

The enclosed pictures were converted from slides I took in 1968-1969. I originally did this for Larry Dandridge but thought the Tiger web site might be able to use some of them. I was in the 121<sup>st</sup> from September '68 until December '68, then finished January-August '69 working in the Battalion Ops Center, flying about one day a week on my day off from the desk job.

Being somewhat computer challenged, I haven't labeled the pictures individually. They are identified by number and category, however, and the enclosed index refers to those numbers and provides additional information.

You are welcome to keep the thumb drive.

If you have questions....

Hugh Adams



## Picture Index

### People

- 1-1 Me
- 1-2 Me (American Hero!)
- 1-3 Jim Elliott – transferred down from Vinh Long after being WIA, now deceased
- 1-4 Bill Sexton at Long Binh on the way home
- 1-5 Jack (maybe Morris?) also at Long Binh. Can't remember if he was a friend from flt school or in the 13<sup>th</sup> somewhere. Maybe somebody else will recognize him.
- 1-6 VNAF guy who was assigned to one of the Soc Trang companies
- 1-7 MAJ Ramey as emcee for program given by orphanage
- 1-8 Same
- 1-9 Wilson Williams (worked in Bn S-3), Tim Phalen (worked in Bn Ops Ctr), me
- 1-10 Williams & Phalen (both of these were taken in my hooch – I had a nice bar!)
- 1-11 Bob Weikel, unknown gunner, crew chief David Anderson. Anderson was KIA about two weeks short of his DEROS while riding as security on a convoy that was ambushed between Soc Trang and Can Tho. His is the first name on the memorial page of the 121<sup>st</sup> website.
- 1-12 Tim Phalen
- 1-13 L to R: Our BN commander, COL Tom Anderson, (unknown), Wilson Williams, (unknown), at Vi Thanh. Big operation involved another country's forces (maybe Korea? I'm too lazy to look up that flag.)
- 1-14 SP4 Russell Johnson, who was a clerk in the Bn Ops Ctr. Same operation at Vi Thanh
- 1-15 1LT Andy Belcher, worked in the Airfield Commander's office
- 1-16 Unknown, Andy Belcher, Airfield Commander (don't remember his name), me
- 1-17 Can't remember this guy's name, but he lived in the same building with me.

### Town of Soc Trang

Most of these were taken from a jeep during the few times I got to go downtown. Various streets & canals. Only these four are non-generic:

- 2-3 I think this was on the road to town.
- 2-7 Security at the MACV compound downtown
- 2-15 & 16 Province Chief's house

### **Soc Trang AAF**

- 3-1 Town and airfield
- 3-2 Left traffic, landing to the north
- 3-3 “
- 3-4 “
- 3-5 “
- 3-6 “
- 3-7 “
- 3-8 Temple in the Tiger’s Tail
- 3-9 “
- 3-10 “
- 3-11 View from the west side
- 3-12 “
- 3-13 “
- 3-14 View from the east side
- 3-15 “
- 3-16 13<sup>th</sup> CAB HQ
- 3-17 13<sup>th</sup> CAB S-3
- 3-18 13<sup>th</sup> CAB Battalion Operations Center (BOC)
- 3-19 Tiger Ops
- 3-20 Warrior Ops
- 3-21 The famous Soc Trang Pool
- 3-22 One of my roommates. Boot included to show scale.

### **Vietnamese Workers on Soc Trang AAF**

- 4-1 Daughters of hooch maids
- 4-2 One of my hooch maids. I had two, paid \$10 per month for both (not each).
- 4-3 Other hooch maid
- 4-4 These girls worked somewhere on the airfield (club, mess hall, Airfield Commander’s office?)
- 4-5 Papa-san also trapped paddy rats and sprayed for mosquitos
- 4-6 Hooch maids
- 4-7 Same. Note the tidy maintenance area in the background.
- 4-8 They knew how to shine boots.
- 4-9 Pest control
- 4-10 Gotcha

4-11 to 4-14 Cheap Charlie's

**ARVNs**

5-1 Career private

5-2 Somewhere on a stage field

5-3 Leading the pack is the 21<sup>st</sup> ARVN Division CG. I read that he was captured when the bad guys took over.

5-4 Macho?

5-5 These last four were taken at the ARVN compound on the north of the airfield. Went to see the results of an engine failure during a night test flight. Aircraft landed on one of their hooches. Crew not badly injured, as I recall. Must have been a day off for these guys.

5-6 He was cooking rice in large quantities.

5-7 Same place

5-8 Same place

**President Thieu Comes to Town**

6-1 to 6-9 Don't know when this was. He walked over and shook hands with some of us before leaving.

