

Phù Cát AB

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PR, 35th SPS; PC, 37th SPS, 1966-1967, VSPA Life Member 262

My Phù Cát AB Photos

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pc-swartz-01-jeep-1966.jpg

Phù Cát - 1 August 1966: "**Day One, Hour One**" for the 37th APS at what will become Phù Cát Air Base. SSgt Swartz closest to camera. Who else?



pc-swartz-02-first-day-dlt-checkin-1966.jpg

Phù Cát: Day One, and several hours later is photo of bags with all out personal gear. Bulldozer in background (left of tent) is clearing ground for our tents and roads.



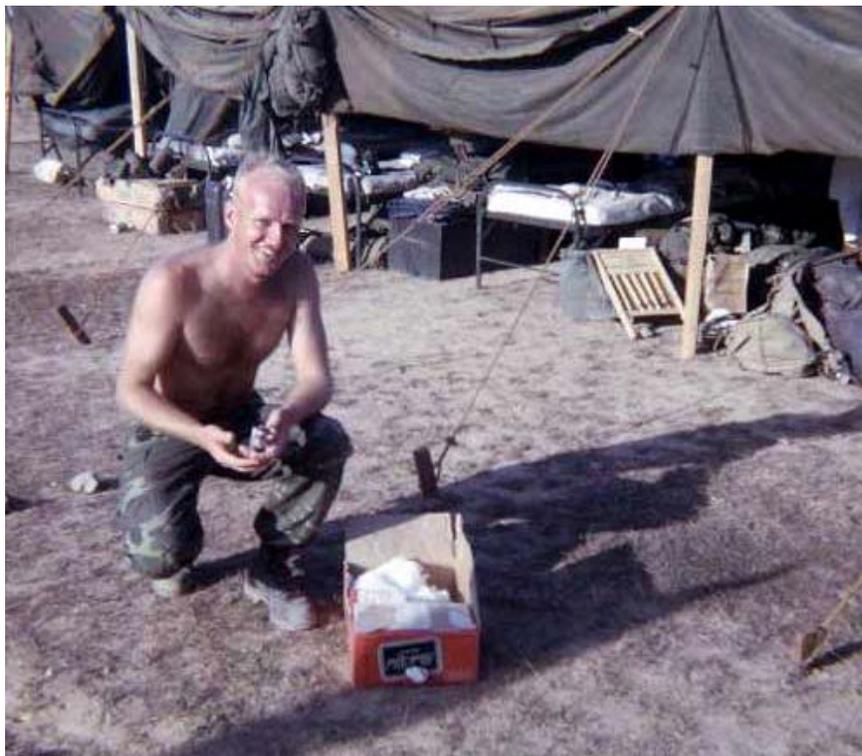
pc-swartz-01-usflag-1966.jpg

Phù Cát 1966 - Photo of "Ol' Glory". We built the flagpole out of 2x4s. We did have an Arizona State Flag up but the CPT said to take it down because we didn't have the US flag up and it could have been mistaken for a VC flag. Hmmm.



pc-swartz-02-37th-aps-day-hr-1-1966.jpg

Brand new Tents!



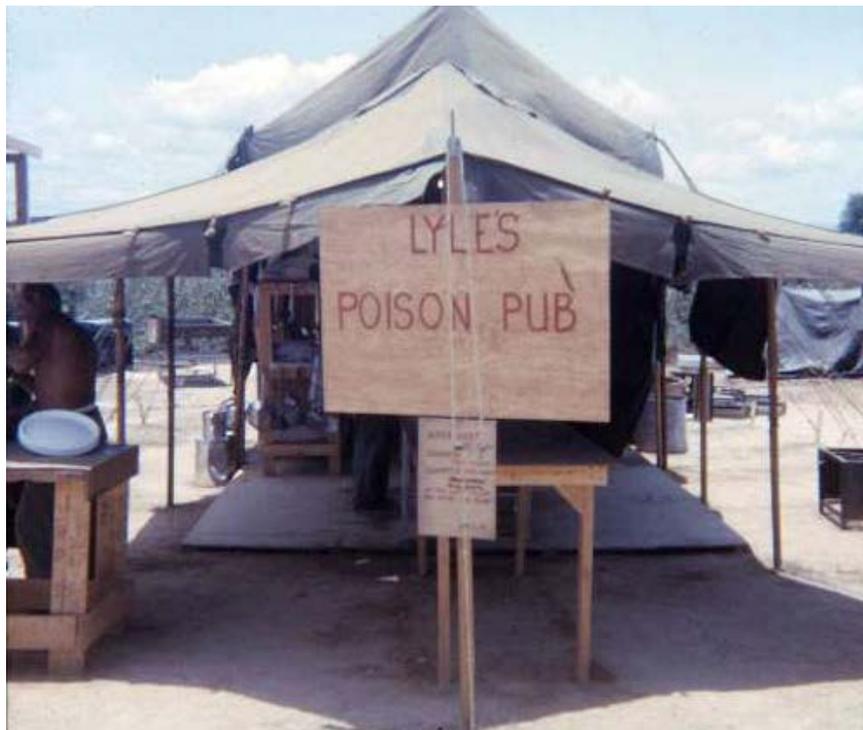
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Phù Cát 1966 - Photo of me (Swartz) with my mongoose “Zippo”.



