

US ARMY ADVISORS

I was a US Army Advisor in Quang Ngai Province, I Corps, South Vietnam from June 1965 to June 1966. At Incl. 1 is pages from the Counter Parts Web Page & Incl. 2 are photos of that time.

The first 6 months I was the Regional Force/ Popular Force (RF/PF) Advisor. We went in after the first American big operation. The US Marines "Starlight" operation. We found over 300 dead Viet Cong. We also secured the beach when the Marines landed at Chu Ly (Not that needed any help). We ran many search & destroy missions.

The last 6 months I was the Mo Duc sub sector advisor. Pham Van Dong the North Vietnam Prime Minister home was located very near our Head Quarters.

While I was RF/PF Advisor at Kramer Compound, On Christmas Eve 1965, we started receiving mortar rounds at about 2300 hours that lasted until 0400 hours. The next morning we went in to Quang Ngai for Christmas Mass. Six (6) mortar rounds went into the church area two (2) into the church & four (4) into the children's area all six (6) rounds were duds.

Our Advisory Team in Mo Duc was a five (5) team. Our job was to accompany the RF/PF on day time patrols & night ambushes & to help defend Mo Duc from the Viet Cong. We not only fought along side the South Vietnam soldiers, but we also established relationships in the Village with the elected officials and the monks. We ate their food & generally lived as they did. Our goal was to coordinated pacification of the area & pressure the freedom in Mo Duc for which they so fiercely struggled. It was also our job to bring in navel gun fire, air support, to bring in supplies, & to be by their side when it was time to load them out on Medivacs.

Our five (5) man team was made up of one Captain, one lieutenant, a medic, radio operator, & a weapons NCO.

While with the 3D Special Forces Group at Ft. Bragg, I was sent to Civil Affairs School. At one point in Mo Duc I was assigned a six (6) man Civil Affairs team. We built out houses, a liberty, taught the South Vietnamese to make soap & grew corn & peanuts. We also had one Viet Cong give up. As soon as we had the ribbon cutting of our made up new village, the Viet Cong over ran the village & took down most every that we tried to do. I could not find my interpreter for three (3) days. He was hiding in the water well.

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