The Battle for Tan Son Nhut - Tet '68

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Orientation tour of Tan Son Nhut Air Base

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Tour of Tan Son Nhut
Tan Son Nhut Air Base, RVN

- C-130 ALCC “Rebel” ramp
- EC-47 ramp
- RF-4C shelters
- T-39 Scatback ramp
- VNAF C-47 ramp

Dimensions:
- 10,000' x 148' (1K' overrun)
- 9,961' x 148' (no overrun)

Shelters are labeled as:
- 2525 LL
- 2525 RR
- 0707 LL
- 0707 RR
- 10,000'' x 148''
- 9,961'' x 148''
Translation

"This is the resting place of those soldiers lost on the night of the first day of TET 1968. Their spirits beg all countrymen to wholeheartedly work so that peace will come quickly to our beloved Vietnam."
Outdoor “Free” Street Movies
MK-24 PARACHUTE FLARES
2,000,000 Candle Power
3 Minute Burn Time
Malaria Prophylaxis:

Chloroquin / Primaquin tablets

Dehydration Prophylaxis:

Salt tablets
Military Pay Certificate

(MPC)
Vietnamese Currency

Piastres

118 piastres per U.S. dollar
HQ - 7th Air Force
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DIỄN BIÊN ĐỘT 1
Từ 31.01 - 28.02.1968

[Diagram of Dien Bien Phu area and battle movements during the 1968 campaign.]
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BACKUP SLIDES
Lines of Communication (LOC)

Southeast Asia (SEA)

Theater Of Operations

DMZ
17° Parallel

Hanoi

Saigon