

# **PHAN RANG AIR BASE**

## *Early Phan Rang Air Base 1966*

*Photos by Terry Morris*



**1. Phan Rang AB: 1966: New tent-huts, with wooden walkways and storm drains.**



**2. Phan Rang AB: 1966: New tent-huts and new sandbag bunkers -- we were going to need them.**



**3. Phan Rang AB: 1966: Tent-Hut with a 'pull out' of sorts, and the ever present mamasans doing our laundry with what smelled like barf-water.**



**4. (left) Phan Rang AB: 1966: Tent-Hut** with mamasans digging through trash for C-Rats. Note the CSA Rebel Flag on the hut's corner.

**5. (below) Phan Rang AB:** Who is he, and what's he doing ... *up to something* ... cooking C-Rats?

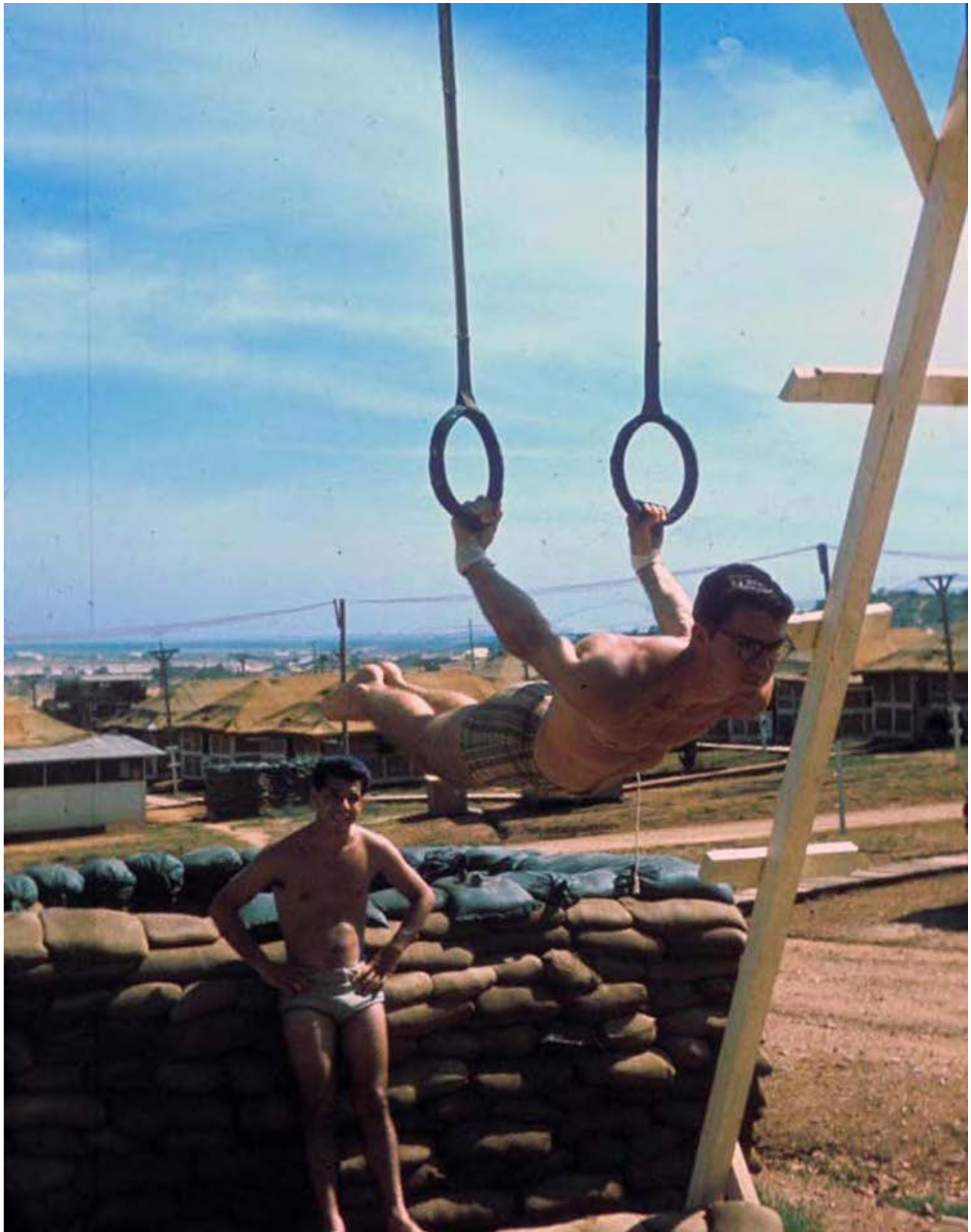




**6. Phan Rang AB: Piss-Tube** with courtesy-walls (early on, there were no walls). *HEY!!! Is nothing scared anymore?*



**7. Phan Rang AB: Airman Tipton, and *Outdoor Life* magazine.**  
Not *exactly* how I pictured it there.



**8. Phan Rang AB: Airman Fisher on the Rings of the Gym he built, and an extension to the Tent-Hut.**



**9. Phan Rang AB: US Army area, with Rows of Tent-Huts walled-in with sandbags. Soldier, center-far-left:*HEYYYYYY... DINKY-DAO -- Quit Stealin' them sandbags!***

**10. Phan Rang AB: Airman Schroeder, hanging clothes... *too cheap to pay mamasan?***





**11. Phan Rang AB: Airman Nishii (Me No VC)**

**12. Phan Rang SP Airmen Nishii and Kraus.**





**13. Phan Rang AB: 35th APS Orderly Room.**

**14. Phan Rang AB: Phan Rang AB: 35th APS Paddy Wagon. Hey... yous lookin' at me?**







**15. Phan Rang AB: 35th APS, Getting Off Shift.** Note inflatable warehouses.

**16. Stuff Burning Detail: Hey Airman! *You busy? Six Hole (8 holes?)***  
*Outhouse Stuff Burning Detail.*





