

AFVN

Photos

**SP5 John T. Mikesch, USA
TV Director, Saigon, 1966-68**



The bunker just outside the back door
to the main building.



AFVN American MP and Vietnamese Police Guards

This was the only way in or out of the compound. Around late 1970 or early 1971 the guard detail was reduced to just the Vietnamese policeman. I considered him to be little more than an "early warning" system. If he disappeared, we need to get ready Jim W



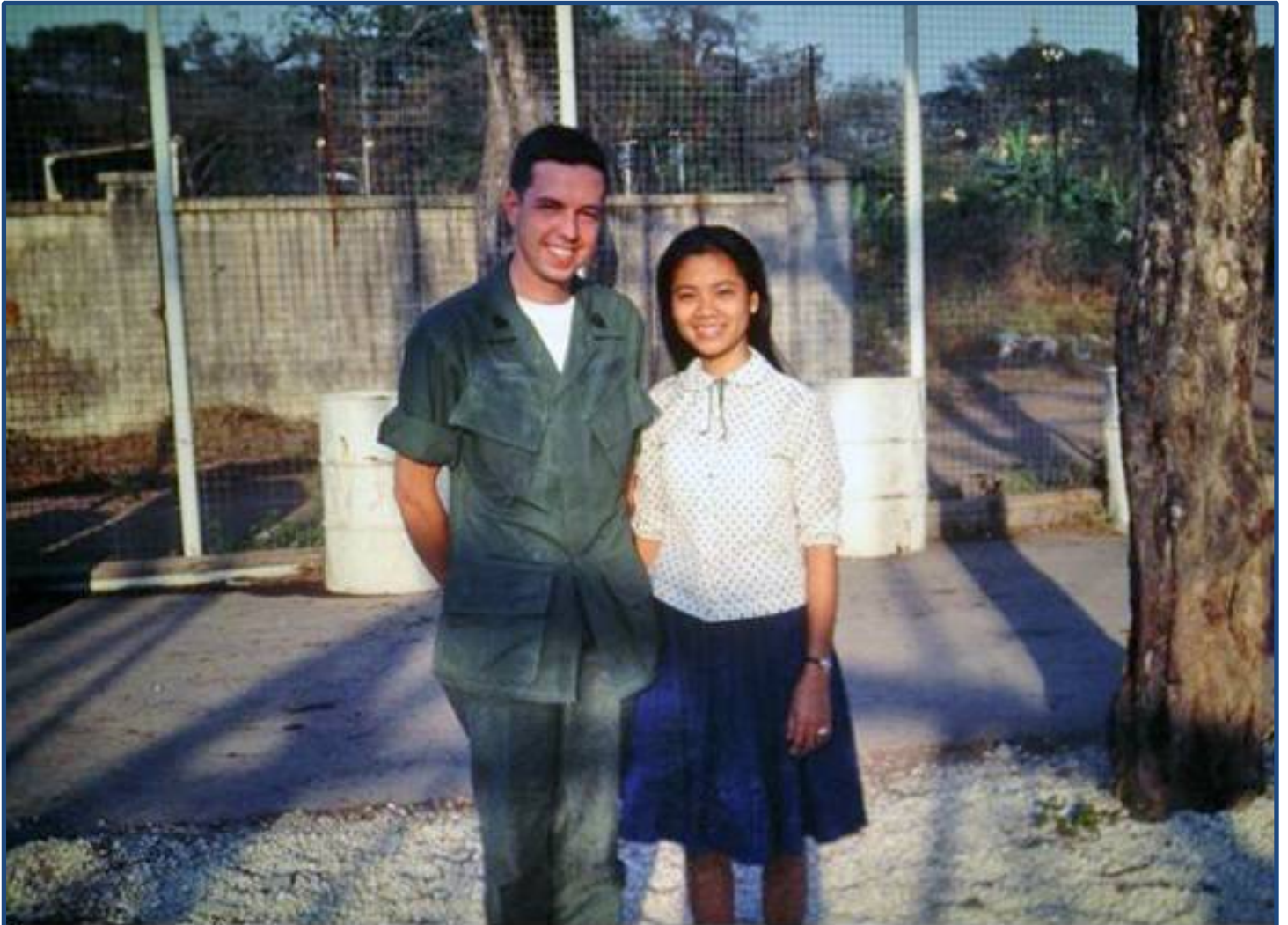
LTC DeForest Ballou, III, USA (1966) [left] and
LCDR Jerome Cleveland, USN (1966-67).
Evidently a goodbye ceremony for LCDR Cleveland.
Note the kid on the other side of the fence.
Which side of the compound were they standing?

