



Phan Rang Air Base 366th Security Police Squadron

Nui Dat Hill

Do Vinh, Phan Rang-Thap Cham,
Ninh Thuan province, Vietnam

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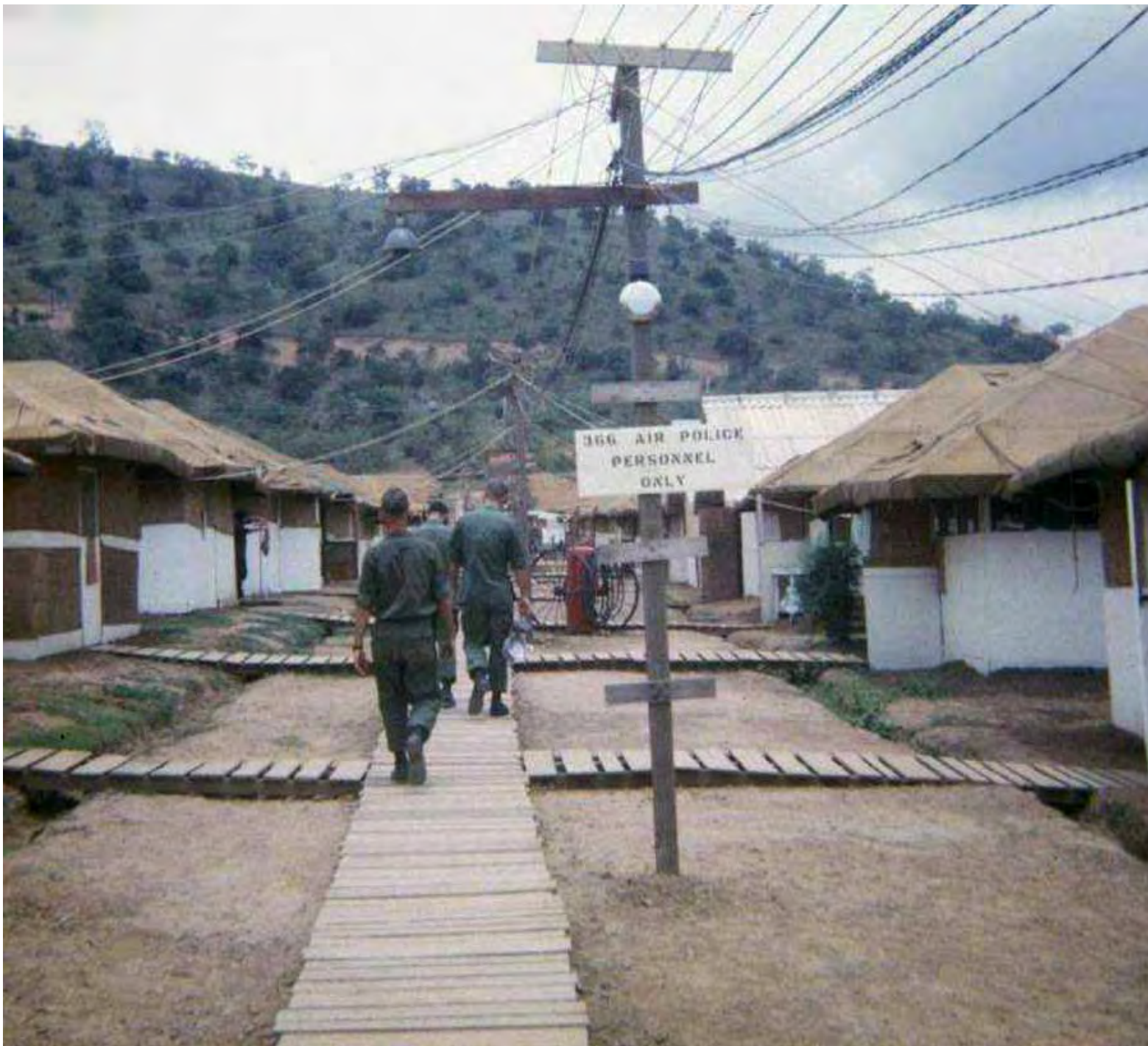
Photo: Terry Morris, Tower OP-1.

From April of 1966, 366th APS, until early Feb. 1967 these photos are the views that Panther Flight had. OP 2 had a 50 cal. that we were never trained on, but I'm sure we'd figure it out. The view as you can see there was nothing to the left and bomb dump to the right. There were K9s posted in front of us and the bomb dump. The 101st HQ was just on the Southern edge of the view. On the other side was our squadron area. First there were tents, then hootches and later barracks that I never saw the inside. Could only view them from atop Nui Dat. There were no paved roads on any side to my knowledge?