**17. Happy in My Work!***Where's the diesel?*

**18. Not Happy in My Work!**





*19 Let's washie clothesie by this nice crapper.*



*20. Phan Ran AB: Mess Kits. Hey! I know I left my ride parked RIGHT here!*



**21. Phan Ran AB: Airmen washing Mess Kits.**

**22. Phan Rang AB: Early 1966: Main Gate.**





23. Phan Rang: Main Gate QC-White Mice.Hey GI...can't you see I'm on Break!

24. Early Phan Rang -- *The Strip*





**25. Phan Rang: REX Bar.**

**26. Phan Rang: The Strip, looking like an old western 'High Noon' movie set.**





**27. Phan Rang:**  
nother Bar.

**28. Phan Rang:**  
Xin, my interpreter, age 9.



**29. Phan Rang:** Xin's mother. Her husband was killed by Viet Cong.

**30. Phan Rang:** Xin's younger siblings.



**31. Phan Rang: L/R:** Xin's older sister and mother.







32. Phan Rang: Xin's home.

33. Phan Rang: Xin, at Barber Shop.



34. Phan Ran -- Interior of Barber Shop.





35. (above) Phan Rang: Xin,  
*You buy cigarettes?*

36. (right) Phan Rang: Xin, at market.



37. (below) Phan Rang: Downtown.



**38. (right) Phan Rang:**  
**Shop Keepers in Open**  
**Market.**



**39. (below) Phan Rang:**  
**Buddhist Monks** downtown  
to receive alms and food.  
[Generally, held anti-war  
sentiments. I wonder how  
they enjoyed their reeducation  
camps?]





