

Phan Rang AB Newsletter

The History of Phan Rang AB and the stories of those who served there.
 "Keeping the memories alive" Newsletter 259

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Phan Rang AB TIMELINE

Doug's Comments

Note: This timeline was originally included in Phan Rang Newsletter 138. New significant events have been added along with the inclusion of the Casualty List for Ninh Thuan Province from Phan Rang Newsletter 155 because there is no event that is more significant than the loss of human life. The casualties are for all branches of service and casualties for Air Force and Royal Australian Air Force (No. 2 Squadron) assigned personnel to Phan Rang AB occurring anywhere in Vietnam. For more detailed information on casualties and aircraft losses please refer to Phan Rang Newsletter 155 "*Casualty list for Phan Rang AB Assigned personnel*" and Phan Rang Newsletter 197 "*Chronological Order of Phan Rang AB Air Losses*". Lest We Forget, We Will Remember Them.



Phan Rang AB Timeline (Compiled from the Phan Rang Newsletters and other sources.)

DATE (y/m/d)			EVENT
1965	10		6258 th Combat Support group arrives at Phan Rang along with a few Air Police also assigned to the 6258 th .
1965	11	1	1882 nd Communication Squadron activated and proceeded by the 1 st MOB Team 56-65. (Bruce Dobson)
1965	12	11	C-123B 56-4376 -The scattered wreckage of an Air Force C-123 carrying Vietnamese air borne troops and US crew was discovered on a mountainside 40 miles north of Nha Trang. There appeared to be no survivors the spokesmen said. The plane was en route from Pleiku to Tuy Hoa on December 11 when it sliced into heavy forest at the 3,000 foot level of the mountain and burned. If there are no survivors, it will be the worst single crash in cost of human lives in the Vietnamese war. Accident occurred in Phu Yen Province. Killed were Maj. Robert Horsky, Capt. George McKnight, SSgt Mercedes Salinas, and SSgt Donald Stewart all from 309 th ACS and 81 ARVN troops - May they all rest in peace.

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1965	12	17	AC-47D 43-49492 hit mountain 16-1/2 Miles South-Southwest of Phan Rang Killing Maj. Robert Abbot, 4 th ACS, Maj Robert Abernathy, 4 th ACS, 1Lt Francis Buckley, 4 th ACS, MSgt Joseph Cestarcic, 12 th CES, TSgt John Chappell, 12 th CES, SSgt Ralph Hinson, 12 th Supply Sq., A1C Claude Mathews, 4 th ACS, A1C Johnson Meade, 12 th CES and TSgt Thomas Sloan, 12 CES.
1966			Runway at Phan Rang AB was constructed of reinforced aluminum planks measuring 2 feet wide, 121 feet long and 2 inches thick. The sections are held together by fitted grooves on the side and secured by aluminum locking bars.
1966	3	17	389 th Tactical Fighter Squadron with F-4C Phantom equipped aircraft arrive at Phan Rang Air Base
1966	3	20	The 366 th Tactical Fighter Wing is the first permanent USAF organization to be stationed at Phan Rang AB arriving from Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico.
1966	4		C Co. of the U.S. Army's 62d Eng. Bn. (construction) has begun building a 5,000 man cantonment area to accommodate elements of the 101 st Airborne Div.
1966	6		612 th Tactical Fighter Squadron from Misawa Air Base, Japan arrived earlier in July and is assigned to the 366 th Tactical Fighter Wing.
1966	6	10	A1C Kenneth Weightman Jr., died outright, when he was struck by lightning as he departed the flight line dining facility after he had finished his evening meal.
1966	6	13	Hobson B-57E 55-4268 crashed 40 KM South of Mu Gia Pass killing Col. Charles Burkart and Capt. Everett Kerr, 13 th Bomb Sq.
1966	06	16	615 th Tactical Fighter Squadron from England AFB, La., landed their F-100 Supersabre at Phan Rang AB. The 615 th Tactical Fighter Squadron is assigned to the 366 th Tactical Fighter Wing.
1966	7	29	F-100D 56-2956 crashed approximately 25 miles west of Saigon killing Capt. William Ray Gower, 615 th TFS.
1966	8		352 nd Tactical Fighter Squadron arrives Phan Rang Air Base.
1966	8	27	A2C Kenneth Partlow, 554 th CES died from burn injury suffered from non hostile action.
1966	9	4	A2C Robert James Lawlor, 554 th CES died from burn injury suffered from non hostile action.
1966	9	13	F-100D 56-3071 Near Phu Xuan, 20 Miles North of Phu Cat. 1st Lt. John Peter Skoro

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			served with the 615th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 366th Tactical Fighter, 7th Air Force. During a strike on an automatic weapon position near Phu Xuan, 20 miles north of Phu Cat, the aircraft was hit by ground fire as it pulled up to 4,000 feet. The pilot may have been hit, as he apparently made no attempt to eject.
1966	9	14	F-4C crashed due to flight control failure killing Harold Eugene Knudsen Jr. The F-4C aircraft he was piloting crashed shortly after takeoff from Phan Rang AB. His aircraft was joining their formation when a flight control malfunction caused the aircraft to roll inverted. When attempts to right the aircraft failed, both crew members tried to eject. Knudsen was unsuccessful and was killed when the aircraft crashed. It's believed that the crew member that survived was Lt Col. Felix Fowler.
1966	10		The 8 th and 13 th Tactical Bomb Squadrons moved to Phan Rang Air Base.
1966	10		The 35 th Tactical Fighter Wing transfers to Phan Rang AB to become the parent wing and replace the 366 th TFW.
1966	10		A new aircraft control tower put into operation by the 1882 nd Commutations Squadron, the tower replaces a mobile van, designed for a bare-base facility.
1966	10	10	The 35 th Tactical Fighter Wing became operational at Phan Rang Air Base being transferred from Da Nang Air Base, South Vietnam.
1966	10	10	614 th Tactical Fighter Squadron arrives Phan Rang Air Base.
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1966	10	26	Capt. Glenn Raymond Morrison Jr., 614 th TFS, was killed when his F-100D 56-3167 crashed 11 KM Northwest of Dau Tieng Base.
1966	11		A 10,000-foot concrete runway opened.
1966	11		Col. George S. Weart, 46, of Chicago, the 35 th Wing Commander was the first to fly a Phantom off the new concrete runway.
1966	11		A B57 Canberra Bomber Squadron transferred to Phan Rang
1966	11		A squadron of F4C Phantom Jet tactical fighters transferred to Da Nang from Phan Rang.
1966	12	6	Maj. Lee Attilio Greco, 559 th TFS, and 1Lt John Michael Troyer, 559 th TFS flying F-4C 63-7521 hit mountain during radar-controlled descent thru clouds.
1966	12	31	PFC David Charles Orfield, Army/D Co. 62 Eng Bn, 35 th Eng Group, 18 th Eng BDE,

