

VIETNAM
PHU CAT Air Base
Heavy Weapons

37th SPS (c.1 Aug 1966 - 31 Mar 1970); 1041st CSPTS(T) (Jan-Jul 1967);
12th SPS (31 Mar 1970 - 17 Nov 1971) © 2009, by VSPA



1. Phu Cat AB, Perimeter Tower and M60. 1967-1968. Photo by David W. Hayes, LM 462, CRB, 12th SPS; PC, 37th APS, 1967-1968.



2. Phu Cat AB, Cobra Mortar Crew. Photo by Arthur.



3. Phu Cat AB, Spooky Mini Gun. 1967-1968. Photo by David W. Hayes, LM 462, CRB, 12th SPS; PC, 37th APS, 1967-1968.



4. and 5. Phu Cat AB, Perimeter M60. Twilight. 1967-1968. Photo by David W. Hayes, LM 462, CRB, 12th SPS; PC, 37th APS, 1967-1968.



6. Phu Cat AB, Perimeter Tower and M60. Twilight. 1967-1968. Photo by David W. Hayes, LM 462, CRB, 12th SPS; PC, 37th APS, 1967-1968.



7. & 8. Phu Cat AB, Left: M16 (?), Right: M113 50cal. 1967-1968. Photo by Grady Meeks, NKP, 56th SPS; PC, 37th SPS, 1967-1968; 1969-1970.



9. Phu Cat AB, M113, 37th SPS, K-9: Gulick, Murry, Batsa, Davis, and Brown, after sweep, late 1968. The five of us were 37th SPS K-9. Photo by Douglas E. Davis, LM 464, PC, 37th SPS K9, 1968-1969.



10. Phu Cat AB, Cobra Flight, M113, 50cal. 1967-1968.

Photo by unknown.



11. Phu Cat AB, Perimeter Tower and M60. Hill-151, background. 1969. Photo by Don Bishop, LM 389, PC, 37th SPS, 1969-1970.



12. Phu Cat AB, Here's one of our 81mm mortar in action, Cobra Flight, Charlie 10, Phu Cat. 1968-1969. **Photo by Mike Sipes, PC, 37th SPS, 1968-1969.**



13. Phu Cat AB, L/R: Duran and McDonald, 81mm mortars, Cobra Flight, Charlie 10, Phu Cat. 1968-1969. Photo by Mike Sipes, PC, 37th SPS, 1968-1969.



14. Phu Cat AB, 81mm mortars, Cobra Flight, Charlie 10, Phu Cat. 1968-1969. Photo by Mike Sipes, PC, 37th SPS, 1968-1969.



15. Phu Cat AB, 81mm mortars, Cobra Flight, Charlie 10. Pay Day Stakes. 1968-1969. Photo by Mike Sipes, PC, 37th SPS, 1968-1969.



16. (Close up of #15, above.)



17. (Close up of #18, below.)



18. Phu Cat AB, 81mm mortars, Cobra Flight, Charlie 10. The Resort on Hill-151. 1968-1969. Photo by Mike Sipes, PC, 37th SPS, 1968-1969.



19. Phù Cát AB, Sign: Seventh Air Force Mortar School. 1969-1970. Photo by Don Bishop, LM 389, PC, 37th SPS, 1969-1970.



20. Phù Cát AB, Phù Cát AB, SPS Safeside Jeep: Seventh Air Force Mortar School. 1969-1970. Photo by Don Bishop, LM 389, PC, 37th SPS, 1969-1970.



21. Phù Cát AB, Phù Cát AB, Seventh Air Force Mortar School. 1969-1970.
Photo by Don Bishop, LM 389, PC, 37th SPS, 1969-1970.



22. Phù Cát AB, SPS Heavy Weapons Guardmount.
1969-1970. Photo by Don Bishop, LM 389, PC, 37th
SPS, 1969-1970.



23. Phù Cát AB, Heavy Weapons: M113, with .50 cal and two M60s. 1969-1970.

Photo by Don Bishop, LM 389, PC, 37th SPS, 1969-1970.

24. Phù Cát AB, MSgt Smith (right) demonstrates an M16 with Starlite Scope. 1969-1970. Photo by Don Bishop, LM 389, PC, 37th SPS, 1969-1970.



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(U.S. Air Force Photo by Sgt. Bill Stahl)
Sgt. Gary A. Pleitgen, left, Sergeant Manns
M-174 Is One of the Unit's Newest Weapons

Phu Cat's 37th SPS

Security Policemen Have New Weapon

PHU CAT — When enemy soldiers and saboteurs attempt to penetrate the base perimeter here, they will have to face a new weapon.

The 37th Security Police Squadron recently completed training its men on the use of the new M-174 low velocity automatic grenade launcher.

A variation of the single shot M-79 grenade launcher, the new weapon can be mounted on any vehicle and fired from a stand or tripod like an M-60 machine gun, or from the shoulder like a rifle. It is capable of firing 300 grenades per minute and the ammunition is contained in 12-shot magazines.

An experienced M-174 handler can fire 24 grenades before the first has even hit the target. The 49mm weapon's effective range is 400 meters.

The instructors, Staff Sergeants Arthur Shreekey, Ersel Manns and Sammie R. Halsey, recently arrived from training at Lackland AFB, Tex., where they studied the new weapon. Their duties here include training the men of the 37th SPS on M-174 use.

The three men also instructed the men in cleaning, preventive maintenance and safety during the training period. In addition, armory personnel were instructed in the repair and maintenance of the grenade launchers.

25. Phù Cát AB, Seventh Air Force News, Dec 3, 1969: 37th SPS, Sgt Gary A. Pleitgen and Sergeant Manns demonstrate a new M-174 auto grenade launcher weapon.. Photo by Don Bishop, LM 389, PC, 37th SPS, 1969-1970.



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SECURITY POLICE
HAVE NEW WEAPON

PHU CAT AB, Republic of Vietnam (7AF)---SIGHTED---Air Force Staff Sergeant Arthur Sheekey of Glendale, N.Y., an instructor assigned to the 37th Security Police Squadron here, prepares to fire the M-174 after sighting in on a nearby target. The 40mm automatic grenade launcher is the newest addition to the 37th SPS armory. SSgt. Sheekey recently arrived at this station from Lackland Air Force Base, Tex., and has taught security policemen here operation of the new weapon. (U.S. Air Force Photo By Sgt. Bill Stahl)

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26. Phù Cát AB, Immediate News Release: 37th SPS, Instructor Sergeant Arthur Sheekey Manns prepares to fire the M-174 auto grenade launcher weapon. 1969-1970. Photo by Don Bishop, LM 389, PC, 37th SPS, 1969-1970.

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