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“Rolling In”

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An AC-119G “Shadow” Gunship Attacks Viet Cong Strongholds

The AC-119G “Shadow”, flown by the 71st and 17th Special Operations Squadrons and supported by many, flew combat operations from January 1969 to September 1971 in South Vietnam and Cambodia. Shadows provided close air support for our American troops, our South Vietnamese and Cambodian allies, and others needing help to stay alive and fight another **day, or night**. Enemy **forces** learned they could not escape the deadly rain of fire **they called ‘Dragon’s Breath’** from the Shadow’s 4 side-firing mini-guns as her crews flew in tight pylon turns to stay on target and thwart enemy attacks **day and night**, again and again. The Fairchild AC-119G “Shadow” gunship proved to be a worthy replacement for the well-known AC-47 ‘Spooky’ gunship.

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“Guns Hot”

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An AC-119K “Stinger” Gunship Wrecks Havoc over the Ho Chi Minh Trail

The AC-119K “Stinger”, flown by the 18th Special Operations Squadron and supported by many, flew combat operations from November 1969 until March 1973 in South Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia. The initial night reconnaissance mission to interdict enemy supply lines on the Ho Chi Minh Trails grew to include close air support for Troops-In-Contact (TIC). Forward looking Infrared and Night Observation Scopes found targets in the **darkest** night, and the Stinger’s twin 20mm Vulcan cannons and 4 mini-guns rained fire on enemy trucks and **forces**. Stingers flying **outpost** defense missions and TICs routed enemy attacks time and again, **saving countless American troops and allied lives**. The last of the AC-119 gunship lineage, **Stinger aircraft with** their air and ground crews served proudly and well.