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Phù Cát, 1041st SPS(T) – Operation Safeside, 1967

1041st Base Camp, Construction Yard/Materials & Waste Recycling Plant



BASE CAMP CONSTRUCTION AREA

3.16 - Base Camp area: The 1041st Security Police Squadron(T) Base Camp was under construction the entire time the squadron was in Vietnam. Building materials and aggregates for concrete were located in a construction-yard area nearby the squadron's tent cantonment. The 'yard' contained aggregate building materials such as gravel, crushed stone, sand, slag, and concrete mixers. Close enough to the tent area, but far enough away for the showers, crappers and 'shit-burners'.

3.16_1: 1041st Security Police Squadron(T) Base Camp, tent cantonment and construction materials areas. Sign: Constructed by RMK - BRJ (Photo by John P. Webster)



3.16_2: 1041st Security Police Squadron(T) Base Camp, construction materials areas.
(Photo by John P. Webster)



3.16_3: 1041st Security Police Squadron(T) Base Camp, construction materials areas.
(USAF Photo)



3.16_4: 1041st Security Police Squadron(T) Base Camp, construction-tent and materials areas. (USAF Photo)



3.16_5: 1041st Security Police Squadron(T) Base Camp, construction materials areas. (USAF Photo)



3.16_6: 1041st Security Police Squadron(T) Base Camp, construction materials areas, and hooch-tent. (USAF Photo)



3.16_7: 1041st SPS(T): Base Camp, construction-road. We would see occasional B-52 Bomber strikes on the background Mountains. (USAF Photo)





3.16_8 (above; and Closeup below of parked trucks and jeep): **1041st Security Police Squadron(T)** Base Camp, construction-road; truck park (below closeup photo) , and hooch-tents to the left, with construction materials to the right.



3.16_9 (below): 1041st Security Police Squadron(T) Base Camp, view from Tower. Tents, M113, Water Tank Trailer, and perimeter.

[Photo-horizon, *right peak*, resembling a conical-hat-pyramid: 1st CAV Firebase Holloway, base camp, was often mortared.]

(Photo courtesy of: 1041st SPS(T), Base Camp, 1967.

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3.16_10: 1041st SPS(T): Base Camp, new hooch sand bunkers. *(USAF Photo)*



