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RE: Sworn Statement concerning MP type duties at Phu Mu, Thailand: checking the perimeter and bunkers

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I, the undersigned, Donald L, Harmon, do hereby make oath and do solemnly swear and attest that the following is a true and accurate statement and that it is given freely and without duress or ulterior motivation under penalty of law.

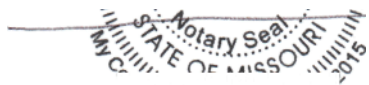
I was a Specialists E-5, service number RA 56597536 and was a member of the US Army 29<sup>th</sup> Signal Group in Thailand from Dec. 1969 to Oct. 1971. My job specialty was 26L20 Microwave Radio Relay Repairman and was stationed at Phu Mu, Thailand. Phu Mu was an Army signal site that was about 2 or 3 acres in size, on both the upper work site & the lower site where we were garrisoned.

The GI's had Phu Mu had to build and maintain the bunkers. These would be the same bunker locations that Jerry Stevens stated in his statement that they sprayed around to kill the vegetation. More than once I would spend an afternoon rebuilding a bunker. It was hard, hot work that required you to be in the pile of dirt/sand that would have been dumped beside the bunker you were working on. This work would be done by your bare hands. We also had to do periodic radio checks on the phone lines to the bunkers. The phone lines were just lying on the surface of the ground. Checking them would require you to make the rounds with a field phone and attach each one and ring in to verify they were working. If it were an alert you would be crawling around on the ground making the connection outside.

The TRC-90's had an M14 assigned to it even thou most all other weapons were locked away in the arms room during my deployment to Phu Mu. The M14 was always leaning up in the corner of a TRC-90 van and it would be loaded. The TRC-90 had a switchboard that was always manned. It was used for Phu Mu communications and if we came under attack to call Warin and advice of status. So to defend the TRC-90 communication vans and switchboard would have been one of the reasons that an M14 was issued to it. The other would have been when you had to walk the perimeter at night to check the Thai guards on duty. TRC-90 GI's had to also walk the fence line behind the vans each day. We would do a quick visual of the KW60 Generator at one end of the back fence line and then walk to the other end of this back fence line. It was less than a block long with TRC-90 vans being about half way between. We would also do a visual inspection of the antenna and its leads as part of this daily inspection of the generator and fence line.

I swear and attest that the above statement is true and accurate. Signed

  
Respectfully,  
Donald Harmon                      date

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