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LTC Ballou and LCDR Cleveland
while the citation is being read.



John outside with one of the local employees.



John with one of the local employee janitors.

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Not being so formal this time.

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Miss Tang, one of AFVN's
local Vietnamese employees.

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Miss Yum, another of the local Vietnamese employees.

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John in the AM Radio Booth.

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The Newsroom

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SSG Robert "Bob" Vail, USA, Saigon,
News Anchor (1966-67) in the Newsroom.

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[Then] SP4 Dick Ellis, USA (1967-68)
hard at work.

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**MSgt Herbert Manchester, USAF
Saigon News Director (1966)**

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Serious writer's block--how can I say this?

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Time to "Hurry up and wait."

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SSgt Ken Lamerand, USAF (1967) and
SP4 Michael D. "Mike" Babcock (1966-67)

Which ones are they and who are the others?



Another view of the video switcher.

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Another view of the video switcher.

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AFVN TV Saigon On-air ID Slide

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Slide for the TV program,
"This is Vietnam."

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One of many video graphics (slides)
prepared at AFVN.

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Titled "Larry in TV."
It may be SP5 Larry L. Shipman, USA.

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Mike Wallace at the AFVN Studio.

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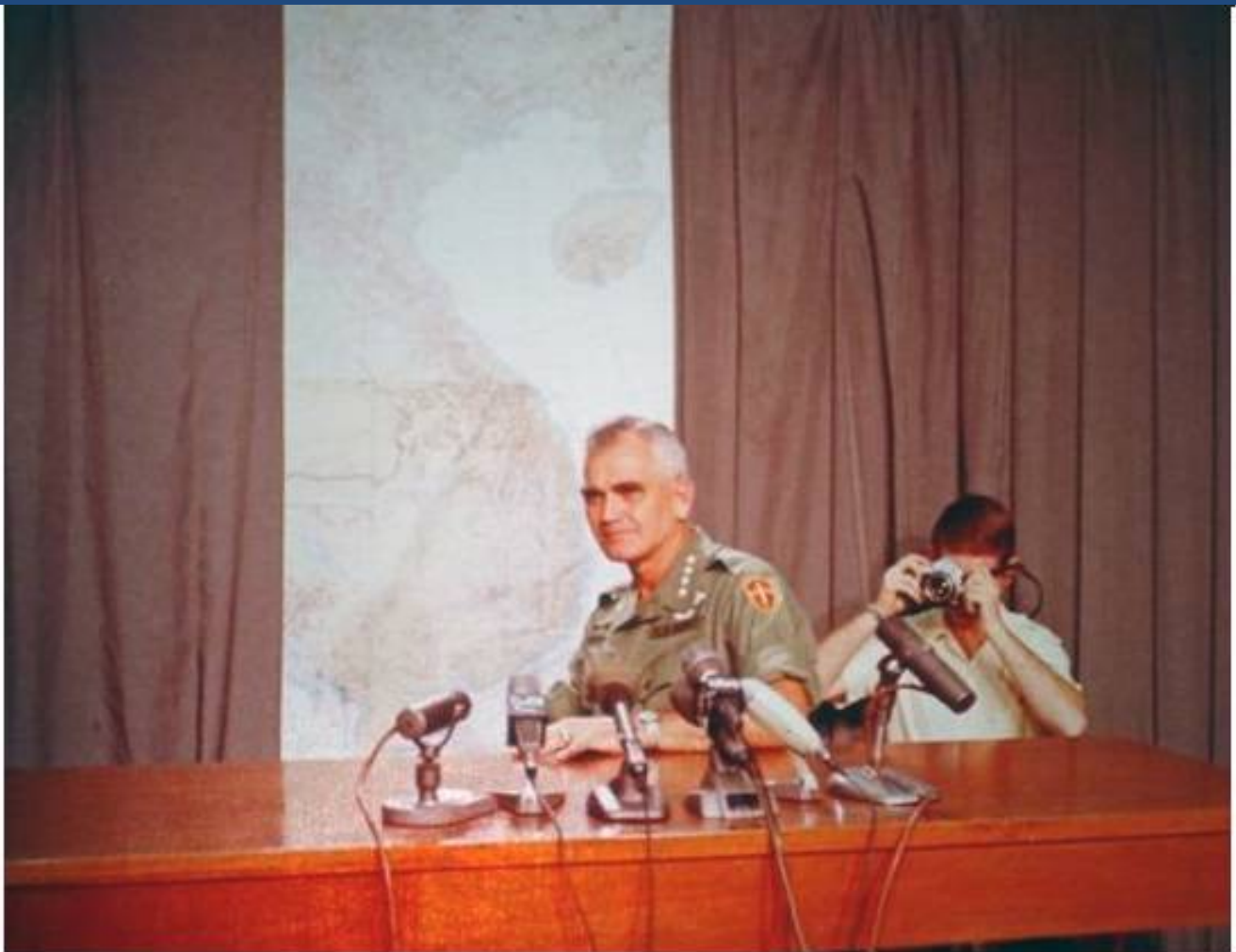
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The AFVN TV camera and a number of news cameras ready for General Westmoreland's visit to AFVN.