3.16_11: 1041st SPS(T): Base Camp, new hooches and bunkers. *(USAF Photo)*

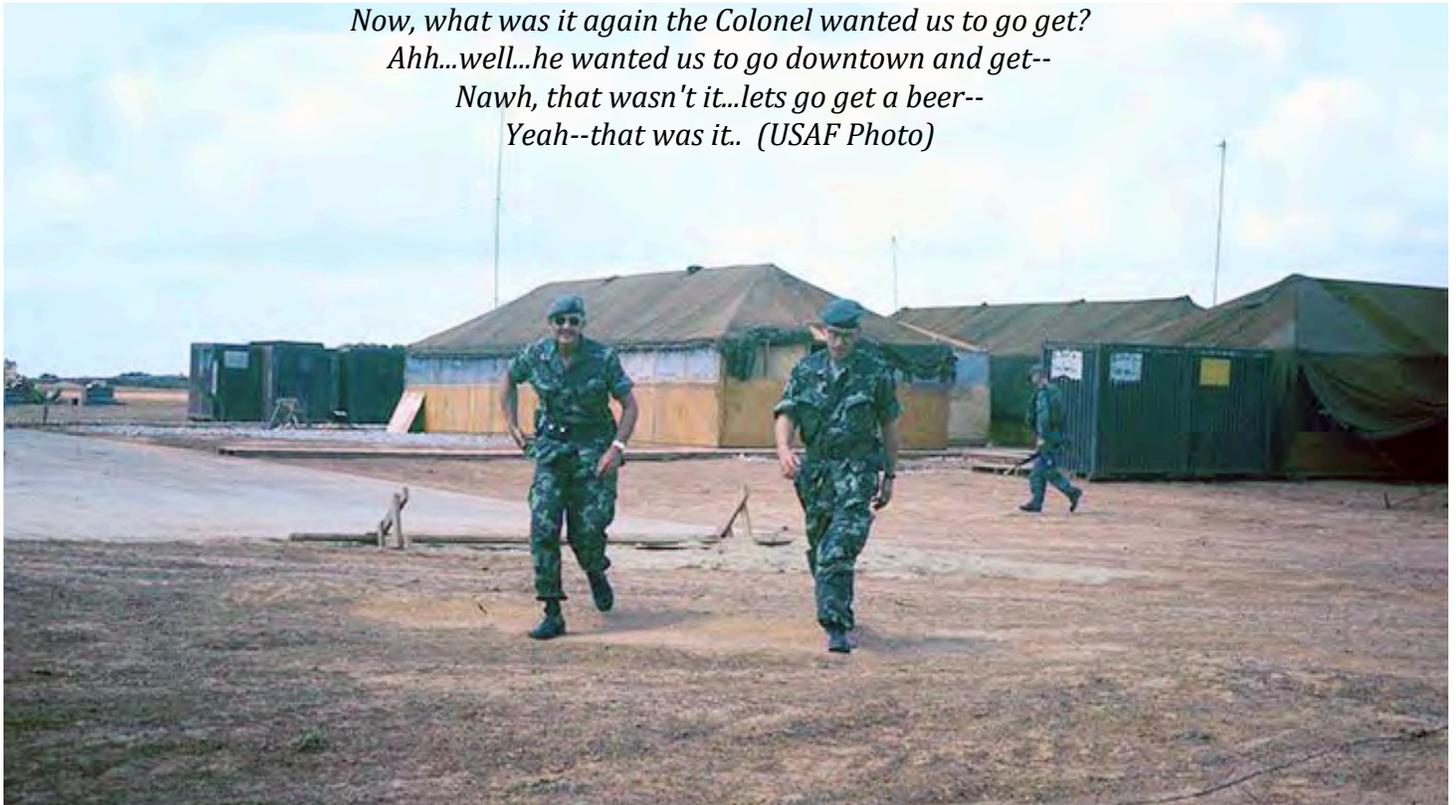


3.16_12: 1041st SPS(T): Base Camp, new hooch sand bunkers. (USAF Photo)



3.16_13 (below): 1041st SPS(T): Base Camp, new hooch sand bunkers. Meeting of the minds.

*Now, what was it again the Colonel wanted us to go get?
Ahh...well...he wanted us to go downtown and get--
Nawh, that wasn't it...lets go get a beer--
Yeah--that was it.. (USAF Photo)*



3.16_14: 1041st SPS(T): Base Camp, new hooch sand bunkers. (USAF Photo)



