

Đà Nẵng Air Base

ROCKET CITY

South Vietnam!

Photos by William Liddell
1972



1) This 1972 shot is NEARLY at the same perspective as Jordan's. Perhaps a little to the North of his point. The shack is still in the open topped revetment. And an A-37 is there on the ramp.



2) In 1972, the 366th SPS was moved from the old Marine area on the west side of the runways, to a set of two story barracks on the east side near Bravo area in 1972 and that is where that photo was taken. [If the barracks were near the theatre, they are the original barracks for the 6252nd APS, in late 1964, and pre tent-city. Don Poss]



3) The entry control point ASP-1 at the off base bomb

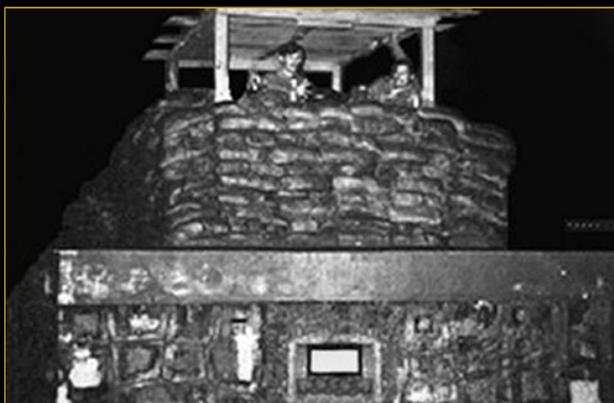
dump: ASP, SSgt Sullivan, AIC Martinez, and others.



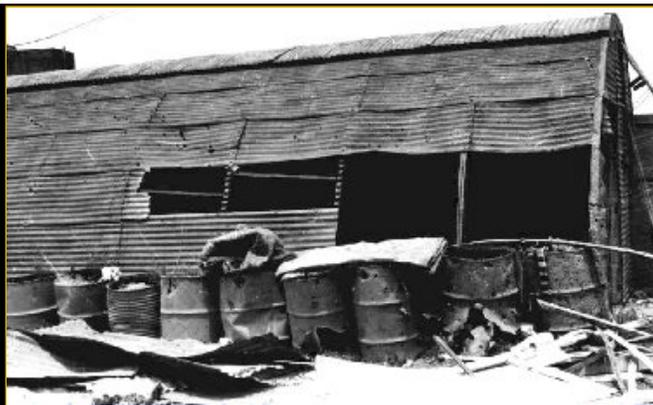
4) The morning ride on the "Duce and a Half" from ASP, the off base bomb dump, back to the main base at Đà Nẵng. The Vietnamese running after the truck are scrambling to get the C-Rats that some of the guys on the truck have tossed out as we drove through "dogpatch;" which was the name for the village of shacks on some of the west perimeter.



5) The paranoid one with the rifle is me.



6) One of our sandbag emplacements on top of an old French concrete bunker located on the south end of the base.



7) A Security Police barracks which suffered a near miss from a 122 during the night. The rocket impacted near the bottom right corner of the photo. An SP inside was wounded by shrapnel that passed through the armhole of the flak vest he had pulled over him.



8) Close up.

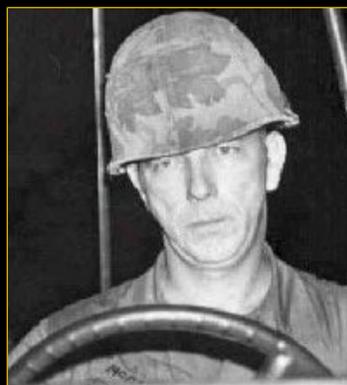


9) Another vehicle used in Vietnam by USAF Security Police was the M-113A1 Armored Personnel Carrier, or "track." These Quick Reaction Team (QRT) M-113's were patrolling Đà Nẵng Air Base in 1972.

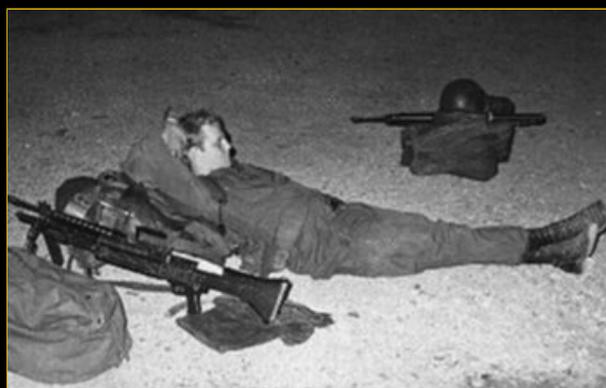


10) SSgt McCarroll and I as the ASP SAT (Security Alert Team). He replaced SSgt Sullivan when Sully went to QRF leader. My M16 is sitting magazine up. On Mac's you can see the muzzle of the XM-148 grenade launcher. The strip of black tape was my way to mark a magazine with tracer rounds versus one that's all ball ammo. Security Police M16 doctrine was to fire aimed three round

bursts when in full auto. With a 1 in 3 tracer to ball ratio, that meant each burst contained one tracer round.



11) Photo: Left, Sgt Bill Liddell, and Right, SSgt McCarroll.



12) Sergeant Liddell (reclining) propping up his helmet, which is propping up his rucksack at the ASP entry control point after pulling the bunker line sentries in the pre-dawn hours. At Đà Nẵng machine gunners carried the MG and a rifle rather than a sidearm. There is a spare barrel attached to the ruck, along with a couple hundred ready rounds. A 1500 round can was left in the bunker so ammo was plentiful on post.

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