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			USARV perished when he was run over by a road compactor while working on the road from Phan Rang AB to the beach.
1967	1		A 70 members of Det. B of the RAAF's No. 5 Airfield Construction Squadron, assisted by the USAF's ("Red Horse") Civil Construction Squadron, started creating a small Aussie village on Phan Rang
1967	1	8	612 th Tactical Fighter Squadron inactivated at Phan Rang Air Base.
1967	1	13	Capt. Morvan Darrell Turley, 352 nd TFS perished when his F-100D 56-3448 crashed 25 miles NW of Vung Tau, body not recovered.
1967	1	21	Capt. George Grady Cooper, 13 th TBS did when his B-57B 52-1557 was hit by ground fire 11 miles west of Katum.
1967	1	30	PFC Robert Edward Steiro, C Co., 1 st Bn, 327 th Infantry, 101 st Abn Div died from hostile small arms ground fire.
1967	2		101 st Airborne Div,'s "Screaming Eagles" transferred to Phan Rang AB from Kontum.
1967	2	14	PFC Arturo Rodriguez C. Co., 2 nd Bn died from hostile explosive devise.
1967	3	10	Navy Lt. James Milton Albright, Navy LCDR Donald Geroge Brown, TF 115 HQ, Navy ADR2 Cecil Leroy Chapman, Navy Lt. John Calvin Crawford, Navy J01 William C. Eckes, NAVSUPACT, Navy AN Francis Raymond Ferron Jr., Navy LCDR Leo Claude Hester and Navy LCDR Robert George Kerr died when their VC-47 experienced wing failure and crashed 5 miles North of Phan Rang AB.
1967	3	19	Capt. Barry Ronald Delphin, 614 th TFS, died outright when his F-100 55-2912 crashed during attack on and support of FSB #14 vicinity of Bau Bang, 9 KM north of Lai Khe Air Field.
1967	3	21	PFC Vincent Richard, B Co., 1 st Bn died outright, misadventure ground casualty.
1967	3	22	Maj. James Edward Oxley, 13 th Bomb Sq., when his B-57B 53-3859 experienced ground fire during close air support air mission 25 KM Southeast of Saigon.
1967	3	23	Army Sgt Elijah Henry Smith, B Co., 2 nd Bn 502 nd Infantry, 101 st ABN DIV died of wounds from small arms fire.
1967	4		No. 2 Squadron arrives at Phan Rang AB and becomes a part of the 35 th Tactical Fighter Wing
1967	4	10	Capt. Richard John Davis, B Co., 8 th ENG BN, 1 st CAV DIV, died of wounds from small arms fire.

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1967	6	3	Col. Theodore Springston Jr., 13 th Bomb Sq., when his B-57B 53-3862 disappeared in the vicinity 28 KM SE of Ky An, North Vietnam.
1967	6	5	A2C Thomas Murten Willis, 366 th SPS, died of illness/injury in a ground casualty.
1967	6	9	Capt. Elwin Harry Busch and 1Lt Peter Whitcomb Morrison, 8 th Bomb Sq., died when their B-57B 53-3908 experienced ground fire near Hao Chu Hi Mountain, 10 Miles north of Phan Rang AB.
1967	7	1	A2C Robert Arthur Saucier, Combat Photographer for 600 th Photo Sq., died in the crash of F-100F 56-4002.
1967	7	5	A1C Bernard Francis Ford, 35 th SPS, died when his Jeep turned over trying to avoid a chair in the road while responding at night.
1967	8		Colonel Bill M. Richardson became commander of the 315 th Air Commando Wing.
1967	8		A \$300,000 dial telephone system became operational.
1967	8	11	The grand opening of the new Phan Rang Airmen’s Open Mess.
1967	8	17	The 352 nd Tactical Fighter Squadron from Myrtle Beach AFB, S. C. begins combat operations at Phan Rang AB with F-100 Supersabre fighters.
1967	8	19	Maj. Martin Weigner Andersen, 13 th Bomb Sq., died during a strike on storage area 5 miles West of Lai Khe.
1967	8	26	The American Red Cross opened it new \$24,000 recreation facility at Phan Rang Air Base
1967	9		General Westmoreland tours base, visits with 35 th Tactical Fighter Wing and elements of the 101 st Airborne Division of the Army.
1967	9		The 315 th Air Commando Wing, commanded by Col Bill M. Richardson, moved three of its airlift (C-123 Provider) squadrons, it chief of maintenance section, and its headquarters to Phan Rang
1967	9	4	Capt. Edward Louis Goucher, A1C James Russell Mayo, LtCol. Merle Deane Turner, 19 ACS, died when their C-123K 54-0621 hit ridgeline 18 KM south-southwest of Bao Loc air field during approach for landing.
1967	9	11	LtCol. Gaylord Dean Petersen, died when his B-57B 52-1510 received AAA fire during night armed recon mission 15 KM NE of Dong Hoi, North Vietnam.
1967	11	4	SSgt Curtis Edward Stieferman, 310 ACS, died when a F-105D strikes his C-123K while landing at Tan Son Nhut AFLD (Saigon)

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1967	11	23	Army Capt. Robert List Lee Jr., HHC, 2 nd , 502 nd Infantry, 101 ABN DIV. died of ground injury accidental homicide.
1967	11	25	PFC Walter Koepe Jr., A Co., 864 th Eng Bn., died outright misadventure ground casualty.
1968	1		The 13 th Tactical Bomb Squadron was deactivated and the 8 th Tactical Bomb Squadron was permanently assigned to the 35 th Tactical Fighter Wing, ending a rotational tour from Clark AB. PI.
1968	1	8	Army SSgt C Co., 41 st Sig BN, 21 st SIG GRP, 1 st Sig BDE, died from a heart attack.
1968	1	10	Army PVT Jesse Milton Red Hawk died outright from accidental homicide.
1968	1	29	PFC Roy Dell McGee, A Co, 14 th ENG BN, 25 th ENG GRP, 18 th ENG BDE, died from non-hostile ground casualty.
1968	2	2	Sgt Leroy Edward Valdez, 352 nd TFS, suffocated.
1968	2	15	Sgt James Harvey Bennett, SSgt Warren Mitchell Dixon, Marine Corp. CPL Russell Jay Fauser Jr., SSgt Robert K. Kawamura, SSSgt Roger Gail Lee, Capt. Thomas Joseph Margle, Maj. Edward Beeding Quill Jr., Sgt Brent John Tosh and LtCol. Karl Merritt Waldron Jr., 14 th ACS died when their AC-47D 43-49859 crashed 5 miles South of Phan Rang Air Base.
1968	2	25	PFC William Aruthr Gibson died from small arms fire 2 miles from Phan Rang beach.
1968	3	6	Marine PFC Herbert Ray Aldridge, G Co., 2 nd BN, Marine PFC David Geroge Anderson, H&S Cim, 1 st BN., SSgt William Frank Anselmo, 15 th Aerial Port Sq., Marine PFC George Eugene Beale, 2 nd Bn, 26 th Marines, Marine PFC Willis Beauford Jr., B Co., 1 st BN, Marine PFC Charles Goodhue Boyer, H&S Co., 1 st BN, Marine CPL Joseph Paul Brignac, B Co., 1 st BN, Marine PFC Donald Royce Bunstead, D. Co., 1 st BN., Marine LCPL John Howard Clark, Jr., 2 nd BN, 26 th Marines, Sgt Jeffrey Francis Conlin, 311 th ACS, Marine PFC George Lynwood Elliott III, A Btry, 1 st BN., Marine PFC Michael Douglas Gray, H&S Co., 3 SVS BN., Marine PFC James Andrews Grzegorek, H&S Co., 1 st BN., Marines, Marine PFC Ray Blucher Hall, H&S Co., BN., LtCol. Frederick Jordan Hampton, 311 th ACS, Capt. Ellis Eugene Helgeson, 311 th ACS, Marine PFC Paul Everett Hicks, G. Co., 2 nd BN., Marine PFC Ralph Edward Higgs, Marine PFC Howard Eslie Hollar, H&S Co., 1 st BN., Marine Andrew Jackson, F. Co., 2 nd BN, Marine CPL Larry Scott Kennedy, A Brty, 1 st BN., Marine PFC Harry Kenneth Latshaw, G. Co., 2 nd BN., Marine LCPL Thomas MacMillan, K. Co., 3 rd BN, Marine PFC Joseph Anthony Marturano Jr., G. Co., 2 nd BN.,