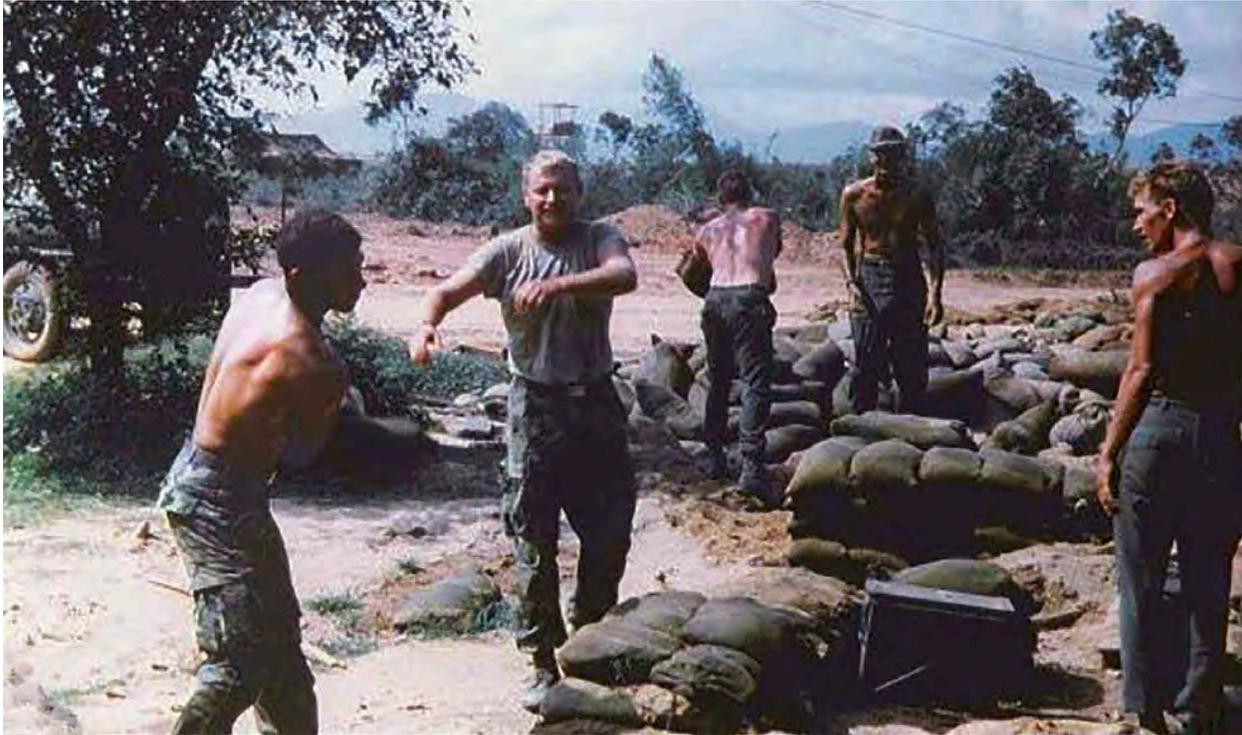
3.16_15 (below): 1041st SPS(T): Base Camp, open-air showers, with attached enclosed towel room. (USAF PHOTO)



3.16_16: 1041st SPS(T): Base Camp, tent area's showers. Enclosed towel room with open entrance door to outside showers. (USAF Photo)



3.16_17 (left): 1041st Security Police Squadron(T) Base Camp, tents. Airman's checking out his new camera. (USAF Photo)



3.16_18 (above) & 3.16_19 (below): 1041st Security Police Squadron(T) Sandbag detail. Bunker-building: Sandbag Toss relay; building bunkers. L/R: Abrams - Jimmy Hall - Minton - Wallace - Rawlings - Base Camp Phu Cat. 1967. [Photo Courtesy: Larry Wallace, 1041st SPS (T)]

Hey... you guys ever notice how when officers show up things turn to crap?

How so...?

Well ... first, they whisper somethin' to the sarge ... then he looks at us and his eyes get as big as a *two-holer seat*, and he goes bananas ... and next thing ya'know we're tossin' sandbags--*again*.



3.16_20: 1041st Security Police Squadron(T) Base Camp, tent area. (USAF Photo).

Hey, ain't we suppose'ta be do'in sandbag'n?

We are sandbag'in, dude ... now I lost my place--man, look'at those!





3.16_21 (above): 1041st Security Police Squadron(T) - Shit-Burner Detail. Unofficial Patch. (USAF Photo)

3.16_22 (below): 1041st Security Police Squadron(T) - Outdoor two-hole-crapper, with outside P-Tubes. Photo shows rear view, with hinged wall that lifts and permits 55-gallon (Agent Orange) barrel-halves to be removed, with waste, and diesel-burnt. (USAF Photo)





3.16_23 (above), and 3.1_24 (below): 1041st Security Police Squadron(T) Base Camp perimeter Tower, and P-Tubes. Hey, a little privacy please! (USAF Photo)

Somebody else's war raising smoke on the horizon, right. My Ambush Team, on Night Ambush, once received friendly-fire, with shrapnel in the trees (*note arrow*).





3.16_25 (above) & 3.1_26 (Closeup -below): Base Camp, Two-Holer, and discarded Agent Orange 55 Gallon Drums (photo center/cut in half) were pulled out from beneath the 'seats' and set fire with diesel fuel. *Note: wind blows 'away' from the tent area, makes for happy-campers. (USAF Photo)*

