

# PHAN RANG AIR BASE

## ROCKETS ROCKETS ROCKETS! TET Jan 29, 1969

35th Security Police Squadron 1968-1969

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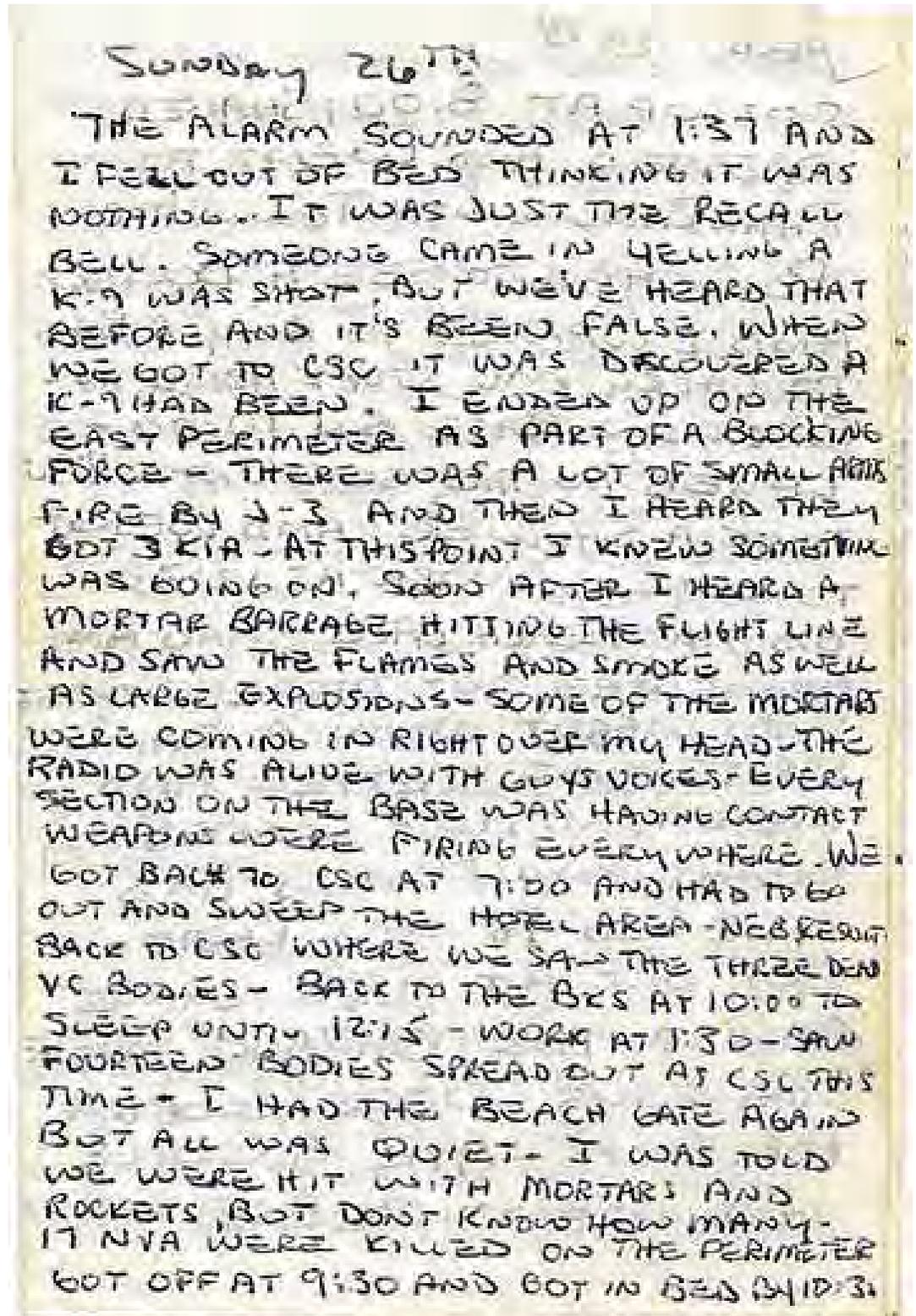
1. A page from my diary, from 1/26/68, after the NVA hit Phan Rang AB, and some, perhaps, too graphic photos taken after the attack.

**Phan Rang AB:  
Tet Attack,  
Jan 29, 1969, 0015 hours,  
Sapper and Stand Off  
Attack:**

74 Rockets and Mortars;  
US KIA, 0; US WIA, 15;  
US Destroyed Aircraft, 2;  
Damaged Aircraft, 11;  
RVN KIA/WIA 0;  
Aircraft Destroyed-  
Damaged, 0;  
VC/NVA KIA, 16;  
VC/NVA POW, 1.

*[Letter follows on next page, retyped for readability/OCR, including uppercase text, misspellings, grammar and punctuations.*

*Don Poss]*



Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>

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**2. Phan Rang AB: An official USAF Photo  
(unclassified) from Det 5 600th Photo Sq AAVS  
(MAC) 29 Jan 1969.**



### 3. Captured NVA Weapons.



**WARNING: GRAPHIC COMBAT PHOTOS**

## VC/NVA KIA



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