

AFVN

Photos

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AFVN Detachment 3 Pleiku Headquarters. On the left are the two diesel generators that powered the station. Right above the concrete power pole is the TV/FM tower. The white TV van is to the left of the building. The news booth is at this end, the entrance doors and the transmitter are at the far end. II Corps headquarters is about 100 yards to the left of the TV Van.

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The front of AFVN Det. 3, after we decorated it for visiting officials! According to local stories, this building had previously been a stable it. It housed the FM Transmitter, two radio studios, a TV studio, OIC/NCOIC office, and a huge record library. Just to the left of the building is the TV van, painted white. The FM/TV tower is visible at the left corner of the building. The 55 gallon drums filled with sandbags were our protection from shrapnel from

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The sign on the side of the building. Again, this paint job was the result of us over-reacting to a Headquarters Officer's visit.

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This is the TV Control Room in the van. To the rear (in this shot) is the small booth used for the news, before we built the TV studio in the main building. The video switcher is in the desktop. In the center rack is the sync generator and two camera control units, all made by Sarkes Tarzian. At the time this picture was taken, there were only two video cameras in the station, one in the news booth and the other in the film chain, located between this control position and the transmitter. The transmitter was a tube type, made by Gates. It had 5 KW for video and 400 Watts for audio.

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This is the first radio studio in this building. The cart machines are SpotMasters and the console is a Consolette from Gates Radio. You can see the light in the VU meter in the console in the second studio through the window behind the microphone. The clock on the wall to the right of the rack caused a serious problem once. During a rocket attack, it fell off the wall and its sharp edge cut through a bundle

2. Dragon Mountain Photos

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This is a view of Dragon Mountain from the east. It sure was a prominent feature on the horizon.

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Another closer view of Dragon Mountain

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The road up Dragon Mountain.

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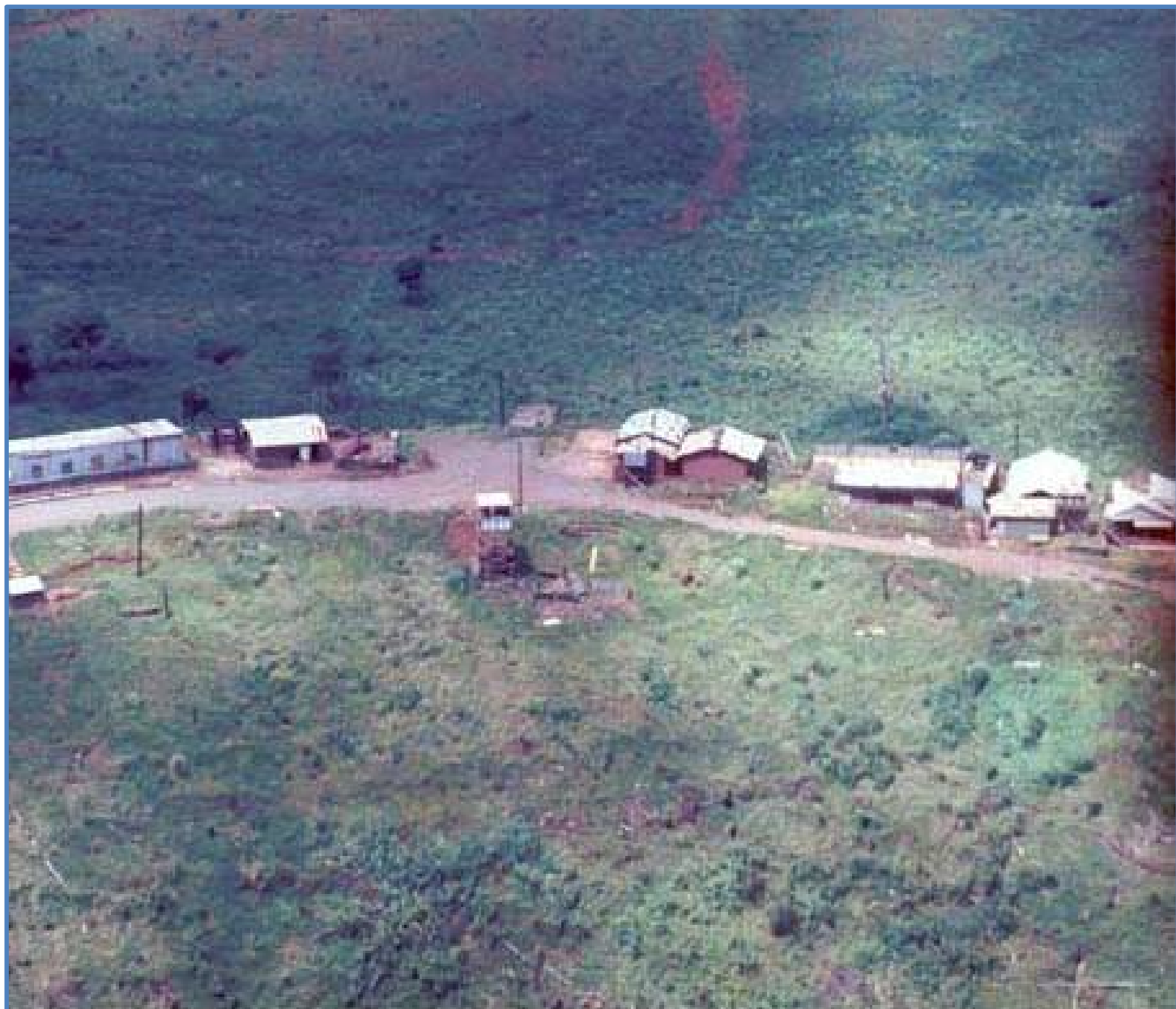
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This is AFVN Detachment 3 atop
Dragon Mountain.

