

Scott Davis interview summary by Richard Killblane at Carlisle, PA, 5 August 2010
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Scott Davis enlisted for four years in the Army Security Agency (ASA) as an 05G2 and 96B20, because his recruiter told him there were no ASA units in Vietnam. The recruiter was technically correct, but the units were not listed as ASA because they operated under other identifications.

Scott arrived in Vietnam in October 1971 and was assigned to the 8th Radio Research Field Station (RRFS) at Phu Bai. The 8th RRFS was front for an ASA unit which listened to enemy radio traffic but could not report any impending attack to local commanders. During his first six months at Phu Bai, it was rarely hit by enemy attack. After the NVA Easter Offensive in April 1972, the camp was hit nightly by mortars and rockets.

By then the 8th RRFS was the only American unit left at Phu Bai and acquired three gun trucks: Executioner, Baby Sitters and Uncle Meat. They painted red, white and blue stripes on the nose of the hood. Scott became the driver for Babysitters. Their NCOIC was either an E6 or E7 whose name began with Mac, because they painted "Mac's Marauders" on the front bumpers.

They received the gun trucks for base defense and parked them at the north end of the 8th RRFS compound, Tri Bac Station. In the event they were attacked, they crews would drive their gun trucks to revetments on the perimeter. Although they received nightly indirect fire, the gun trucks never fired a shot in anger, while he was there.

They had a water buffalo they would hook up to one of their gun trucks and drive into the local village. There they would pick up a prostitute and hide her in the water buffalo then sneak her back into camp for the night. They would return her the next day the same way they sneaked her in. They called this, "hauling ass."

In October, the 8th RRFS left Phu Bai and moved to Da Nang but left the three gun trucks there. Scott did not know what happened to them, but assumed the ARVN took possession of them. Scott and a friend extended for 29 days. Da Nang was hit by rocket and mortar attacks three times a night so Scott slept next to the concrete blast wall.

Scott departed Vietnam in November 1972 and was stationed at Fort Devens, Massachusetts. However, the Army had too many 05Gs and he was released from the Army after serving only two and a half years.