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			Marine LCPL Winford McCosar, B. Co., 2st BN., Marine PFC Dennis Michael Mead, D. Co., 1 st BN., Marine CPL Dennis Joseph Mederiors, H. Co., 2 nd BN., Marine, PFC James Edward Miles, Marine PFC Roger Carl Minch, Sgt Dallas Henry Moore, 311 th ACS, Marine PFC James Ezra Moore, Marine PFC Thomas John Moss Jr., Marine PFC Richard James O Hare, G. Co., 2 nd BN, Marine Pfc Ronnie Calvin Presley, SSgt Noel Luis Rios, 15 th Aerial Port Sq., Marine CPL Samuel Percell Robinson, Marine PVT Domingo Rodriguez Jr., Marine PFC John Malcolm Russell Jr., Marine CPL Ronald Royce Ryan, Marine CPL Michael Sears, Marine LCPL James Herbert Smith Jr., Marine LCPL Kenneth Allen Stanciu, Marine CPL Stanley Grant Strong, Marine PFC James Otis Taylor, Marine LCPL Louis Gaines Taylor, Marine PFC Daryl Bert Terhune Jr., Marine CPL William Lee Terrell, Marine LCPL Robert Lee Vickers, Marine MSGT Howard Bert Waldron, Marine PFC Stephen Alan West, Marine PFC David Raymond Wienckoski, Marine LCPL Hollis Williams Jr. and Marine PFC Thomas Hansford Williams were all killed when their C-123K 54-0590 was shot down 8 km east of Khe Sanh combat base. May they all rest in peace and rise in glory.
1968	3	7	At 0105 hours Vietcong attacked the base firing 10 rounds.
1968	3	23	Army CPL Donald Francis Landers, A. Co., 2 nd BN, drowned while river crossing in the vicinity of Phan Rang AB.
1968	3	23	Capt. Eugene Phillip McKinney, 614 th TFS, died when his aircraft was hit by ground fire near An Nhon, 8 Miles SE of Phu Cat.
1968	3	25	Capt. Richard Whan Hopper and Maj. Donald Lyle McHugo, 8 th Bomb Sq., perished when their B-57B 52-1592 was hit over Laos and crashed on landing at Da Nang.
1968	3	26	Army PFC Carl McFadden Jr., died of injury from a vehicle crash.
1968	4	6	Capt. William David Canup, 615 th TFS, died when his F-100D 55-2911 was hit by ground fire during air strike and crashed near highway GL-19 22 km west-northwest of An Khe.
1968	4	12	Army SP4 Jack Wayne Hess, C. Co., Support BN, died outright from accidental self-destruction.
1968	4	15	Sgt Douglas I. Severt, reports to duty at Det. 8, 14 th Aerial Port Sq.
1968	4	23	Maj. Amos Oliver Fox, 615 th TFS, died outright when his F-100D 55-2923 hit a ridgeline during missed approach to Phan Rang AB.

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1968	4	30	120 th Tactical Fighter Squadron arrives Phan Rang Air Base.
1968	5		The 120 th Tactical Fighter Squadron arrives at Phan Rang AB from Colorado being the first Air National Guard unit deployed to a war zone as a unit since World War II.
1968	5	5	17 82mm mortars, of the M30 type made in Communist China, landed adjacent to the 2 Squadron domestic quarters.
1968	5	15	Army SSgt Norman Curits Brubaker died from hostile small arms fire.
1968	5	29	SSgt Daniel Joseph Weixel, 35 th Support Squadron, died of a heart attack.
1968	6		Bledsoe-Orr Dining Hall opens in the fire station.
1968	6	23	At 0005 hours Vietcong sappers attacked the base damaging 5 aircraft and 3 US servicemen wounded in action.
1968	7		Maj. Charles R. O’Briant, of Fairborne, Ohio, director of medical services at Phan Rang AB, was selected by the Society of U.S. Air Force Flight surgeons as the Pacific Air Forces’ Flight Surgeon of the Year for 1967.
1968	7	4	Army CPL David James Ward died from ground fire with multiple fragmentation wounds.
1968	7	28	Army PVT Terry Lee Douglas died from a non-hostile accidental homicide.
1968	8	2	TSgt Paul Franklin, died outright from a vehicle crash.
1968	8	21	At 0003 hours Vietcong attacked the base damaging 2 aircraft and wounding 2 airmen.
1968	8	29	Army PFC Robert J. McDonough died from suicide.
1968	9		Two security policemen, James Perry and Robert Spence were wounded while defending the base’s water pumping station one mile south of the base.
1968	9		Mortar rounds exploded peppering a C-123 aircraft with shrapnel and security police flight leader TSgt James W. Jeffress Jr. saved the aircraft by tearing out smoldering items from the aircraft.
1968	9		New air passenger and freight terminal, operated by Det. 8, 14 th Aerial Port Squadron, constructed by 554 th Civil Engineering Squadron opens.
1968	9		554 th Civil Engineering Squadron completes a 600-by-375 foot parking area for Air Force C-47 Dragonships of Flight B of the 14 th Air Commando Squadron.
1968	9		Det. 1, 504 th Tactical Air Support Group (TASG) recently completed a move from Binh Thuy to Phan Rang AB. The detachment operates the Theater Indoctrination School

