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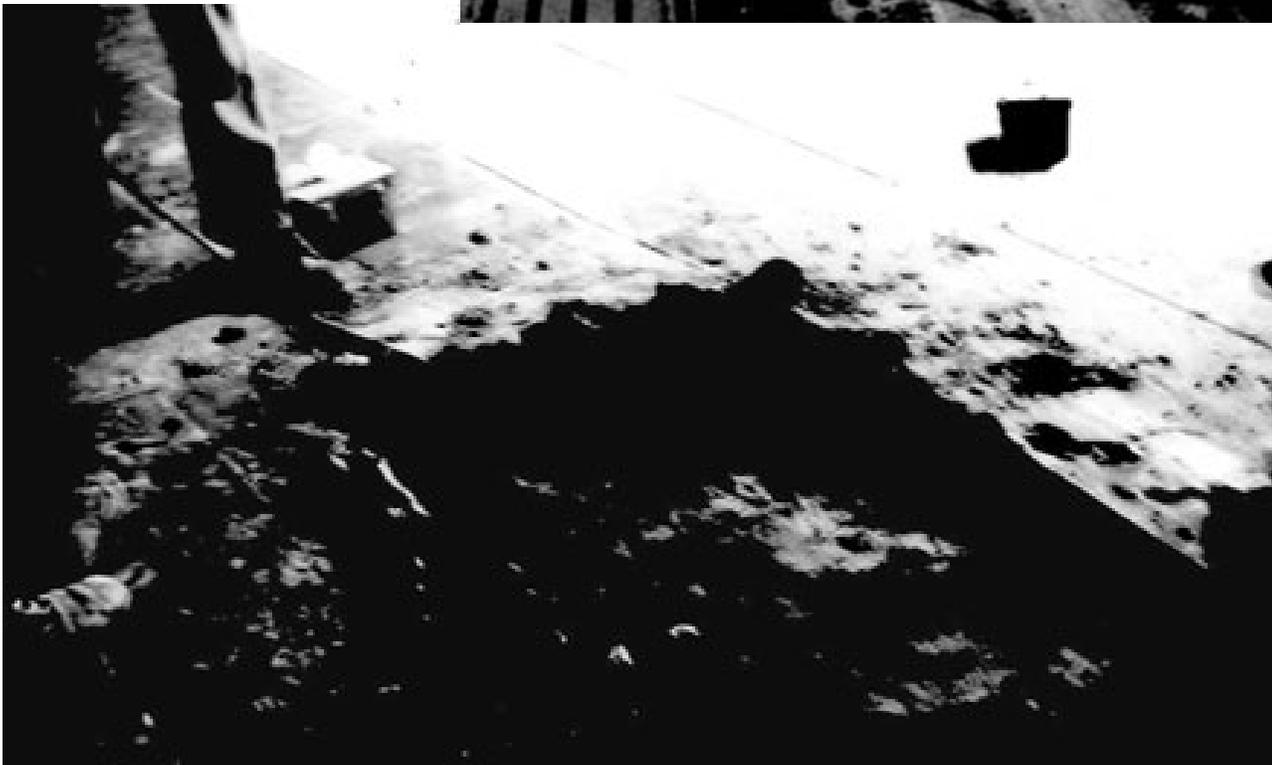
1966-1968

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I Spent 65' and part of 66' at Đà Nẵng Air Base. 66'-68' in around Đông Hà Air Field.

1) Late 1966, a mortar hit on the aircraft parking area on the north side of runway. The Seabees of my detachment performed the repairs to Đông Hà Air Field's aluminum / magnesium runway matting and the PSP parking area.

2) When a mortar hits in the runway, the magnesium in the matting burns, so the effected planks have to be removed before the fire spreads to adjacent planks. An F4 tried to land here during an emergency but still had flying speed and left the end of the runway and flew another 1000 feet before ending up in a gully to the west.



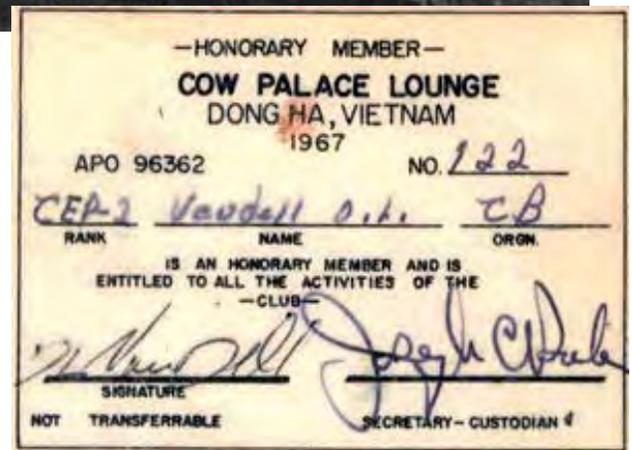
3) A US Army twin 40 MM gun located near the southeast end of the runway near the POL farm.



4) The Ration dump located between mid-runway and the Air Force compound. You can see the mortar damage.



5) This is my Cow Palace card. My friend Paul Sullivan helped a USAF FAC pilot (Capt. Clark ?), so he arranged this card. On X-mas Eve the base was attacked. The Capt. took off to spot what he could. He was at a party and was rather loaded at the time. He landed with minor wounds and Sully and I was there to help him from his O1 Bird dog. We thought that he was badly injured, but merely drunk and with only slight wounds.



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