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Getting a photo of the media?

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Getting some closeups as
final preparations are being made.

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General Westmoreland talking
to the news cameras.

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MSG B. Pace, USA, with Efrem Zimbalist.

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Chuck
Connors with
P.J.
(SP5 Prescott
Jackson,
USA?)

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SP4 John E. Steinbeck, IV, USA
Conserving his energy?

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Chuck Connors waiting for
something to happen?

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Chuck Connors on AFVN News?

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Chris
Noel
with
John.

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SP4 Donald L. "Scotty" Brink, USA
interviewing a guest.

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John Mikesch with a county singer.

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MSgt "Dirty Dan" Doherty, USMC
behind Hugh O'Brian.

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Hugh O'Brian getting outfitted
with a lapel mic.

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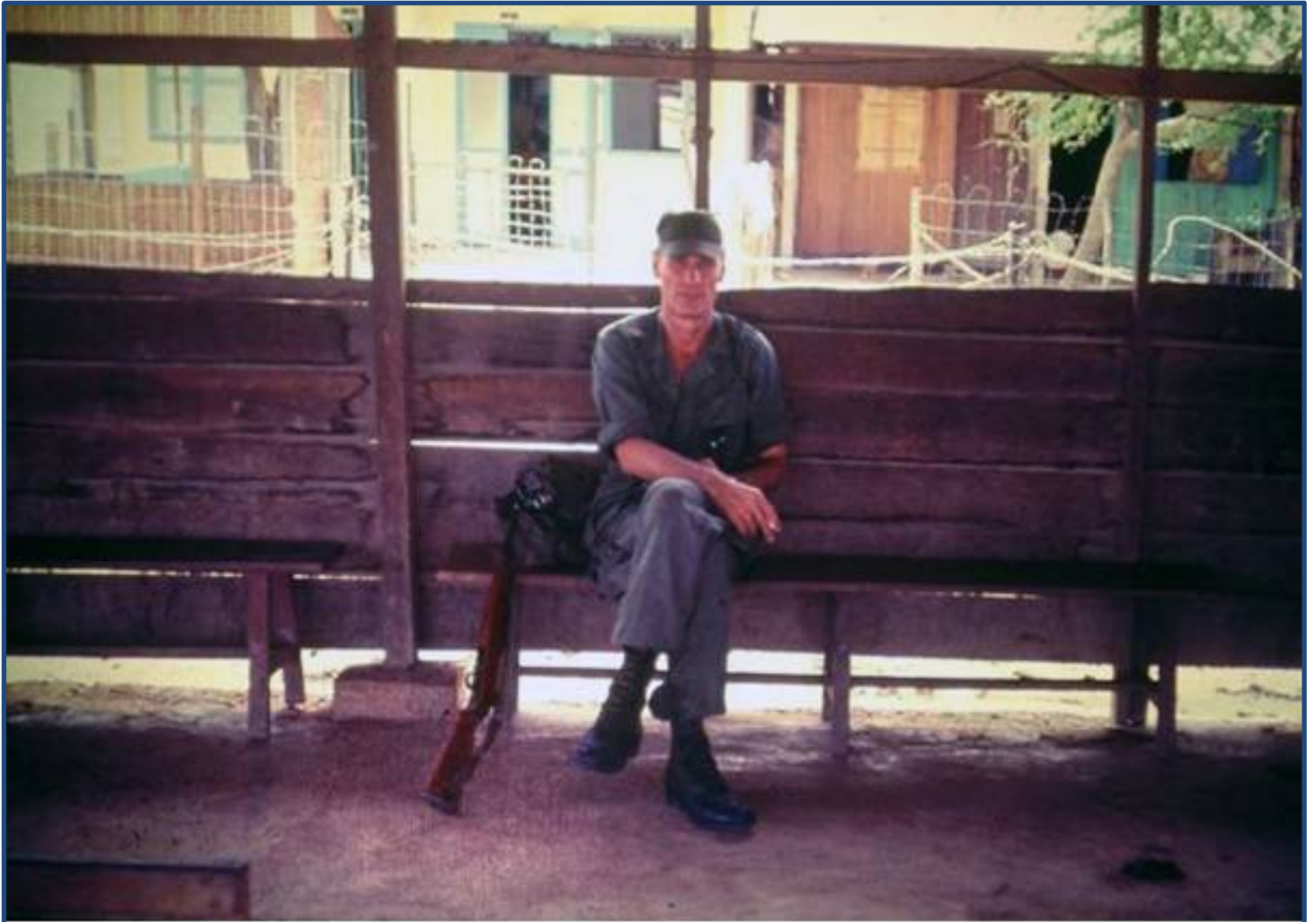
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SGT Ira Leslie "Mike" Turpin, USA, in My Tho.