1. Phan Rang AB: Nui Dat Hill, 366th APS: Tent-Huts with Nui Dat Hill in background.

2. Phan Rang AB: Nui Dat Hill, 366th APS: Tent-Huts and wooden plank-walks for monsoon weather, with Nui Dat Hill in background.



3. Phan Rang AB: Nui Dat Hill, 366th APS: OP-2 Bunker, atop Nui Dat Hill.



4. Phan Rang AB: Nui Dat Hill, 366th APS: View from OP-2 Bunker, atop Nui Dat Hill. .50 cal machinegun.



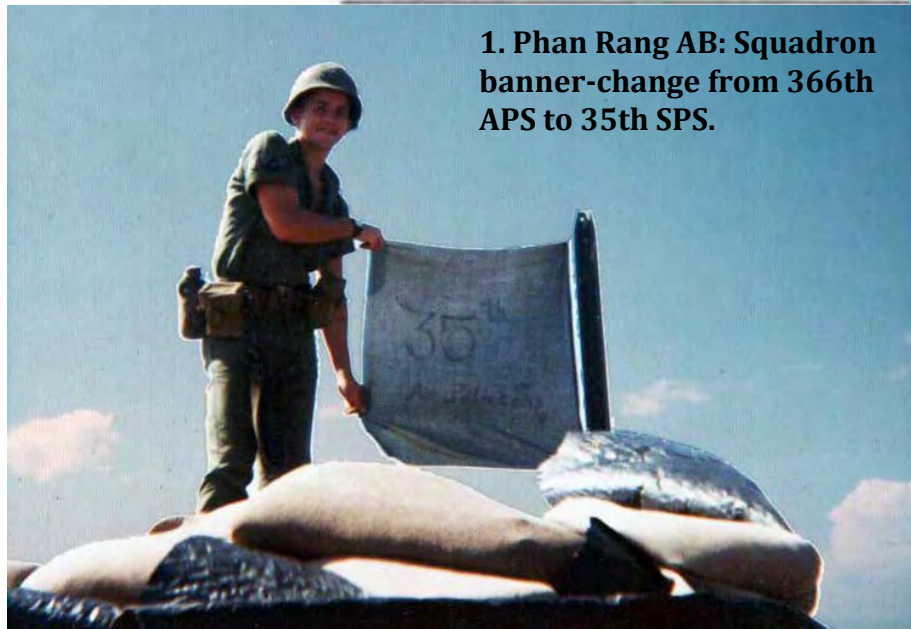
Terry Morris' photos, presented as a panorama-composite, display the dramatic broad vista view of Phan Rang Air Base, as viewed from atop nearby Nui Dat Hill.



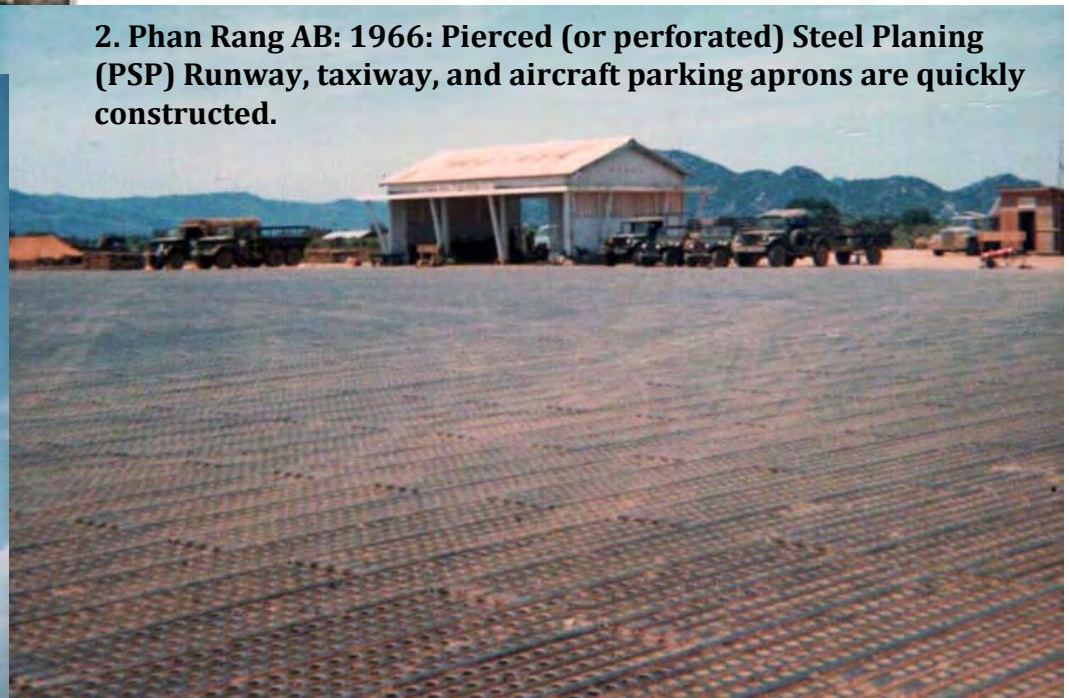
Phan Rang Airbase, as viewed from Nui Dat Hill

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1. Phan Rang AB: Squadron banner-change from 366th APS to 35th SPS.



