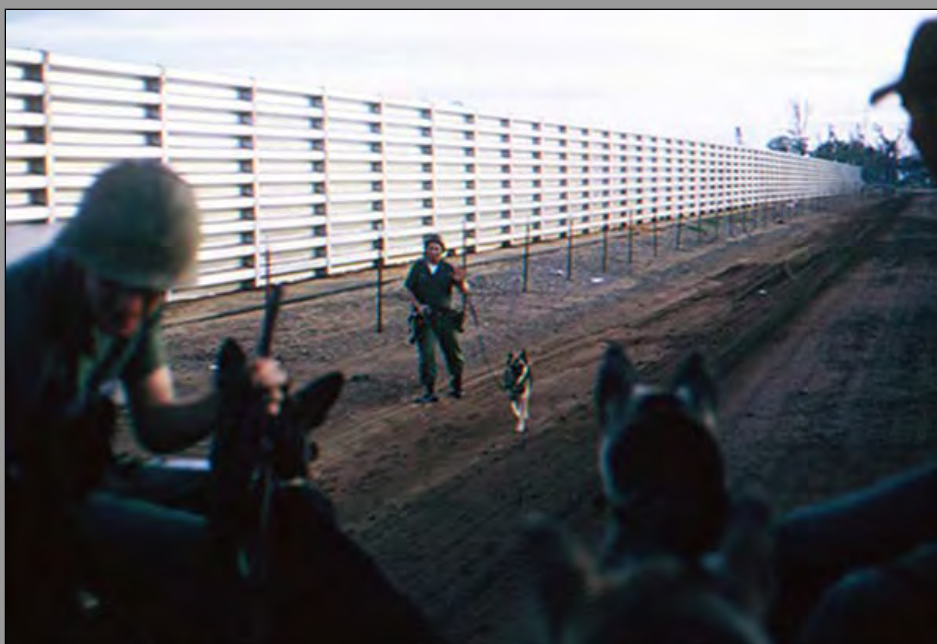
17. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: Gary Knutson unloads Eric at post assignment. 1965.



18. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: A2C Hemingway rides to K-9 post in Posting Truck. All K-9 were muzzled for safety. 1965.



19. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: Gary Eberbach (right) walks Bucky to post. 1965.



20. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: Airman walks to post from Guardmount, as K-9 handlers and dogs ride to perimeter posts. 1965.



21. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: A1C Al Watts watches Blackie to make sure new handler Don Poss does not screw up Blackie's instructions. 1965.



22. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: A1C Al Watts watches Blackie:... *Well we know who's the brains of that team.* 1965.



23. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: A1C Don Jones rides in posting truck. 1965.



24. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: Posting Truck circles Air Base perimeter road, dropping of K-9 handlers and dogs. 1965.



25. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: F-4 Phantom take off with afterburners shattering bedrock. K-9 fighting-hole in foreground. 1965.

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26. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: Don Poss and Blackie have just completed first-sweep of post west of only active runway. 1965.



27. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: Don Poss is wearing a 25 pounds flak vest designed for WWII bombers. Never wore it again! 1965.



28. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: A2C Horace L. Miller. 1965.



29. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: Railroad tracks and trestle on the left. Spookiest post I ever worked. Never saw a train at Đà Nẵng AB. Used more pop-flares than a C-47. 1965.



30. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: K-9 await pickup from post at daylight.
Railroad tracks and tressel (left), and old French tower (right) C-47.
L/R: A1C Lee R. Miller and Shep; A2C Ray Hickey; Don Poss and Blackie. 1965.



31. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: The night is coming and Tom Baker (RIP 2007) and Rex 9F97 (#9F97) ready to enter Ammo/Bomb Dump for post patrol. 1965.
Second Runway under construction in background.



32. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: K-9 handlers grab a last-smoke break before entering the Ammo/Bomb Dump for post patrol. 1965.



33. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: Blackie X129 trying to teach Don Poss to dance without stepping on toes/paws. 1965.



34. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: A2C Hemingway (top), A2C Raymond Hickey (center). 1965.



35. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: Handlers and Dogs scatter North/South to posts, which could range from 1000-3000 feet long. Across the active runway you can see the flight line hangar and buildings. The area immediately in front of the handlers was the under-construction new runway. 1965.



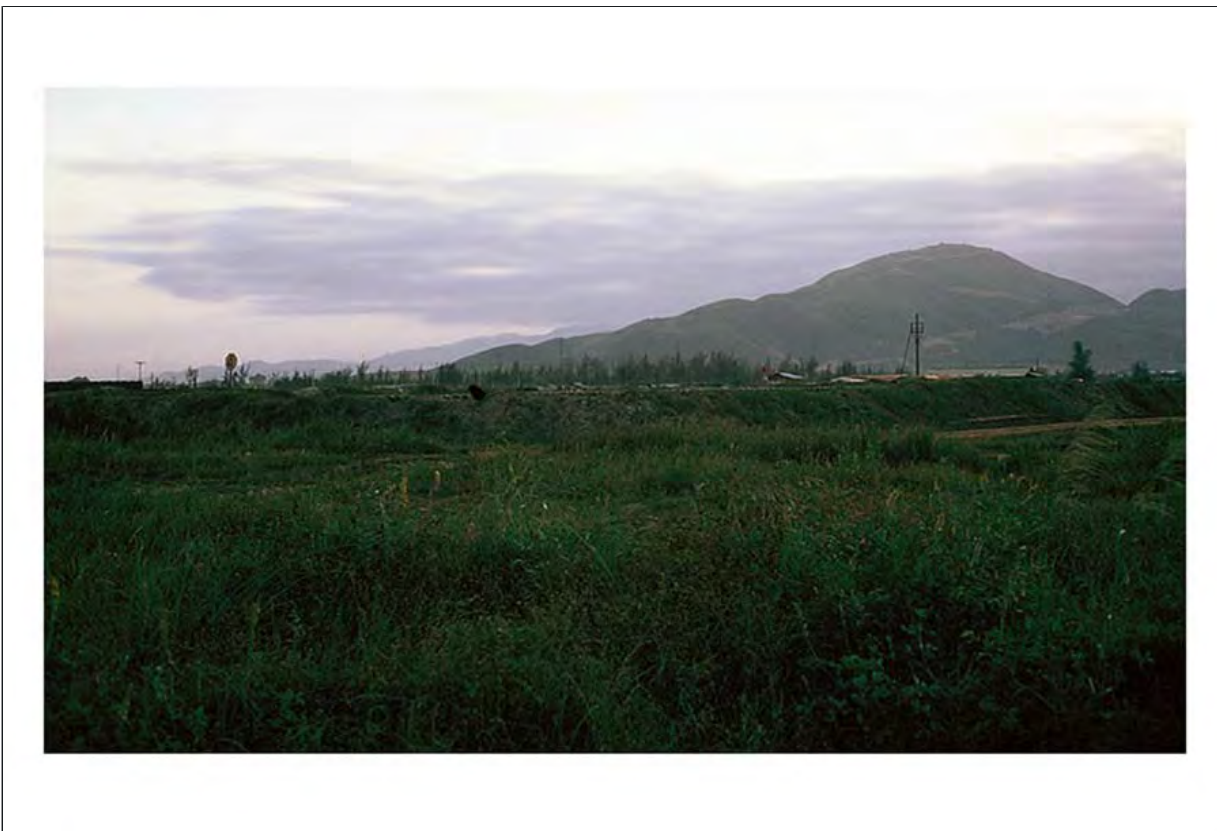
36. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: View from K-9 posting truck S/B East-Perimeter road. 1965.



