

Đà Nẵng Air Base
USAF Security Police
81mm Mortar Team

1968-1969

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1. The Main Gate at Đà Nẵng AB, RVN 1969.
SP talks with SP Jeep drive.



2. Looking toward the flight line and toward Red Beach beyond those mountains in the background. The truck is transporting enemy POWs to the POW camp at the base of Hill 327. The POWs have green colored sandbags over their heads so that they can't observe things they shouldn't see. (Like their puppets are in the Bomb Dump area... just kidding)



3. Russ Harrell at the 81mm Mortar Pit at the South end Đà Nẵng AB, RVN, 1969.



4. USAF 81mm Mortar Team at Đà Nẵng AB, RVN.



5. Bunker and tower at the mortar site, south end of Đà Nẵng AB, RVN 1969. Bunker and Tower were used for living quarters for the Mortar Crew, when not on alert or on a fire mission. Was also used as a Fire Direction Control when on a fire mission.

6. 81mm Mortar Fire Mission! Ooch! Either take the picture or plug my ears!



7. Mortar Team looking closely at the captured 60mm mortar.



8. *Right.* Mortar Team with the 81mm tube and a captured 60mm mortar, courtesy of the 1st MP BAT, 1st USMC Div, Đà Nẵng.



9. *Below.* Sgt Doug Lilly and Russ Harrell laying in the baseplate and the aiming-stakes at the 81mm Mortar Pit Đà Nẵng AB, RVN 1969.



10. 11. 12. & 13. Đà Nẵng Bomb Dump explosion, April or May 1969. Bomb Dump was at the base of Freedom Hill 327. Keep in mind the mushroom clouds are four-five miles away!





14. (Photo by Curtis) Explosion attributed to a grass fire that got out of hand.



15. (Photo by Curtis) Bomb explosions rocked the valley for some time.

16. (Photo by Curtis)
Towering mushroom cloud
draws visual comparison to
Hiroshima's WWII atomic
bomb.



17. **Red Horse cattle wagon**
on the perimeter road, south
end of Đà Nẵng B, RVN in
1969. This vehicle
transported personnel to
and from work.





18. Chinook inbound to Đà Nẵng AB, RVN, 1969.

19. Below-left. Spookie inbound to Đà Nẵng AB, RVN. Happy Valley in the background. 1969.



20. Above-right. Chinook begins climb out. Looking toward Freedom Hill 327.



21. USAF Security Police APC on the south perimeter road, adjacent to the 81mm Mortar Pit, looking toward Gunfighter Village, Đà Nẵng AB, RVN, 1969.



22. Looking toward Happy Valley and Hill 327, from the Mortar Pit Đà Nẵng AB, RVN, 1969.

23. (Row-1, Left). **24.** (Row-1 Right). & **25.** (Row-2). Spookie hosing down, dropping flares, and lighting up the skys in Happy Valley to the south of Đà Nẵng AB, RVN 1969.



26. Spookie sitting in protective parapit, Đà Nẵng AB, RVN 1969.



27. F-102 area on the South End of Đà Nẵng AB, RVN, 1969

28. Below. F4 Phantom primed and ready for mission, sitting in cement and steel revetment, Đà Nẵng, AB, RVN, 1969.



29. F4 Phantom returning from mission, Đà Nẵng AB, RVN, 1969.



30. A1E Sandy being readied for Air Rescue and Recovery Mission, Đà Nẵng AB, RVN, 1969.



31. A1E Sandy, ready and waiting for Air Re and Recovery Mission, Đà Nẵng AB, RVN, 1969.



32. The *Silk Factory* that was at the South end of the runway outside the perimeter. Charlie took it in Tet 1969, set up a .51 cal machinegun and raised hell until the Marines *reposed* it.



33. Looking toward *Gunfighter Village*, from the Mortar Site. The center building took a 122 Rocket just prior to this pic being taken.



34. Looking South from the Mortar Pit. I use to watch B-52 Bombers' strikes walk along the mountain in the central background.