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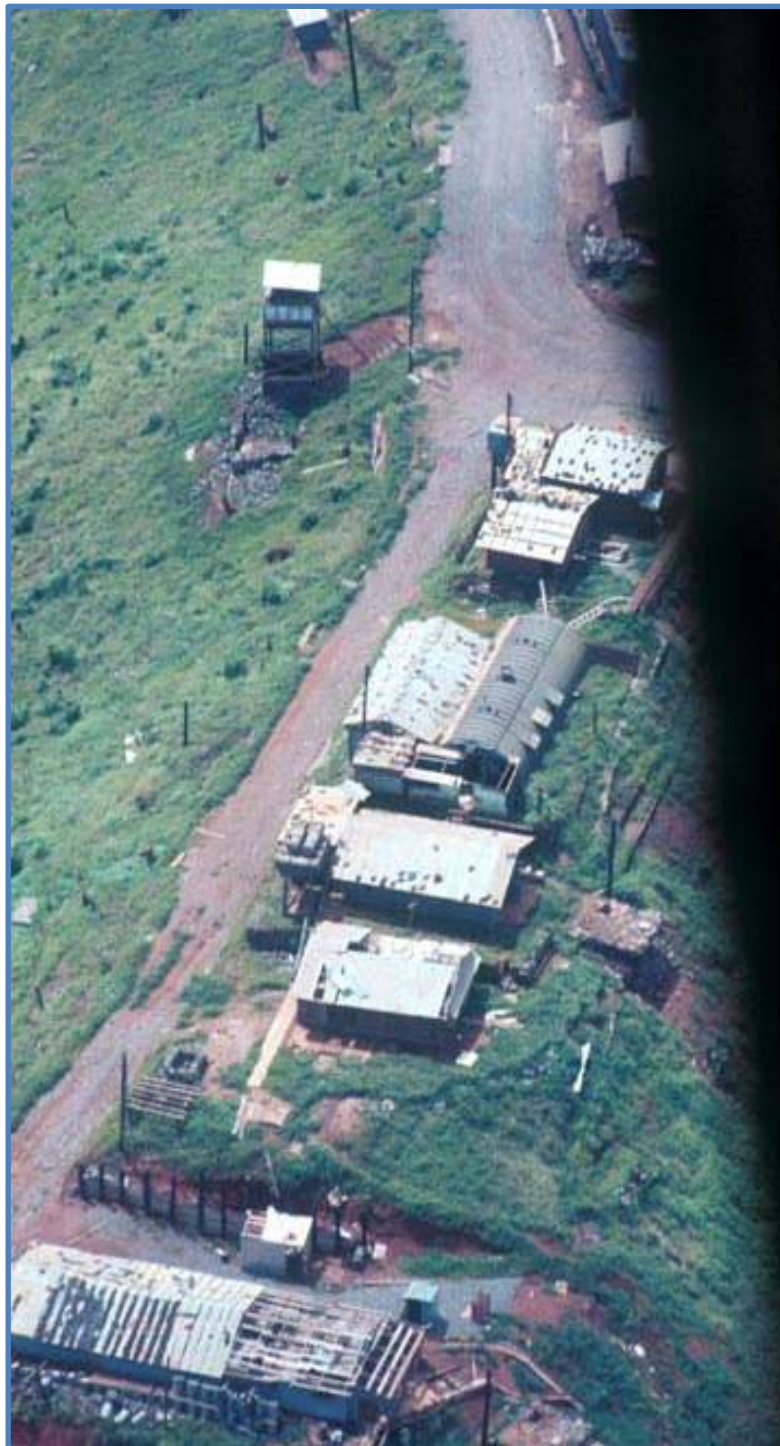
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Another shot of AFVN Det. 3 atop
Dragon Mountain.

