

Vietnam 1957-2007

1 ATF AREA of OPERATION (AO) -1966-1973



Operation Umuira - 1966 - Bien Hoa Province - US Army Hueys

Two maps showing the Australian involvement in Vietnam. Civilian teams were sited at Bien Hoa, top left; Australian forces area is on the right at Nui Dat and Vung Tau. Helicopter was used as a transport in rescue and military operations.



More recently motorcycles have been used. In the photo is an old Peugeot and some Honda motorcycles.



Rickshaw (cyclo) was a common force of transport in the past.



Doctor Twelftree in a rickshaw.



Public relations photograph of the year showing Dr. Twelftree and a young patient. It was the cover of Malcolm Frasers X-mas card in 1967.



Allied army Head Quarters in Saigon.





A Chinook Helicopter over Australian Vung Tau base.





Lunch time at the Peter Badcoe club Vung Tau beach.



Dr. Twelftree's bed room. Sleeping bed and Mosquito net.



Dental surgery, Vung Tau.



Warrant officer Sasche holding a young patient.







Dust-off patient who arrived in Iroquois helicopter. Please see next photograph.





Medical evacuation to Australia.

Australian Veterans Vietnam Reconstruction Group



The AVVRG was established following a visit to Vietnam in 1990 by former Vietnam Veterans, who were dismayed by,

- . Social and physical infrastructure devastation caused by the war and the country's 20 year isolation from the West
- Most evident in rural areas where facilities were limited or non-existent
- Contact was made with the People's Committee in the Ba Ria / Vung Tau Province, former site of the Australian Task Force during the Vietnam War, to ascertain where assistance was most needed.
- 1994 AVVRG was incorporated in Qld and granted an NGO Licence by the Union Of Friendship, Vietnam. Sub-Chapters in VIC, NSW & SA followed.

THE LONG TAN CROSS



1999



2001



2006



2007

The Long Tan Cross was designed by the sculptor and architect, Peter Young. The cross is the property of the Long Tan Veterans Association and is located at 1000 Long Tan Road, Long Tan, Vietnam.


The cross commemorates the major battle of the Australian war at Long Tan.

Ba Ria Orphanage 1995

THE CHALLENGE...

The immediate challenges to the group are:

- the raising of funds (AUS \$10,000) to proceed with the construction of the Basic Feeding and Educating Orphan Centre;
- the forming of a project team with the necessary skills to travel to Vietnam and undertake the project;
- the undertaking of a review of the needs of the Province in conjunction with the People's Committee and in accordance with Australian Government guidelines.



The first team - 22 November to 10 December 1995.



How can you become INVOLVED?

Of course, the AUVSO needs funds. Your contribution will play a vital role in the reconstruction and in the country's future as an effective and organised organisation to improve the life of residents, especially the children. You may have skills which can be of use to the group to help achieve its aims. You may have contacts who can provide the group with skills, resources and advice. Or you may wish to join the group and in that way support the aims of the organisation. By making a contribution or joining the group you are making a valuable donation to this dynamic organisation.

For further information contact...

Membership fee - \$20

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Concerned Australians assisting in the reconstruction of Vietnam

An invitation to become involved...

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Baria Orphanage Opens 1996



Hon. Tim Fisher Deputy PM
Opening the Baria Orphanage
August 96



2001



An Australian built orphanage at Baria opened the Hon. Tim Fisher.

Nui Dat Kindergarten Stage 1 June 2002



MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

Long Tan Community Development 2006

Construction and furnishing of a modern medical/dental centre

Installation of 300 compost toilets

AUD\$10,000 from Qld Govt.

AUD\$30,000 raised by the WA RAR Association



Official opening 2006



Hon. Bronwyn Bishop inspects
the dental facilities - 2006

AVVRG Health Teams



Photographs of medical training teams who regularly visit hospitals.



Accommodation for the Dental teams who visit Long Tan every two months.



Dental clinic at Long Tan. Please note the missing Australian flag.









Young patient observing treatment as part confidence exercise and education.









Power failures are common. The young patient is holding the torch.





“Four on a Honda” mother collecting her children. We understand the record stands at five.





Afternoon rest period was common. Here the children and the teachers are asleep under a mosquito net.







