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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 tressel 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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