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			for forward air controllers.
1968	9	16	The 116 th Combat Engineer Bn. At Phan Rang. The unit is the first battalion-size National Guard unit to serve in South Vietnam and will be responsible for the upkeep of Highway QL120 a key route from Da Lat to Bau Lat.
1968	9	23	Colonel Herdon F. Williams completed his tour of duty in Vietnam as commander of the 35 th Tactical Fighter Wing.
1968	9	23	Colonel Frank L . Gailer Jr. assumed command of the 35 th Tactical Fighter Wing
1968	9	23	Colonel Frank L. Gailer assumed command of 35 th TFW from Col. Herndon F. Williams.
1968	9	25	Two F-100 pilots of the 614 th Tactical Fighter Squadron and 355 Tactical Fighter Wing (Lucky Devils) kill 20 VC, five fortifications destroyed and five damaged in a recent airstrike in the IV Corps tactical zone.
1968	9	25	Army Sgt William Herschell, died outright from hostile small arms fire.
1968	10	10	The 35 th Tactical Fighter Wing recently completed it 75,000 combat sortie since it began operations at Phan Rang Air Base in October 1966.
1968	10	10	SSgt Milard Luther, 35 th CES, Maj. Donald Ray Brooks, Capt. Von Miles Liebernecht, 38 th ARRS, TSgt Angel Luna, 35 th USAF Disp. and TSgt Emmett Somers Orr, 35 th CES died when their helicopter HH-43B 58-1845 experienced mechanical failure crashed at Phan Rang Air Base.
1968	10	22	Army 1Lt David Wayne Murphy committed suicide.
1968	11		Col. Frank L. Gailer, Jr. assumed command of the 35 th Tactical Fighter Wing
1968	11		Col. Herndon F. Williams, steps down as commander of 35 th Tactical Fighter Wing
1968	11		The Yanks overpowered the Aussies in a recent international volleyball competition at Phan Rang AB all-star teams from the 35 th Tactical Fighter Wing and the Royal Australian Air Force Number 2 Squadron.
1968	11		315 th Special Operations Wins for the fifth time the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.
1968	11	9	Capt. Roger Edward Wichman, 615 th TFS, died when his F-100D 56-3446 crashed in the vicinity of Thon Vu Bon, 10 Miles S. of Phan Rang AB.
1968	11	16	Maj. Robert Charles Wiechert, 352 nd TFS, when his F-100D 55-3653 impacted the water in South China Sea 20 NM east of Cam Ranh Bay.
1968	11	26	Army SP4 Darwin J. Delano and 1Lt Ronald John Moe were killed on an ambush on HWY QL-1 South of Phan Rang AB.

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1968	11	28	Sgt Charles Edward Bestmann, 99 th SPS died of injury from a vehicle crash.
1968	12		Colonel Bruno M. Larson has assumed the position of vice commander, 314 th Special Operations Wing at Phan Rang AB.
1968	12		A1C Kirk Minert downed 34 hard boiled eggs in one hour to pt the Air Force on top in the recent unofficial inter-service egg eating contest.
1968	12	7	Three 120 th F-100 Supersabres hit enemy a devastating blow, with eight bunkers destroyed and six damaged, ten fighting postions destroyed with another 15 uncovered, 110 meters of trench destroyed and a 2 ½ ton truck destroyed.
1968	12	13	Col. Thomas Wayne Dugan and Francis J. McGouldrick Jr., 8 th Bomb Sq., died from a Mid-Air C-123K 54-0600 AND B-57E 55-4284 40 KM N-NW OF Tchepone.
1968	12	17	SSgt Jesse John Bradshaw, 309 th SOS and LTCol. Richard Allen Brown and 1Lt Roger Henry Strout, 311 th SOS died when their C-123K 54-07-8 crashed shortly after take-off, 5 km southeast of Chu Lai air field.
1968	12	20	Army Joseph Robert Hudson Jr., SFC Floyd Newton Martin and Sgt Dale Harold Ranthum were ambushed in their vehicle on a resupply run, location unknown.
1969	1		The AC-119, a converted cargo aircraft, arrived in South Vietnam to begin flying combat missions to augment the AC-48 Dragonships.
1969	1	4	Capt. Mitchell Sim Lane and Col. Bobby Gene Neeld, 188 th TFS, mid-air-collision F-100C 54-2030 and F-100C 54-2051 22 Miles N-NE of Phan Rang Air Base.
1969	1	8	New base fire station, combination structural and crash fire-fighting stations, opened by Col. Frank L. Gailer, Jr.
1969	1	10	554 th Civil Engineering Squadron “RED HORSE” phaseout complete which started on 5 November 1968.
1969	1	11	Army WO Laurence Worthington, 48 th AHC, 10 AVN BN, UH-1B 62-02012 hit by small arms in flight.
1969	1	13	Col. Norman D. Eaton and Paul Everett Getchell, 8 th Bomb Sq., B-57B 52-1561 40 KM South of Khe Sanh AFLD.
1969	1	14	SP4 Norman Elan Goodman died of wounds from rocket or mortar.
1969	1	21	Capt. Milo George Maahs, 615 th TFS, F-100D 56-3158 hit southwest of Katum, crashed during approach to Bien Hoa Air Field.
1969	1	26	The base experienced a Sapper attack at 0015 hours with 74 rounds, 2 aircraft

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			destroyed, 11 aircraft damaged, 15 US forces wounded in action and VC/NVA losses were 16 killed and one wounded in action.
1969	2		Col. Amin George Jr., a native of Port Arthur, Texas, assumes duties of vice commander, 35 th TFW.
1969	2	6	WO William Milan Harrison and SP4 William Stephen Odgen, UH-1H 66-16326 HOT LZ, ROK CBT ASLT 20 KM East of Phan Rang City.
1969	2	14	SP4 David Leroy Bell, died from hostile explosive devise.
1969	2	22	The base experienced a standoff attack at 0128 hours, receiving 86 rounds 20 aircraft damaged and 6 US forces wounded in action.
1969	2	22	Col. Charles Macko, 8 th Bomb Sq., B-57B 52-01532 43 KM S-SE OF Ban Langkhang, Laos.
1969	2	24	The base experienced a standoff attack at 0132 hours receiving 10 rounds.
1969	3		The Viking theatre opens which was constructed by Red Horse in only 69 days.
1969	3	4	SP4 Robert Clayton Jordan died from vehicle crash.
1969	3	9	Capt. Richard John Cowell, 615 th TFS, F-100D 56-2890 received AAA fire 21 miles west of Kham Duc, picked up, DOW at Chu Lai.
1969	3	10	Capt. Arthur William Cofer, 612 th TFS, F-100D 56-3380 close air support mission 25 miles West of Nha Trang.
1969	3	15	The base experienced a standoff attack at 0117 hours receiving 34 rounds and 2 US forces wounded in action.
1969	3	15	The base experienced a standoff attack at 0554 hours receiving 7 rounds.
1969	3	16	The base experienced a standoff attack at 1904 hours receiving 5 rounds and wounding one US military.
1969	3	19	The base experienced a standoff attack at 0235 hours receiving 36 rounds without any damage or injuries.
1969	3	21	The base experienced a standoff attack at 2254 hours receiving 25 rounds without any damage or injuries.
1969	3	27	Maj. Clyde Seiler, 120 th TFS, F-100C 54-1897 shot down during close air support mission approximately 18 KM E-SE of Bien Hoa City.
1969	4	3	Army Maj. Arthur Gene Ecklund, 1 st AVN BDE, O-1g 51-12078) South slope of Nui E Gue Montain 30 KM West-Southwest of Cam Ranh Bay Air Field.

