

Binh Thuy Air Base 632nd SPS

Photos by Wendell "Duke" Windsor
(1966-1967)

1) A pamphlet that we kicked out of the door of a C47. Then it was pointed out that the Geneva Convention did not want us to do that so we stopped. This was in 1967.



2) *Confirmed Kill!* Binh Thuy, like most of Vietnam, had a Rat problem. This is a rat that I killed inside the barracks by throwing my bayonet and impaling him.



3) Binh Thuy AB flight line taken from the tower behind CSC. Not a single jet on the base.



4) C-47, parked waiting for a mission.



5) C-47's Gattling Guns.



6) Cocked and Locked.



7) Chopper waiting for troop



8) Duke Windsor, beside a grounded tank on perimeter road.



9) (Close up)



10) Vietnamese fisherman, string-fishing. Look close and you can see the line. He is one of a native ARVN fishing with a thread size string and a very small hook. He was catching what I call minnows and would use here at home for bait. He then cut the heads off and fried the bodies.

11) Binh Thuy Orderly Room. I include the sign, but I don't think it will be any good. It is the sign in front of the orderly room and shows the squadron logo as we drew it up. I have it on the back of a jacket I had made in Can Tho and will rescan it later.



12) This is what happened when a 75mm recoilless rifle shell hit the radiator of an SP Jeep. The strike team had abandoned the Jeep for the safety of a bunker just prior to the hit. Our mascot, a black and white, short hair, mix breed female (about 10 pounds worth) was killed with shrapnel. She was pretty special to me as she ran to my bunker on the flight line one other time and jumped in with me. We could hear one of the rounds whistling in, and when it could not be heard, she crawled inside my jungle fatigue shirt between me and the sand! I never did figure out how she got in that small of a space, as I was really making love to the ground. Any way, the round went off about five yards behind us. I think the jeep-killing was in the next attack.



13) Close up of the "Security Police" sign beneath the jeep's windshield.



14) Two AP's, I don't remember the one on the left, but the guy with the cigarette is Harper.

15) This one is three of us who hung out together a lot when not on duty. Sleep deprivation makes anything seem funny! Photo: Left to Right, John Sharpe, Duke Windsor, and Markham. We were ready for just about any kind of duty at the time of the pix.



16) Photo was taken from the tower, behind CSC, of the outdoor plumbing used by the ARVN troops. At least they didn't use the road all the time so the K-9 guys could step in it.



17) Break time... or is he working? . . never could tell the difference.