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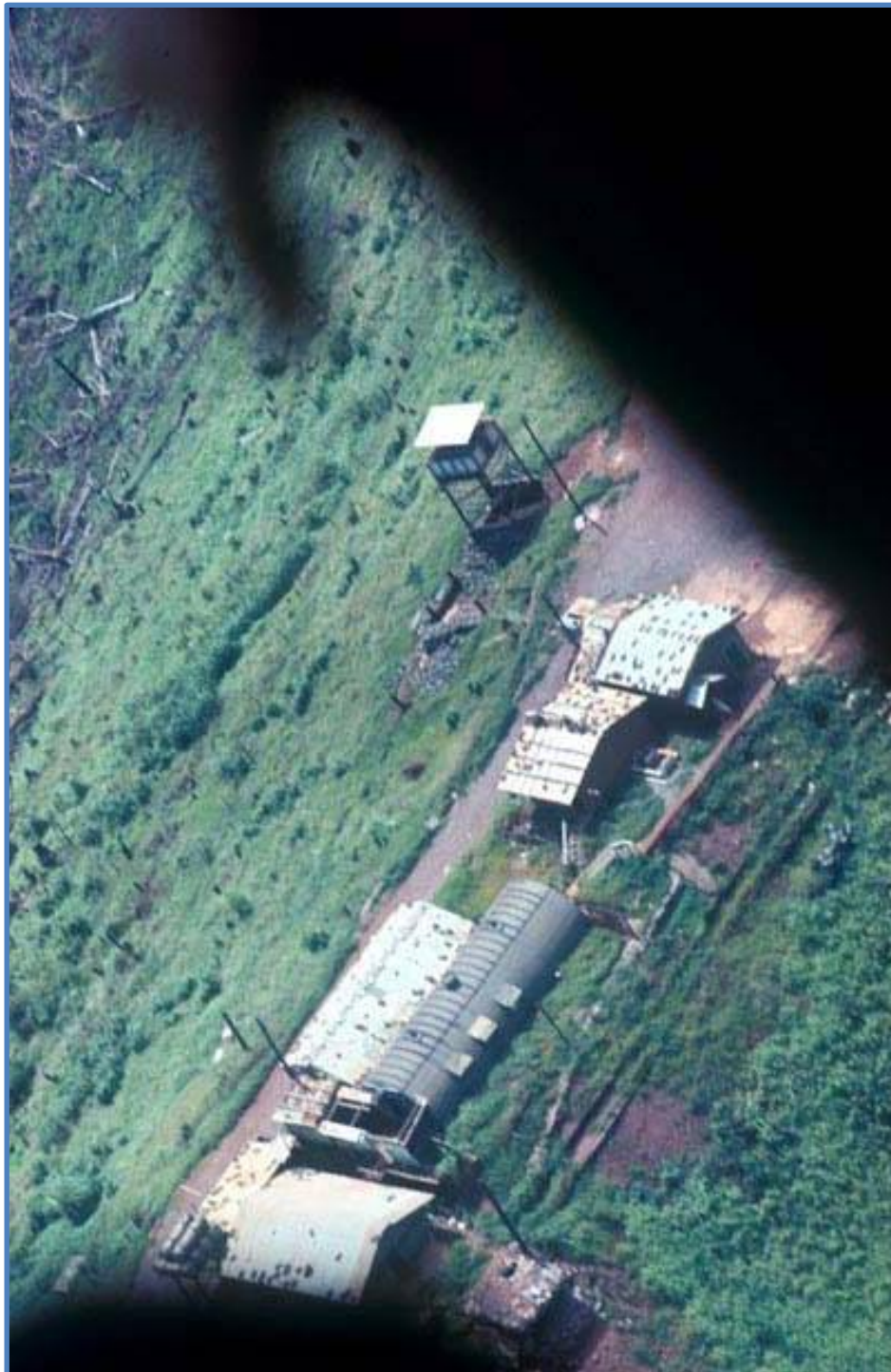
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Again, a shot of
AFVN Det. 3
atop Dragon
Mountain.

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A final shot of
Det. 3 atop
Dragon
Mountain.
Note the
guard tower.

Det 3, Pleiku Transmitter Sites

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The two abandoned 440' towers.
Note the perimeter of Camp Enari to the right.

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One of two abandoned 440' AM towers
outside the perimeter of Camp Enari.
That's a Montengard village behind
the tower.

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The trailer at Camp Schmidt that housed the 1KW and the 10KW AM transmitters.

We could never get the 10KW to load into the long-wire antenna which was at the top of the four tall telephone poles.

The first is seen just to the left of the trailer.

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Another shot of the AM site. It's in the center.

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Again, a shot of the AM site.
It's in the center in the
shadow of a could.

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In the center of this photo is the AM transmitter trailer. The long wire antenna is atop the four tall telephone poles leading from the trailer down and to the right of the photo.

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