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1969	4	3	Maj. Perry Henry Jefferson, 120 th TFS, O-1G Birddog 51-12078 South slope of Nui E Gue Montain 30 KM West-Southwest of Cam Ranh Bay Air Field.
1969	4	13	The base experienced a standoff attack at 0128 hours receiving 13 rounds without any damage or injuries.
1969	4	21	The base experienced a standoff attack at 2358 hours receiving 5 rounds without any damage or injuries.
1969	4	21	RAAF AC Trevor Graham Petith, was a member of the Airfield Defence Guard (Grade 4). He died as a result of a gun accident in the Armour in the No 2 Sq hangar.
1969	5	1	SSgt Joseph Jesus Del Rosario, 35 th CES, suffered a heart attack.
1969	5	8	Army PVT Thomas James Sims, died of injury from an accidental ground incident.
1969	5	12	The base experienced a standoff attack at 0047 hours receiving 30 rounds damaging one aircraft and one personnel was injured.
1969	5	12	The base experienced a standoff attack at 0530 hours receiving 9 rounds damaging one aircraft and one personnel was injured.
1969	5	12	Army SSgt Clyde Ray Green and Sgt Washington Pauley, died from hotile fire from multiple fragmentation wounds.
1969	5	12	Army 2Lt Ronald Gail Smithee, died from hotile small arms fire.
1969	5	15	Army WO Walter Robert Stacy, UH-1H 66-16250 crashed in river after take off from Phan Rang AB.
1969	5	16	The base experienced a standoff attack at 0021 hours receiving 22 rounds without any damage or injuries.
1969	5	18	Sgt Milton Jackson, 1Lt Douglas McArthur Evans, MSgt Duane Leland Hartenhoff, 1Lt Neil William, TSgt Kermit Bruce Roberts and SSgt Carl Joseph Wanner, 310 th SOS, C-123K 54-0639 was hit near Tanh Linh, uncontrollable engine fire, crashed 13 KM Northeast of Bien Hoa City.
1969	5	22	The base experienced a standoff attack at 0003 hours receiving 18 rounds without any damage or injuries.
1969	5	22	The base experienced a standoff attack at 2108 hours receiving 1 round without any damage or injuries.
1969	5	24	The base experienced a standoff attack at 0234 hours receiving 41 rounds without any damage or injuries.

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1969	5	24	A1C Lawrence Hugh Grillo, 35 th SPS, died from lightning strike.
1969	6		Major Reed L. Stone, 35, (Provider C-123 pilot) Laredo, Texas, received the Silver Star Medal at a ceremony held at Phan Rang.
1969	6		First Lieutenant James L. Russell, 26, (Supersabre F-100 Pilot) Benton Harbor, Mich., received the Silver Star Medal at a ceremony held at Phan Rang.
1969	6		Staff Sergeant Lawrence S. Kirk, 33, (Security Policeman) Tye, Texas, received the Silver Star Medal at a ceremony held at Phan Rang
1969	6	3	A1C David Felix Burch, 35 th SPS, fell from truck while stringing constantina wire on the perimeter road when the vehicle hit a bump and he fell from the vehicle.
1969	6	3	1Lt. Donald F. Ginant, 614 th TFS, F-100D, 55-3790 on a close air support mission about 10 miles southwest of Quan Long in the extreme southern tip of South Vietnam.
1969	6	6	The base experienced a standoff attack at 0303 hours receiving 15 rounds one aircraft damaged, three US personnel injured and 8 RVN wounded in action.
1969	6	7	The base experienced a standoff attack at 1620 hours receiving 3 rounds with two US casualties and 8 US wounded in action.
1969	6	7	SSgt Walter J. Dart Jr., 35 th CSS, died from mortar attack.
1969	6	7	A1C Joel Conrad Loftis, 35 th SPS, died from mortar attack on Phan Rang. A1C Loftis was one of two men killed during a mortar attack on Phan Rang AB. According to a witness, Joel was sitting in front of the mail room reading his mail when a 107 mm rocket landed nearby, killing him.
1969	6	11	The base experienced a standoff attack at 0001 hours receiving 17 rounds without and damage or injuries.
1969	6	17	Army Sgt William Earl Prewitt, died outright from multiple fragmentation wounds.
1969	6	18	The base experienced a standoff attack at 2359 hours receiving 14 rounds with one US forces wounded in action and no damages.
1969	6	20	The base experienced a standoff attack at 1924 hours receiving 4 rounds damaging one aircraft and no personnel injuries.
1969	7	3	RAAF FO Robert Melville O’Hanlon, who died in the Repatriation Hospital in Brisbane just short of 12 months on return to Australia. The policy is that if a person died within 12 months of RTA it is considered as died on Active Service. It is assumed he was diagnosed with a medical condition in Vietnam and was sent home.

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1969	7	14	SP4 Edward Leo Kingrey, died outright from accidental homicide.
1969	7	15	The base experienced a standoff attack at 1543 hours receiving 3 rounds without any damage or injuries.
1969	7	15	A1C Charles David Orsua, 35 th SPS, died of injury from a vehicle crash.
1969	7	19	The base experienced a standoff attack at 2325 hours receiving 11 rounds without and damage or injuries.
1969	7	20	The base experienced a standoff attack at 0649 hours receiving 3 rounds without and damage or injuries.
1969	7	23	Lt. Col. Allan E. Aaronson, San Antonio, assumed command of the 615 th Tactical Fighter Wing.
1969	8		Sgt. John M. Ramult III, Baltimore, received the Bronze Star Medal with “V” Device, Lt. Gen. James V. Edmondson, Pacific Air Forces vice commander-in-chief presented the award
1969	8	8	SP5 Freddie Michael Sherlin and Army SSgt Jessie James Tyler, died of wounds from a rocket or mortar attack.
1969	8	12	SP4 Carl Elmus Adkison, died from injury from an accident.
1969	9		Col. Walter T. Galligan has assumed command of the 35 th Tactical Fighter Wing.
1969	9	4	The base experienced a standoff attack at 2347 hours receiving 18 rounds with three aircraft damaged and 11 US forces wounded in action.
1969	9	5	SSgt Douglas Severt departs Phan Rang AB for 62 nd Aerial Port Sq., McChord AFB, Wa.
1969	9	13	The base experienced a standoff attack at 0007 hours receiving 5 rounds without any damage or injuries.
1969	9	20	The base experienced a standoff attack at 1840 hours receiving 3 rounds with 3 US forces wounded in action.
1969	9	26	A1C Michael David Gunnels, 35 th AMS, died from accidental self-destruction.
1969	10	2	Maj. John Arnold Quinn, 559 th TFS, F-4C 63-7708 shot down on close air support mission 16 KM Northwest of Thien Giao.
1969	10	10	1Lt. Charles Franklin Burrell, A1C Leland Craig Johnson, SSgt Lavoy Augustus Jones, TSgt Harry Clifton Shepard Jr. and Capt. William Ferdinand Unckrich, 19 SOS, C-123K 54-0642 crashed on take-off from Rach Gia City air field.
1969	10	11	Maj. Mosel Lopes Alves, 17 th SOS, SSgt Ellsworth Smith Bradford, 600 th Photo