**Other Bases/Places**

7-1 Dong Tam

7-2 "

7-3 "

7-4 Vinh Long

7-5 Vi Than. CP for a big multi-national operation.

7-6 Vi Than

7-7 Rach Gia

7-8 Rach Gia. RF/PF? VN Rangers? I never could tell.

7-9 Same as 7-8

7-10 The Head Shed, Long Binh

### **Other Aircraft**

- 8-1 C-123
- 8-2 Seawolf south of Ca Mau
- 8-3 Air America
- 8-4 VNAF H-34's
- 8-5 Bird Dog from Soc Trang unit. Pilot was shot. VNAF pilot got on our tower frequency with his ARVN observer and talked him down. He didn't land it great, but kept it inside the fence.
- 8-6 Caribou on Christmas Eve. Can't remember for sure, but I think there was a stage field not too far south of Can Tho. You can see a town on the horizon. Could be where this was.
- 8-7 Same
- 8-8 Same
- 8-9 Now that's a Cav takeoff!
- 8-10 Seawolf at Soc Trang
- 8-11 Air America
- 8-12 Cobra
- 8-13 Warrior 13

### **Miscellaneous Outposts**

- 9-1 to 9-9 Don't have any notion of where any of these were.
- 9-10 This one was just off the road between Soc Trang and Can Tho

### **Kids and Passengers**

- 10-1 Livestock included – no extra fee
- 10-2 I'm guessing the placard indicates we were flying an ARVN VIP. Don't know the crew chief's name.
- 10-3 Same bunch
- 10-4 Marlboro Men
- 10-5 Same
- 10-6 A rowdy gang
- 10-7 Pineapple vendors
- 10-8 Pineapple vendors Rach Gia
- 10-9 Vicinity of Ca Mau. This was taken the day MAJ Rowe was found.
- 10-10 Locals at Tri Ton
- 10-11 Same
- 10-12 Diving for C's at Bac Lieu
- 10-13 We dropped a new advisor off at this outpost. He brought this young lady with him.
- 10-14 Pax at Can Tho
- 10-15 Pax at Can tho
- 10-16 Donuts, anyone?

### **The Delta**

- 11-1 Rice paddies
- 11-2 Commuting to work
- 11-3 Navaid – 7 canals
- 11-4 Old B-52 strike
- 11-5 Fishing in the Mekong
- 11-6 Can Tho ferry
- 11-7 Mekong islands
- 11-8 Riverine group near Vinh Long
- 11-9 Somebody had shot at them.
- 11-10 The John Deere of Vietnam
- 11-11 Another navaid - 5 canals
- 11-12 Clouds over the Mekong

### **Seven Mountains**

- 12-1 Phu Quoc Island
- 12-2 The Seven from a distance
- 12-3 The Seven closer
- 12-4 VC prisoners washing truck at Tri Ton
- 12-5 Dustoff at Tri Ton
- 12-6 Slick departing Tri Ton
- 12-7 Eastern side of mountain
- 12-8 Smoke from the LZ on Nui Coto
- 12-9 This is the sandbag pad on Nui Coto. I removed some of the surrounding vegetation on landing.
- 12-10 Same place, skids on the ground. Advisor on radio, center.

## **Tigers and Vikings**

13-1 The view from Chalk 2

13-2 Same

13-3 Same

13-4 Viking departure from Soc Trang.

13-5 Bubba Segrest's aircraft

13-6 Same

13-7 Slicks departing stage field with troops. Don't know where.

13-8 to 13-13 Hovering into parking at the end of a mission day, Wrecker and the C&C aircraft had a blade strike. No yellow squares. I believe that's Wrecker on the left. Everybody was hiding because the door gun ammo was cooking off. Note the appropriate sign on the revetment in 13-12.

13-14 Another casualty. Looks like a B Model.

13-15 Annie Fanny. I always was a breast man.

13-16 Annie again. Can't identify the person in the seat.

13-17 The Good Widow Mrs. Jones

13-18 Harvy

13-19 Crew Chief/Gunner view

13-20 The operator end

13-21 While on the ash and trash (did we call those the "swing ship"?) mission for Bac Lieu Province, we got a call to pick up an ARVN WIA. We were single-ship, but the guy on the ground said the LZ was cold. As soon as we landed the friendlies started lighting up the tree line. As it turned out we took no fire as far as we knew and got the WIA out.

13-22 ARVNs in an LZ somewhere.

13-23 Same LZ

13-24 Tigers on final. Note the nice work being done by the smoke ship and the LZ markers by the mighty Vikings.

13-25 ARVNs in that LZ

13-26 Same