

## Phù Cát Air Base

### *AC-119s and F-4 Phantoms!*

### 1970

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A Southern view of Phù Cát, taken from a tall guntower at Phù Cát, located on top of a hill between the flight line and the North perimeter. The tower was about 50 ft. tall and was hell if you were afraid of heights. The flight line had covered revetments to protect the fighters from incoming rockets.

We never did get into Dog utilization in Vietnam. Dog posts were usually on the perimeter, with the teams providing early warning. Bases in rural areas sometimes had large areas to cover. The dog post was between the Main Line of resistance and the actual base perimeter. Some post were a mile deep, if you were foolhardy enough to go all the way out to the wire. The hill in the background is still on base. The M60 Tower was one of the rear corners of a post. The wooded area to the middle right was the location of 2 dog post. Two handlers were pinned down in a firefight one night in early 1970. Security could not find their way through the concertina in their APC and other Armored vehicles.

In the middle of the Chrysler armored scout cars, Security would have a big can of coffee stacked on top of M60 ammo cans. So we called them "Armored Coffee Trucks". Needless to say, they wouldn't bring us coffee---*we were only Dog Handlers.*



I remember the AC-119 had a extremely bright spotlight hung underneath that would really light us up at night. The C119 was a twin piston engine, troop transports/cargo planes. But even before we were in Nam, they were in use by the Air National Guards and A.F. Reserves. I was in the Civil Air Patrol, when I was in High School, and we flew in C-119s several times to summer camp. The reserve unit at Ellington AFB (outside of Houston, Texas) had them. I remember we had to wear parachutes during the flight, because one engine would not keep the plane up for long.



... and of course, an F-4 Phantom lineup!

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