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			Squadron, Capt. John Hooper Hathaway, LtCol. Bernard Richard Knapic, SSgt Abraham Lincoln Moore and Maj. Jerome James Rice, 17 th SOS, on an AC-119 52-5907 gunship, radio call sign Shadow 76, crashed as it was taking off from Tan Son Nhut when an engine failed and caught fire. With all its armament and ammunition together with a full fuel load the single-engined performance of the AC-119G was insufficient to enable it to stay airborne. Six of the 10 crew were killed in the accident.
1969	10	12	Capt. George Robert Andrews, 615 th TFS, F-100D 56-3069 vicinity Thuy Dong, 30 miles west of Saigon (kien Tuong Province)
1969	10	12	Sgt Jay Lynn Keck, 35 th CES, died from a heart attack.
1969	10	21	Capt. Glenn Richard Cook and Col. John Lee Espenshied, 21 st TAS, Birddog (0-2 68-10975) disappeared approximately 43 KM Northeast of Dalat.
1969	11		The Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with “V” device for valor was presented to the 14 th Special Operations Wing by Maj. Gen. Robert J. Dixon, Seventh Air Force vice commander.
1969	11		Sgt. Arnold J. Williams was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with “V” device for valor while assigned as a C-123 flight engineer.
1969	11	3	RAAF Bryan Francis Fitzpatrick, Fitzpatrick was on the road to Cam Ranh Bay and his vehicle that he was riding in crashed and it is suspected to be the result of a sniper. He was in the same accident as Ivan Alfred Woolley. Because these two individuals were involved in the same accident their death dates are not the same and apparently one or both died later of injuries sustained in the incident.
1969	11	4	The base experienced a standoff attack at 0810 hours receiving 3 rounds without any damage or injuries.
1969	11	4	The base experienced a standoff attack at 1208 hours receiving 2 rounds without any damage or injuries.
1969	11	4	SP4 Lawrence Edward Schmidt, died from a ground accident.
1969	11	9	The base experienced a standoff attack at 1545 hours receiving 2 rounds without any damage or injuries.
1969	11	16	The base experienced a standoff attack at 0815 hours receiving 1 round without any damage or injuries.
1969	11	21	The base experienced a standoff attack at 0915 hours receiving 1 round without any

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			damage or injuries.
1969	11	23	PFC Grayland Jones, died from drowning.
1969	12	3	The base experienced a standoff attack at 0755 receiving 1 round without any damage or injuries.
1969	12	8	Sgt Dale Alan Mac Arthur, 821 st SPS died from a vehicle crash.
1969	12	11	RAAF Ivan Alfred Woolley, vehicle he was riding in crashed and it is suspected to be the result of a sniper.
1969	12	14	The base experienced a standoff attack at 0940 hours receiving 3 rounds without any damage or injuries.
1969	12	30	Sgt Thomas Wilmer Mynes, 35 th Spt. Sq., died outright from accidental homicide.
1970	1	5	The base experienced a standoff attack at 0635 hours receiving 3 rounds without any damage or injuries.
1970	1	20	The base experienced a standoff attack at 1905 hours receiving 1 round without any damage or injuries.
1970	1	25	The base experienced a standoff attack at 1555 hours receiving 1 round without any damage or injuries.
1970	2	11	The base experienced a sapper attack at 0005 hours with three VC/NVA killed in action and one VC/NVA wounded in action.
1970	2	16	The base experienced a standoff attack at 2350 hours receiving 8 rounds without any damage or injuries.
1970	2	21	The base experienced a standoff attack at 2235 hours receiving 5 rounds without any damage or injuries.
1970	3	4	The base experienced a standoff attack at 1528 hours receiving 1 round with one US forces killed in action and 6 US forces wounded in action and one RVN killed in action and two RVN wounded in action.
1970	3	4	Sgt Joe Natan Tucker, 554 th CES, died from a mortar attack on Phan Rang.
1970	3	14	The base experienced a standoff attack at 2125 hours receiving 7 rounds without any damage or injuries.
1970	3	23	Army SP4 Raymond Earl Ott died from injuries in a vehicle crash.
1970	4	1	The base experienced a standoff attack at 0024 hours receiving 12 rounds without any damage or injuries.

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1970	4	1	The base experienced a standoff attack at 0935 hours receiving 2 rounds without any damage or injuries.
1970	4	5	The base experienced a standoff attack at 1513 hours receiving 1 round without any damage or injuries.
1970	4	7	The base experienced a standoff attack at 2325 hours receiving 6 rounds without any damage or injuries.
1970	4	8	PVT Artanzie Netherly died from accidental self-destruction.
1970	4	9	The base experienced a standoff attack at 1021 hours receiving 1 round without any damage or injuries.
1970	4	11	Maj. William Carl Buerk, 614 th TFS died when he was in a flight of F-100s that were flying a close air support mission a few miles to the southwest of Dak To when one of the aircraft was shot down. Capt Buerk was making his first pass on a target when he was shot down and killed before he could escape from his aircraft.
1970	4	20	The base experienced a standoff attack at 0657 hours receiving 1 round with one US forces being wounded in action.
1970	4	26	SP4 Donnie Rex Boggs, died from injury in a ground accident.
1970	5	1	SFC James Bush died from intentional homicide.
1970	5	3	The base experienced a sapper attack at 0045 hours receiving 12 rounds with one US forces wounded in action.
1970	5	6	The base experienced a standoff attack at 2105 hours receiving 6 rounds without any damage or injuries.
1970	5	7	The base experienced a standoff attack at 1104 hours receiving 1 round without any damage or injuries.
1970	5	16	The base experienced a standoff attack at 2130 hours receiving 12 rounds without any damage or injuries.
1970	5	30	The base experienced a standoff attack at 0749 hours receiving 1 round without any damage or injuries.
1970	6	6	The base experienced a standoff attack at 1004 hours receiving 2 rounds without any damage or injuries.
1970	6	10	The base experienced a standoff attack at 1003 hours receiving 1 round without any damage or injuries.