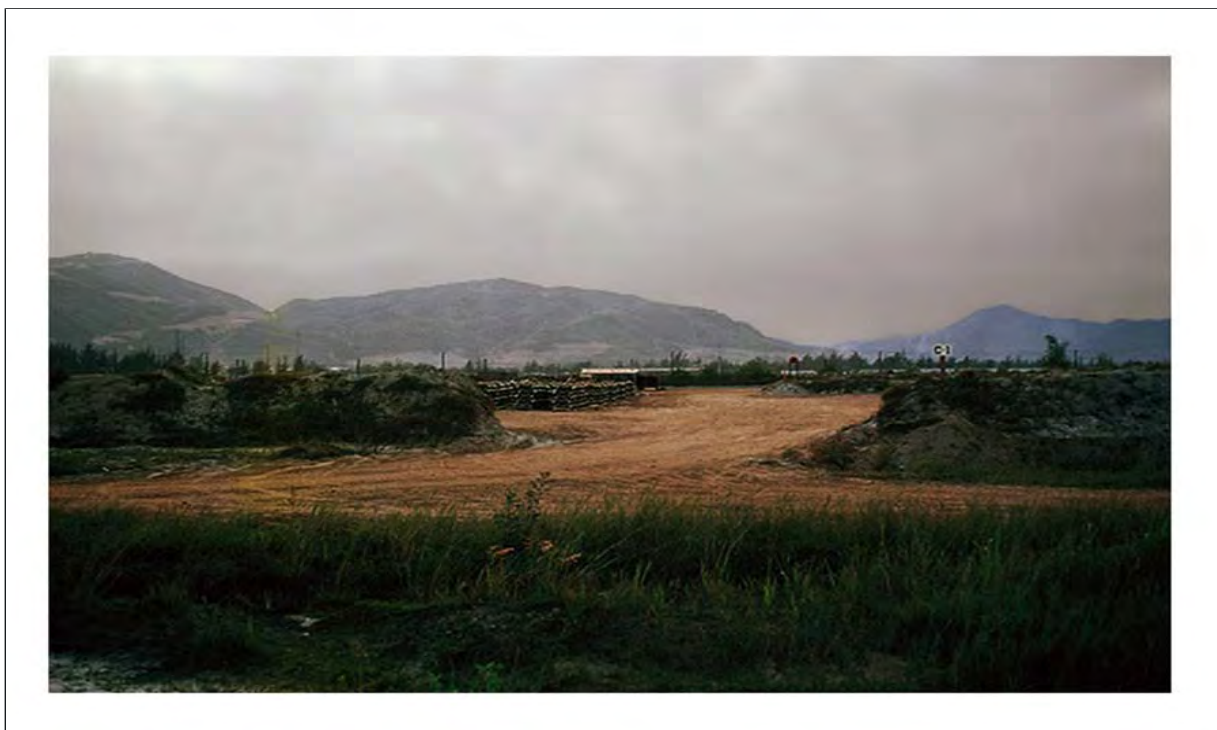
37. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: View from K-9 posting truck N/B East-Perimeter road, ready to curve W/B at the Air Base's North-Perimeter. 1965.



38. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: View from K-9 posting truck passing trash-dump area, N/B East-Perimeter road, ready to curve W/B at the Air Base's North-Perimeter. 1965.



39. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: S/B West-Perimeter Road, approaching Ammo-Bomb Dump entrance road. 1965.



40. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: Ammo-Bomb Dump entrance road to Charlie-1 post. 1965.



41. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: Don Poss pours Blackie some water from his canteen. Blackie liked to pickup my helmet and carry it (what's a little slobber amongst friends?) 1965.



42. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: Before dark, Don Poss and Blackie conduct first-sweep of post at East Ammo-Bomb Dump perimeter fence. 1965.



43. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: Close up of Don Poss and Blackie. 1965.



44. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: Blackie mugs for the camera. A genuine champion pedigree. 1965.



45. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: Air Base flight line is visible through the Ammo-Bomb Dump perimeter fence. 1965.



46. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: Patrol at night through North end of the Ammo-Bomb Dump could up the pucker-factor. Tall grass everywhere, with a small stream and tall side banks running through. 1965.



47. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: Ammo-Bomb Dump post: Night falls along with visibility (see photo 46 above). Tangle brush, elephant grass, scrub brush, trees, and stream are still there--*somewhere* . 1965.



48. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: Dawn finally arrives. View from Posting Truck pass another K-9 post. Note radar in the background. 1965.



49. Đà Nẵng AB, K-9 Growl Pad: Google Satellite Map image of old Ammo-Bomb Dump.
There has to be live-ordnance buried and waiting within its old perimeter! 1965.

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