2. Phan Rang AB: 1966: Pierced (or perforated) Steel Planing (PSP) Runway, taxiway, and aircraft parking aprons are quickly constructed.

3. Phan Rang AB (*below*): OP-2, a bunker fortified with PSP and sandbags, armed with an 50.cal machinegun, overlooks the valley below and the bomb dump (right).

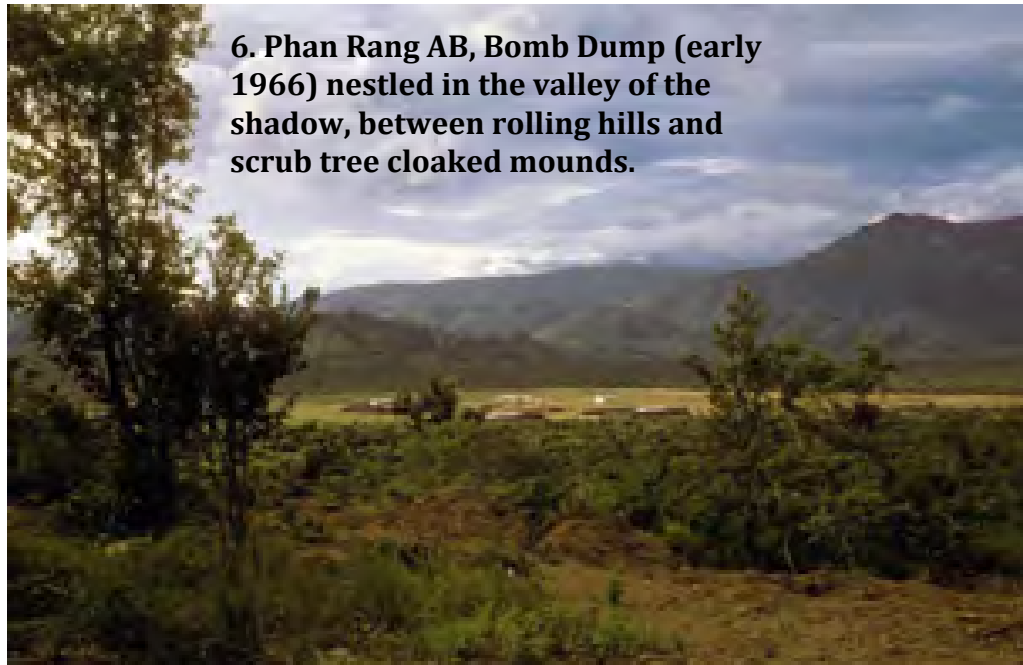


4. Phan Rang AB (*above, early 1966*): Bomb Dump, placed safely away from aircraft and growing Air Police cantonment area.