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1970	7	2	The base experienced a standoff attack at 1020 hours receiving 2 rounds without any damage or injuries.
1970	7	3	SP4 John Wilson Owen died from non hostile accidental self-destruction.
1970	7	9	The base experienced a standoff attack at 0916 hours receiving 2 rounds without any damage or injuries.
1970	7	17	Maj. Lloyd Arthur McGrew, 31 st CBT Spt Group, died when his C-47A (#43-15583) was on a training flight when it crashed in Binh Dinh Province, RVN, after an engine failure. The aircraft was reportedly attempting to land when it crashed and burned. Two U.S. airmen died in the incident: pilot MAJ Lloyd A. McGrew from the 31st Combat Support Group, 31st Tactical Fighter Wing; and flight engineer MSgt Edward D. Johnson from the 17th Special Operations Squadron, 14th Special Operations. Wing. Johnson survived the crash; however, he succumbed to his injuries eight days later
1970	7	20	The base experienced a standoff attack at 0747 hours receiving 1 round without any damage or injuries.
1970	7	25	MSgt Edward Dewey Johnson, 17 th SOS, 14 th SOW, a flight engineer, died from injuries sustained in the crash of C-47A 43-15583.
1970	7	26	SP4 Gregory Carl Thompson died from a non hostile ground accident.
1970	8	7	Amn John Harper Evans Jr., 35 th SPS, died from non hostile self destruction.
1970	8	8	The base experienced a standoff attack at 1941 hours receiving 1 round with one US forces killed in action.
1970	8	10	Capt. Dwaine Elbyrne Mattox, Maj. Grant Reed Waugh and TSgt Bernard Francis Morrill, 310 th TAS, died from C-123K 55-4527 that experienced engine failure and crashed in the surf at Cam Ranh Bay AFLD.
1970	8	20	A1C Daniel Lawrence Aamold, 435 th MMS was a non-hostile, ground casualty 9 KM N-NW of Phan Rang.
1970	8	20	A1C Daniel Lawrence Aamold, 435 th MMS, died from accident at Phan Rang Air Base, 9 KM N-NW of the base.
1970	8	21	Capt. Charles Edward McLeish, 612 th TFS, crashed 1 mile South of Dak To during a training flight F-100D 56-3435.
1970	8	22	The base experienced a standoff attack at 0929 hours receiving 1 round without any damage or injuries.

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1970	8	31	The base experienced a standoff attack at 1434 hours receiving 1 round with injuries to one US forces personnel.
1970	8	31	SP4 Henry Benny Thomas, died from a hostile explosive device.
1970	9		14 load crews PCS from Tuy Hoa to Phan Rang, joining the 435th MMS. This was when the 31st TFW was shutting down at Tuy Hoa.
1970	9	11	SP4 Michael David Noel died outright from a hostile misadventure ground casualty.
1970	9	21	SP4 David Lee Hicks died from a non hostile vehicle injury.
1970	10		U.S. Army’s 192 nd Aviation Co. (Assault Helicopter) along with all personnel and essential operational equipment arrived at Phan Rang AB from Phan Thiet.
1970	10	4	The base experienced a standoff attack at 1019 hours receiving 2 rounds without any damage or injuries.
1970	10	18	WO Gregory Mitchel Kutkowski died from heart attack.
1970	11	3	RAAF PO Robert Charles Carver and FO Michael Patrick Herbert died when thier Canberra “Magpie 31” disappeared.
1970	11	8	The base experienced a standoff attack at 1014 hours receiving 1 round without any damage or injuries.
1970	11	10	Army Sgt Johnny Phillip Costner was a non hostile ground casualty.
1970	11	27	1Lt Marvin S. Arthington, Maj. Robert Lee Baker, Sgt James Allen Bodin, A1C Frederick Richard Neef, TSgt William Brandon O’Kieff and 1Lt. Frederick Merchang Rader III, all from 315 th TAW, died when their C-123K 55-4574 hit mountain 17 miles southwest of Nha Trang, 6 US and 73 Vietnamese killed.
1970	11	29	The base experienced a standoff attack at 1058 hours receiving 2 rounds with injuries to one US forces personnel.
1970	11	29	SP4 George Beedy, Sgt Joseph Carlton Blackwell, 1Lt. Elmon C. Caudill II, CWO Franklin D. Defenbaugh, Sgt Jack Ronad Gibbs, Sgt Raymond Henry Gray, SP4 Samuel A. Grayson III, SP4 Ronald Raphael Greenhouse, SSgt Ralph Stephen Guck, Sgt Billy Jack Hogan Jr., PFC Joseph Arthur Jacques, SP4 Charles Johnson, TSgt Robert Bruce Johnson, Capt. William Daniel Kennedy III, 1Lt. Jon Marc King, 1Lt. Charles Louis Kollenberg, PFC Arthur John Menn, Capt. Cecil Gerald Moyer Jr., SSgt Grayson Henry Newberry, Capt. Norbert Albert Podhajsny, Capt. Robert Joseph Polniak, 1Lt. James Francis Saxby, SMSgt Bobby D. Seay, SP4 Donald Anthony Slate, SSgt James Cecil

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			Starnes, Sgt James Edward Stubblefield, Sgt Harry Allen Watson and A1C James Bruce Young all perished when their C-123K 54-0649 hit a mountain 15 miles Southwest of Cam Ranh Bay in bad weather.
1970	12	1	SFC John Henry Holmes died from a non hostile vehicle crash.
1971	1	19	Pvt Ronnie Brice died from a non hostile ground vehicle crash.
1971	1	24	A1C William Leslie Morgan, 435 th MMS, died outright from a non hostile accidental self destruction.
1971	1	27	Capt. John Mautz, 352 nd TFS when his F-100D 56-3197 crashed.
1971	2	9	SP4 Grey Roy Carter died from a hostile explosive device, a mine 15 KM W-NW of Phan Rang Air Base.
1971	2	11	1Lt. Charles Milton Deas, TSgt Clyde Wendell Hanson, 1Lt. Richard William O’Keefe and LtCol. Daniel Harrison Tate, 310 th TAS, UC-123K 56-4373 crashed at Phan Rang Air Base.
1971	2	11	Capt. Michael Donald McGovern, 612 th TFS, died when his F-100D 55-2901 experienced a landing accident at Pleiku Air Field.
1971	2	26	SP4 Sherman Ray Taylor, died from a non hostile accident at Cam Rahn Army AFLD complex.
1971	3	12	Capt. Clive Garth Jeffs, 614 th TFS, F-100D 56-3415 engine flamed out, ejected 52 KM W-SW of Duc My Airfield. His body was never recovered. A flight of Super Sabres was dispatched from Phan Rang to attack an enemy position in Khang Ilea province of South Vietnam. One of the aircraft was shot down in flames about 40 miles northwest of Nha Trang and its pilot was posted missing. Other aircraft nearby heard a good beeper signal after 1Lt Jeffs ejected but could not make voice contact with him. A 10-day search failed to find any trace of the pilot. The crash site of an F-100 was discovered in 1974 and investigated by the JTF -FA in 1990 but so far there is no new information on the fate of 1Lt Jeffs. 56-3415 also saw service with the 31st TFW at Tuy Hoa during its time in Vietnam.
1971	3	12	Army Sgt Jerry Dean Kuney committed suicide.
1971	3	19	A1C Caesar Murray, 14 th FMS, died from a ground casualty.
1971	3	22	Capt. Peter Bigney Moriarty, 615 th TFS, was killed when his F-100D 56-3180 attacking tanks on Hwy QL-9, 22 KM West of Khe Sahn. His body was not recovered.

