



FIRE FIGHTER TRAINING

UDORN ROYAL THAI AIR FORCE BASE

1. Name: Udorn Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand.
2. Date of Current Name: For military purposes, the name was first known with the arrival of the 20th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron on 1 Apr 66 and then the reactivation of the 432 Tactical Reconnaissance Wing on 18 Sep 66. The Royal Thai Air Force could not give a firm (true) date of name establishment and the closest estimate was 1958 when the initial 7,000 ft concret runway was built under the Military Assistance Program (MAP). S.O. G-269, DAF, 8 Sep 66; master plan, 432TRW Civil Engineering Sq, 1 Dec 66.
3. Previous Names: None.
4. Location: Latitude 17 23' north, longitude 102 48' east, 470 Km north - northeast of Bangkok by air in Udon Thani Changwat, Thailand. The base was 620 Km by road from Bangkok. Master Plan and location map, 432 TFW CE, 1 Dec 66.
5. Date of Establishment: 1958, no month or day, see number two above, same documentation.
6. Date Construction Began: Red Horse construction crews began the first barracks construction in June 65. After the initial 7,000 ft concret runway was built in 1958, construction of taxiways 3 and 4, the parking apron, 1,175 ft of dispersal taxiway and four dispersal hardstands were constructed during the 1958-59 period under MAP.
7. The first mention of U.S. personnel in any records on base is the 20TRS on 1 Apr 66. It is obvious that Red Horse and other personnel were here previously, but no records were found to indicate this fact.
8. Major Change in Capability and Dates thereof:
 - 20TRS arrives Udorn, 1 Apr 66.
(Hist, (S) 432TRW, 1 Jan - 31 Mar 67.
 - 432TRW reactivated at Udorn, 18 Sep 66. Wing composed of 20TRS (RF-101), 6460TRS (EB-66B), 41TRS (EB-66C) and 6461TRS (RF-4C)
(S.O. G-269, Hq PACAF, 8 Sep 66)
 - 6461TRS redesignated 11TRS on 3 Nov 66.
(S.O. AB-2, 432TRW, 31 Oct 66)
 - 41TRS and 6460TRS reassigned to 355TFW, Takhli RTAFB, Thailand, 1 Aug 67.
(no orders on file) (Hist (S), 6460TRS, 1 Jul - 30 Sep 67)
 - 16TFS (F-4D) arrives from Eglin AFB, FL & assumes designation 13TFS on 21 Oct 67.
(no orders on file) (Hist (U), 13TFS, 1 Oct - 31 Dec 67.
 - 14TRS arrives from Bergstrom AFB, TX (RF-4C), 28 Oct 67.
(M.O.-10, Hq TAC, 6 Sep 67)
 - 20TRS deactivated, 31 Oct 67
(S.O.-83, Hq PACAF, 17 May 67)

13TFS received first air-to-ground missiles, 20 Mar 68.

(Hist (C), 432MMS, 1 Jan - 30 Jun 68)

555TFS arrives from Ubon RTAFB, 28 May 68.

(DAF M.O.-6, 7 May 68)

7th Airborne Command & Control Sq (C-130E) arrives from DaNang, 1 Nov 68.

(S.O. G-261, Hq PACAF, 25 Oct 68)

Four AC-47 gunships temporarily assigned to Wing, 13 Mar 69.

(Msg (U), 7AF/CC to 432TRW/CC, 150630Z Feb 69, Subj: Operation Ground Burner)

Three more gunships assigned to Wing. Known as 432 Spooky Sq.

(Msg (U), PACAF/DPADR to 432TRW/DPAAM, 210335Z Nov 69, Subj: PCS of AC-47s to Udorn)

Forward Operating Location temporarily established for AC-119K Stinger gunships at Udorn, 15 Feb 70.

(Msg (U), 7AF/CC to 432TRW/CC, 050405Z Feb 70, Subj: AC-119K Temporary FOL)

11TRS deploys to Shaw AFB, SC, 9 Nov 70.

(Msg (U), CSAF to CINCPACAF, 181641Z Jan 70, Subj: DAF Moving Order)

40 Air Rescue & Recovery Sq transfers to Nakhon Phanom RTAFB, 16 Jul 71.

(M.O.-15, Hq PACAF, 2 Jul 71)

12TRS rotates to CONUS. 14 becomes only recon unit in SEA, 30 Sep 71.

(no orders) (Hist (S), 432TRW, 1 Jul - 30 Sep 71)

7ACCS transfers to Korat, 18 Apr 72.

(Fact sheet (U), 432TRW/DOX, Subj: Current F-4 Deployments to SEA, 30 Sep 72)

523TFS deploys from Clark AB, PI to Wing, 9 Apr 72.

(Fact Sheet (U), 432TRW/DOX, Subj: Current F-4 Deployments to SEA, 30 Sep 72)

307TFS personnel arrive at Udorn. 308TFS returns to CONUS.

(Directive: Joint 7AF/13AF Programmed Action - 72; 7AF/13AF-2 Thailand Beddown, 30 Nov 72)

58TFS redeploys to CONUS, 25 Oct 72; 523TFS redeploys to Clark, 25 Oct 72. (13AF Programmed Action Directive 73-13-2, 5 Oct 72)

307TFS redeploys to FL.

(13AF Programmed Action Directive 73-13-2, 5 Oct 72)

4TFS transfers from Takhli RTAFB to Wing, 29 Oct 72.

(13AF Programmed Directive 73-13-2, 5 Oct 72)

421TFS transfers to the Wing from Takhli, 31 Oct 72.

(13AF Programmed Directive 73-13-2, 5 Oct 72)

Wing releases its only C-54 to Chinese AF, Taiwan, 10 Jan 73.

(Fact Sheet (U), 432TRW/DOX, Subj: Current AC Deployments, 30 Jun 73)

555TFS transferred without personnel & equipment (WOPE) to Luke AFB, AZ. on 5 Jul 74.

(M.O. -6, Hq PACAF, 12 Jun 74)

25TFS transfers from Ubon RTAFB to Wing, 5 Jul 74.

(M.O. - 8, Hq PACAF, 5 Jul 74)

9. Major Command to Which Assigned:

Pacific Air Command, 18 Sep 66

(S.O. G-269, DAF, 8 Sep 66)

10. Dates of Discontinuance & Reestablishment:

None.

11. Disposition:

None. See 13AF Programmed Action Directive (S-GDS-83), Udorn Alpha (U),
14 Mar 75.

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