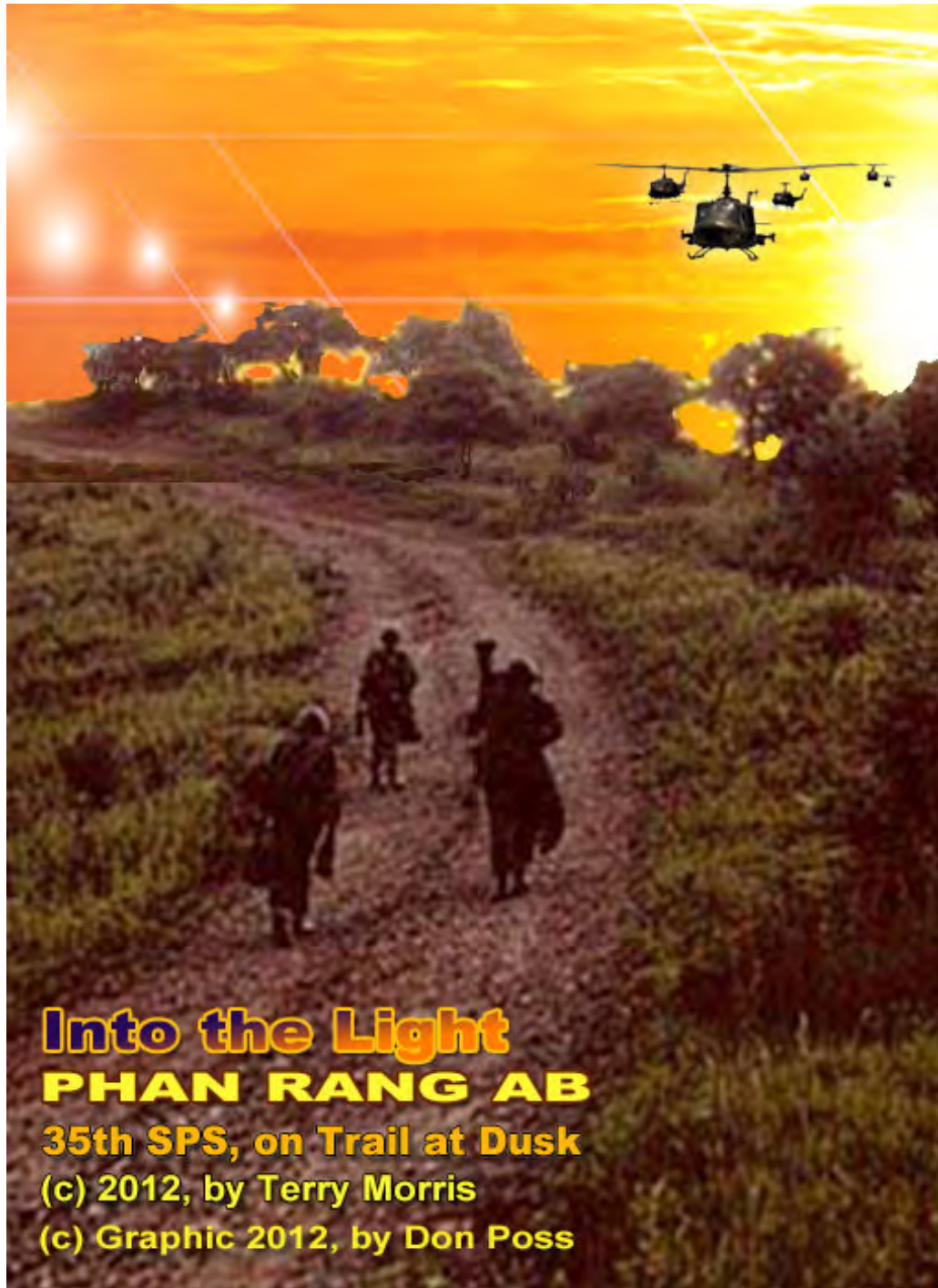
5. Phan Rang AB, OP-2 Bunker, lightly fortified and armed with an .50 cal machinegun, overlooks the valley below.



6. Phan Rang AB, Bomb Dump (early 1966) nestled in the valley of the shadow, between rolling hills and scrub tree cloaked mounds.



Dusk is Falling ... the first string of flares are hanging ... three SPs hump uphill with M60 and ammo, to their bunker.



**Into the Light
PHAN RANG AB
35th SPS, on Trail at Dusk
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7. Phan Rang AB: OP-1 Tower Bunker, overlooks sprawling fields of tall grass and perimeters, armed with an M60 machine gun. OP1 - No .50 cal. at this tower. OP2 - Had only .50 cal during my time.



8. Phan Rang AB: OP-1 Tower Bunker, awaiting darkness, Airman Terry Morris fires up a C-Rat can. with 50.cal at the ready.



9. Phan Rang AB: Bunker with business-end of a 50.cal commanding attention.

10. Phan Rang AB: 366th APS cantonment area.



11. Phan Rang AB: 366th Air Police tent bunk bed. Mosquito nets at the ready. Aligned boots' stateside-spit-shine melting in sauna heat.



12. Phan Rang AB: 366th APS walk trails of baked clay or muddy-quagmire before wooden-pallet walkways are built.



13. Phan Rang AB: Metal mess-kits mask whatever food with a metallic-taste.



14. Phan Rang AB (below): Mascot mongrel dog found on Nui Dat Hill. We fed him C-Rats for a while...and then he ran off.



15. Phan Rang AB (below): Vietnamese women workers unloading *Pabst Beer* (new in 1966: no opener needed!). Note the base theatre's open screen (center), and top right you can see the beer's temporary destination, an inflatable warehouse.



17. Phan Rang AB: This was the 101st Base HQ?, South of Nui Dat, east of the runway's South-end.



18. Phan Rang AB: The First Tent-Hut constructed (*graded grounds await future tent-huts*). Note: Nui Dat Hill in background does not have a road in early 1966 .



19. Phan Rang AB: New hut-tents constructed for the 366th Air Police Squadron Nui Dat Hill graded for