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1971	4	4	Capt. Joseph Stanley Smith, 612 th TFS, died when his F-100D 56-3120 went down during a strafing run 56 KM North-Northwest of Kampong Cham Air Field, CB.
1971	4	25	Sgt John David Nix, 35 th SPS, died of non hostile injuries during a vehicle crash.
1971	4	28	1Lt. Benjamin Gaines Land, 615 th TFS, died when his F-100D 55-3550 went down approximately 18 KM South of Phan Rang Air Base.
1971	5	21	SP5 Billy Joe Jones, died from intentional homicide.
1971	5	29	The 35 th Tactical Fighter Wing received the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm for its contributions to the military forces and local citizenry of the country.
1971	6		15 Security Policemen wounded from two M26 fragmentation grenades thrown into a party at the air police club.
1971	6	10	SP5 Johnny Arthur and SP4 Louis Gooch Montoys, 192 nd AHC, when their UH-1C 66-00597 crashed in the jungle 33 KM S-SW of Phu Nhon AFLD.
1971	6	19	SP4 Jeffrey Scott Wesolowski, died from accidental self destruction.
1971	6	21	SFC Billy Joe Watson, died from non hostile vehicle crash.
1971	7	6	The last F-100 Combat mission flown in Southeast Asia by Capt. William “Chip” Taylor.
1971	7	27	The base experienced a standoff attack at 2325 hours receiving 7 rounds without any damage or injuries.
1971	7	28	Colonel Cregg P. Nolen Jr. of Port Arthur, received the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit and the Distinguished Flying Cross for his achievements as an F-100 Supersabre pilot and tactical fighter wing commander in Vietnam.
1971	7	31	The 35 th TFW inactivated in Southeast Asia and resources passed to the 315 th Tactical Airlift Wing.
1971	7	31	315 th Tactical Fighter Squadron inactivated at Phan Rang Air Base.
1971	7	31	614 th Tactical Fighter Squadron inactivated at Phan Rang Air Base.
1971	7	31	615 th Tactical Fighter Squadron inactivated at Phan Rang Air Base.
1971	8	13	Army 1Lt. Duane Crum died from injury from a ground accident when lightning detonated claymore mines on a truck 22 KM SW of Cam Rahn Bay AFLD.
1971	9	16	PFC Donald Edward Larue Jr., died at Nha Trang Air Base, 4 KM South of Nha Trang City.
1971	9	16	Army Maj. Elbert Arthur Welsh, died from hostile ground accident when the vehicle he was riding in was ambushed, on Hwy QL-11 at Suoi Mon River, 22 KM NW of Phan

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1971	9	20	A1C Lawrence B. Forrester, 35 th SPS, died from non hostile vehicle crash.
1971	9	23	SP4 Duane Allan Cottrell, was a non hostile casualty at the Cam Rahn Bay complex.
1971	9	25	The base experienced a standoff attack at 0854 hours receiving 3 rounds without any damage or injuries.
1971	9	30	315 th Tactical Airlift Wing inactivated in place at Phan Rang Air Base.
1971	10	19	Army Capt. Alan Ranson Boone, SFC Calvin Buster Childress, Capt. William Earl Whiteman II and 1Lt. Marshall Wayne Williams died when their aircraft entered instrument conditions and hit a mountain 24 KM South of Phan Rang Air Base.
1971	10	20	SFC Billie Lee Coleman died from a bnker explosion 15 KM SW of Cam Rahn Bay AFLD.
1971	10	30	SP4 David George Smithwick died from a vehicle accident 13 KM S-SW of Phan Rang Air Base.
1971	11	9	The base experienced a standoff attack at 1308 hours receiving 2 rounds without any damage or injuries.
1971	11	12	SP4 Harold Junior Ritch died from a hostile explosive device 39 KM E-SE of Dalat.
1971	12	20	A1C Ronald Wade Nute, 35 th CES, died from suicide.
1972	Feb	5	The base experienced a standoff attack at 0758 hours receiving 2 rounds without any damage or injuries.
1972	2	21	The base experienced a standoff attack at 0825 hours receiving 2 rounds without any damage or injuries.
1972	2	25	Army 1Lt. Mark Joseph Fitzgerald, SP4 Robert Gene Galbreath, SP4 Marvin Louis Hall, 1Lt. David Neal Johnson and SP4 Roman Lee Jones died when their UH-1D 66-16840 lost power after take-off and crashed 4 KM South-Southeast of Cam Ranh Bay Air Base.
1972	3		Lt. Col. Carl W. Brage, 17 th Special Operations Squadron received the Bronze Star.
1972	3	28	The U.S. Air Force turns over the sprawling \$60 million air base at Phan Rang to the Vietnamese Air Force (VNAF)
1972	6	21	RAAF LAC Ronald David Hewitt died nearly two years after RTA but it is RAAF policy is that if a person died within 12 months of RTA it is considered died on active duty.
1973	9	24	Col. Donald Elmer Paxton, 8 th Bomb Sq., died when his B-57B 52-01532 crashed 43 KM S-SE OF Ban Langkhang, Laos.

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1975	4		South Vietnamese rangers evacuate Phan Rang by ship. A total of about 2,500 Vietnamese troops had been stationed at Phan Rang.
1975	4	16	ARVN Airborne troops were sent in for one last attempt to hold the airfield, but the defenders were finally overrun on April 16 and Phan Rang Air Base was lost to the North Vietnamese Army.



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- [Phan Rang 'Roll-Call'](#)*, a spreadsheet of personnel assigned to Phan Rang AB along with their grade, organization, AFS/Shop/Job and dates served on the base. This link will also allow access to an alphabetical listing of RAAF No. 2, Squadron.
- [Index of Phan Rang AB Personnel](#) from the Phan Rang Newsletter along with the issue/s their name was mentioned for any reason.
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- [In Memoriam](#)* a list of all deaths of Phan Rang AB assigned personnel
- [Phan Rang site](#) for reunion information, surveys, etc.
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