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Stinger Stalks Enemy

Maj. David F. Van Nest watches the sun set on the way to a target. Major Van Nest operates the night observation scope aboard an AC-119 Stinger gunship of the 18th Special Operations Squadron, a unit of the 14th Special Operations Wing. Besides

two types of high-speed guns, the aircraft has two J-85 jet engines to help the reciprocating engines lift the heavily-laden plane. The 18th SOS and 14th SOW are headquartered at Phan Rang AB.