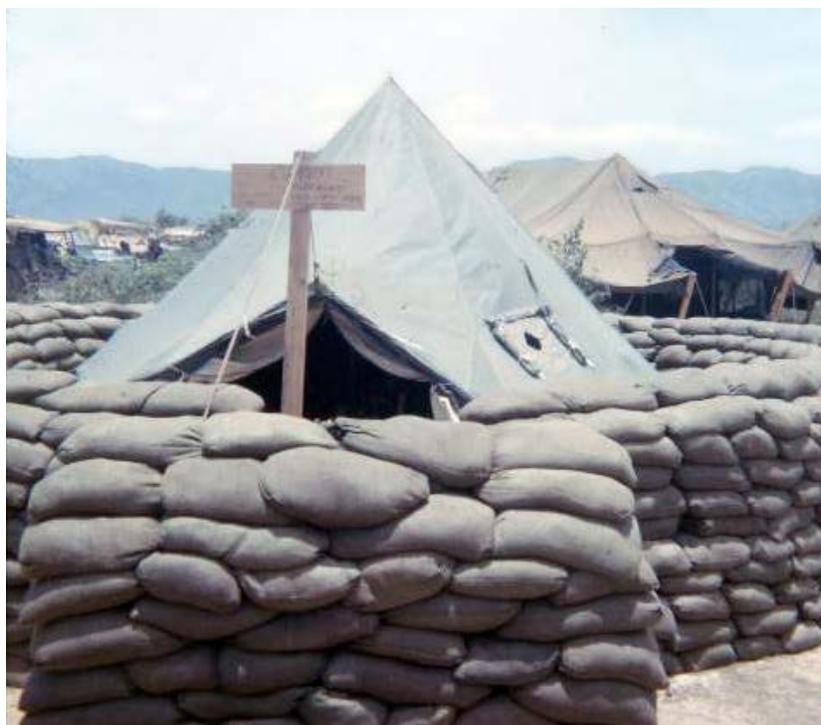
pc-swartz-13-monqoose-1966.jpg

Phù Cát 1966 - A close up of “Zippo” a baby mongoose.



pc-swartz-04-messhall-1966.jpg

**Phù Cát 1966 - A photo of our official messhall nicknamed "Lyle's Poison Pub."
Guess the cook's name was Lyle.**



pc-swartz-05-dispensary-cappy-1966.jpg

Phù Cát 1966 - **Photo of our hospital "Cappy's Dispensary."
Guess the corpsman's name was Cappy. No doctors or nurses.**



pc-swartz-07-mailcall-1966.jpg

Phù Cát 1966 - Depicts mail-call the old fashioned way. Whomever hands out mail at mail-call for the 37th APS also gets the package. SSgt Swartz with his package from home. This is when homemade cookies are really good.



pc-swartz-08-swartz-irwin-gorman-1966.jpg

Phù Cát 1966 - Photo of, L to R, Swartz, Unk AP, Irwin, unk AP and Gorman. Aah, those were the days.



pc-swartz-09-vc-tunnel-1966.jpg

Phù Cát 1966 - Photo of SSgts Irwin and Swartz, A2C Gorman and others checking out possible tunnel entrance.



pc-swartz-10-vc-tunnel-1966.jpg

Phù Cát 1966 - Photo of Irwin, Swartz, Gorman and others REALLY checking out the tunnel entrance.



pc-swartz-11-bath-1966.jpg

37th APS getting ready for the first bath in two or three days. No showers set up for us yet. You had to wade thru mud to get in and out of the water but the river bottom was gravel and the water was clear and cool. One or two men stayed on guard duty. You had to wait for the mud to dry and peel it off before you got dressed. Ramsey is holding the jacket. (Note: who's the guy mooning us?)



pc-swartz-12-bath-1966.jpg

Phù Cát 1966 - 37th APS getting clean. One day the guys doing the guarding got tired of waiting and came in also. Five ROK soldiers in the area snuck up on us and all of a sudden the air was filled with automatic weapons fire. No chance to get to our guns. My thought was how long can I hold my breath and how far can I swim under water. We had some good times with the ROKs in sporting events but we never could top the "ambush".

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