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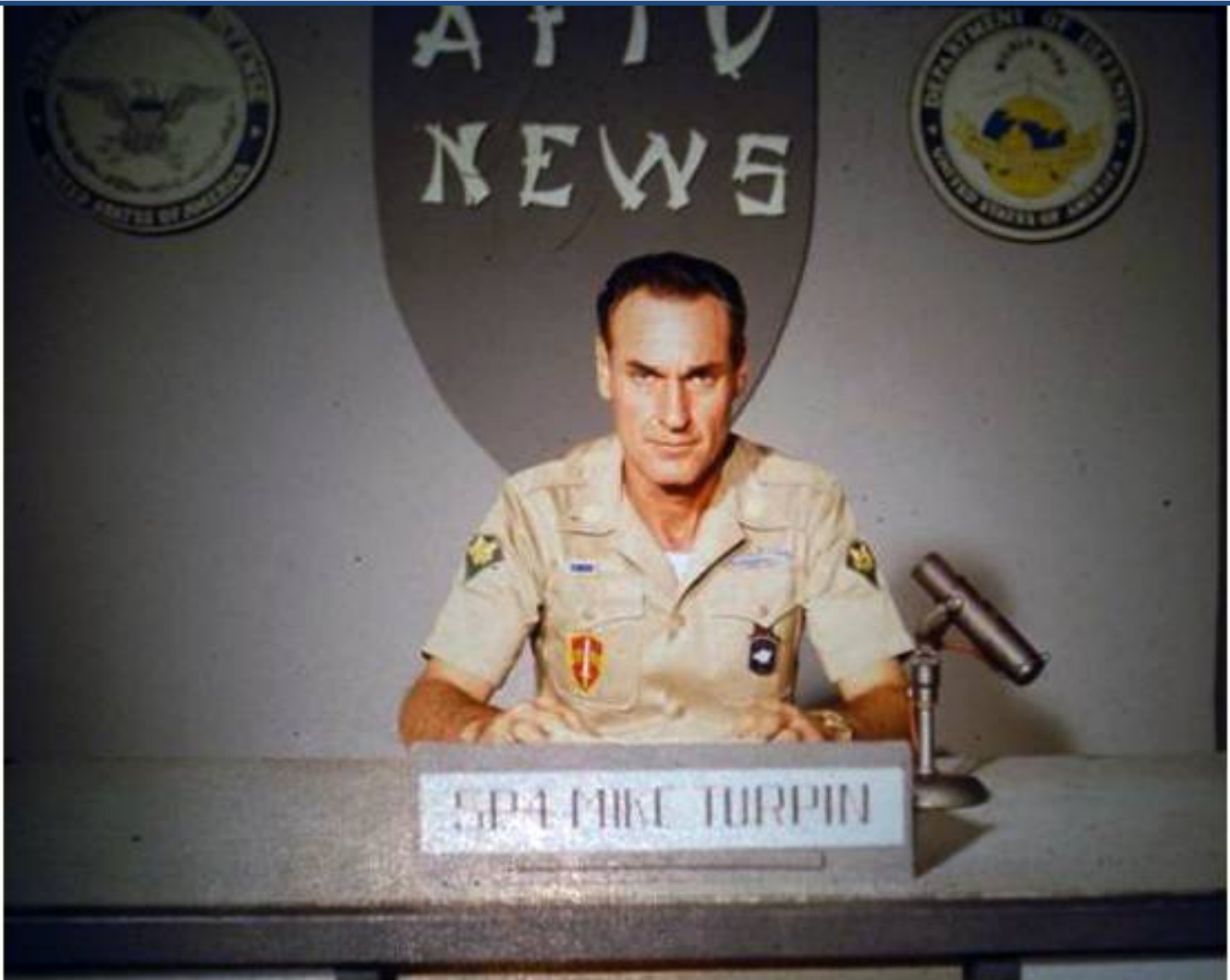
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Mike Turpin in My Tho.
Waiting for transportation?

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(At the time) SP4 Mike Turpin, USA,
back in the studio.

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Mike Turpin, either in deep thought
or just relaxing.

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Mike Turpin's wife, Lili.

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SP4 Michael D. "Mike" Babcock, USA
Saigon / Tuy Hoa / Qui Nhon (1996-68)

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TV studio ready for a local group to perform.

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Chuck Connors



Unnamed

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Unnamed



Koepler Compound -- MACV Personnel Section

It had once been a French hotel and was named after Major Donald E. Koepler, USMC, the first Marine to be killed during the Vietnam War.

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Wash Day--Kids and Clothes
Most likely not potable water.

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SP5 (then PFC) Barry Abrams, USA.
Barry and Mike were roommates?

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SP5 Barry Abrams, USA, early in the morning.
Wonder if Barry was as "fuzzy" as the photo?

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SP5 (then PFC) Barry Abrams, USA
at dinner with John Mikesch.

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SP4 Ron Berry, USA (?), SP5 Barry Abrams, USA
and John at dinner.

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SP4 Ron Berry, USA
with John at dinner.

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John cooking for himself in his room.
"This should work."

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“You are not really that good”
as well as a photo to prove it.



Entrance to the Ambassador Hotel.

In 1970/71, the Ambassador was a BOQ.
Were AFVN enlisted billeted there in 1966/68?

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