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Phan Rang ab
Heavy Weapons, Page-2-6

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1. Phan Rang AB: Heavy Weapons. 1970.



2. Phan Rang AB: HW, preparing rounds. 1970. *



3. Phan Rang AB, Frank Kowalski (left) and Rich Palmer (right) pack mortars. 1970.



4. Phan Rang AB: Heavy Weapons, letting the base Chaplins fire the .50cal. 1970. *'Repent, Commies!'*



5. Phan Rang AB: Heavy Weapons barricks. 1970.



6. Phan Rang AB: V100, Phil Sperflage (standing), and Steve Cole. 1970.



7. Phan Rang AB: V100, Joe Taragowski with auto grenade launcher. 1970.



8. Phan Rang AB: Joe Taragowski, V100 HW, ready for the night with .50cal. 1970.



9. Phan Rang AB: V100, Steve Cole with .50cal. 1970.
Heavy Weapons' have the Biggest Guns.



10. Phan Rang AB: V100.
 Joe Taragowski with new guy. 1970.



11. and 12. Phan Rang AB, Steve Cole pretending to be fighting with a Boa we killed one night.
 Steve Cole skinned and clean it, but they wouldn't let me bring it home.

* Picture #2 above: The ammo is for the M-67, 90mm recoilless rifle. The round with the nose spike is a M-371-A1 90mm HEAT (High Explosive-Antitank) round and the flat nosed one is a M590 Antipersonnel (beehive) round. The Bazooka (generic term) was the M-1, M-9 and M-20 shoulder mounted rocket launcher. Their ammo closely resembled a mortar shell or the shell from a Viet Cong RPG-4/7. It was not encased in a brass canister, like that of the M-67 recoilless rifle. The Bazooka was an individual weapon and the recoilless rifle was a crew-serviced weapon, with a 3-person crew (Gunner, Assistant Gunner and Ammo Bearer). How do I know this? I taught M-67 Recoilless Rifle and M-66 Light Antitank Weapon (LAW).

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