**40. Phan Rang: Buddhist Monks downtown**



**41. & 42. Phan Rang: Buddhist Monks in square.**



**60. Phan Rang: Buddhist Monks in square.**



**43. Phan Rang: Rush Hour.**



**44. Phan Rang: Soldier in Thap Cham.**  
*Lookie at all the Bars... so many decisions.*



**45. Phan Rang: Another Bar.**



**46. Phan Rang: Pedicabs to 'Phan Rang'and 'Thap Cham'...**  
anywhere you want to go -- including church!

**47. Phan Rang: Market Place.**



**48. Phan Rang: Driving around. RV anyone?**





49. Phan Rang: Christian Church across the bridge.



50 Phan Rang: Christian Church front view.



51. Market Place, ladies haggling over fruit.

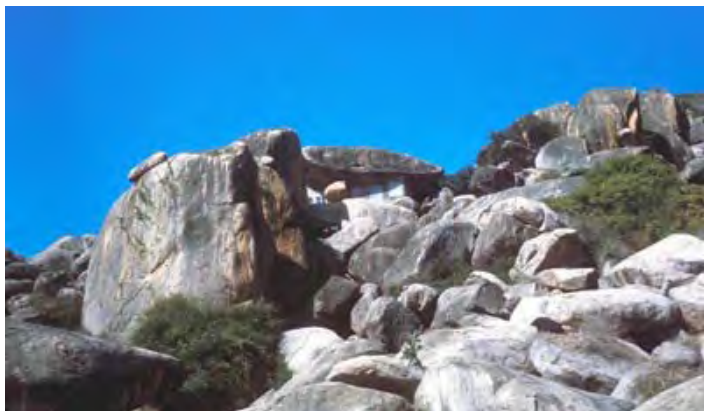
52. (right)Market Place. Granny and kids selling fruit.



53 Phan Rang: Buddhist homes amongst boulder hillside.



54. Phan Rang: Buddhist homes. Note fisherman.



**55. Phan Rang: Buddhist homes.** Note house with boulder roof (center/top).



**56. Phan Rang: Buddhist homes.** View from vehicle on road to beach.



**57. Phan Rang: Buddhist homes.** Giant boulders.

**58. Phan Rang:** ARVN War Memorial.





**59. Phan Rang: Houses** on road curve, heading back to base.



**60. Thap Cham: Ox Carts** loaded with bricks.



**61. Thap Cham: Kids** saying Hi to GI.  
*[Do you think they remember us today?]*



**62. Thap Cham: Custom weights!** Me Strong Boy!



**63. Thap Cham, Gas Station** along road to Beach. Villager herds moo-cows.





**64. (left)**  
**Thap Cham** river flows through village. Note mamasan scooping water. *Fish, washie clothes, drinking water, sewer.*

**65. (below)**  
**Thap Cham** river and village houses. Kid along riverbank, center/left.





**66. Road to Beach.** *You've got to admit... there was beauty in South Vietnam's countryside, worthy of quiet appreciation. I'm not sure exactly where that was. Looks like a view from Nui Dat, but there was no road running through there then (?).*



**67. Thap Cham: Road to Beach.** *Rice Paddies grace the landscape. Here and there, a farmer surveys his land... and water buffalo graze.*



**68 Thap Cham: Road to Beach.** *Rice Paddies levees share the water where most needed. Villagers need the fields, center/left.*



**69. (above) The Beach:** *A day at the beach, and a little touch of home.*



**70. ((above-right)The Beach:** *Wooden walkways and molten-sands.*

**71. (right) Thap Cham:** *Beach and a patio with beach-umbrellas! How cool is that!*





**72 Thap Cham: Beach... and sodas... and buffalo-burgers... and don't tell anybody about this place!**



**73. Thap Cham: Beach... and... and... HEY!**  
*Where're the babes?*



**74. Thap Cham: Beach... Hey--look'at the boat!**



**74. Thap Cham: Beach, with Navy LSTs at shore.**



**94. Thap Cham: Pagadoa Hilltop.**



**95. Thap Cham: Pagadoa *closeup*.**



**96. Thap Cham: Pagadoa *Temple Gardens*.**



**97. Thap Cham: Pagadoa Temple.**

**98. Phan Rang AB: USO Jimmy Boyd Band. Best known for *I Saw Mama Kissing Santa Claus*.**





99. (above) Phan Rang AB: USO Jimmy Boyd Band. *Anyone wanna Dance?*



100. (above) Phan Rang AB: USO Jimmy Boyd Band. *Dance With Me Henry!*



101. (above) Phan Rang AB: USO Jimmy Boyd Band. *WOW! A real American Woman!*



102. (above-right) Phan Rang AB: USO Jimmy Boyd Band. *WATCH THE HANDS FLY-BOY!*

103. (right) Tan Son Nhut AB, Airport., Departures: R&R, PCS, DEROS.





**104. Tan Son Nhut AB, around the base.**

**105. Tan Son Nhut AB, Airman's Open Mess.**



*We Take Care of Our Own*