

# Hue City--April 1970

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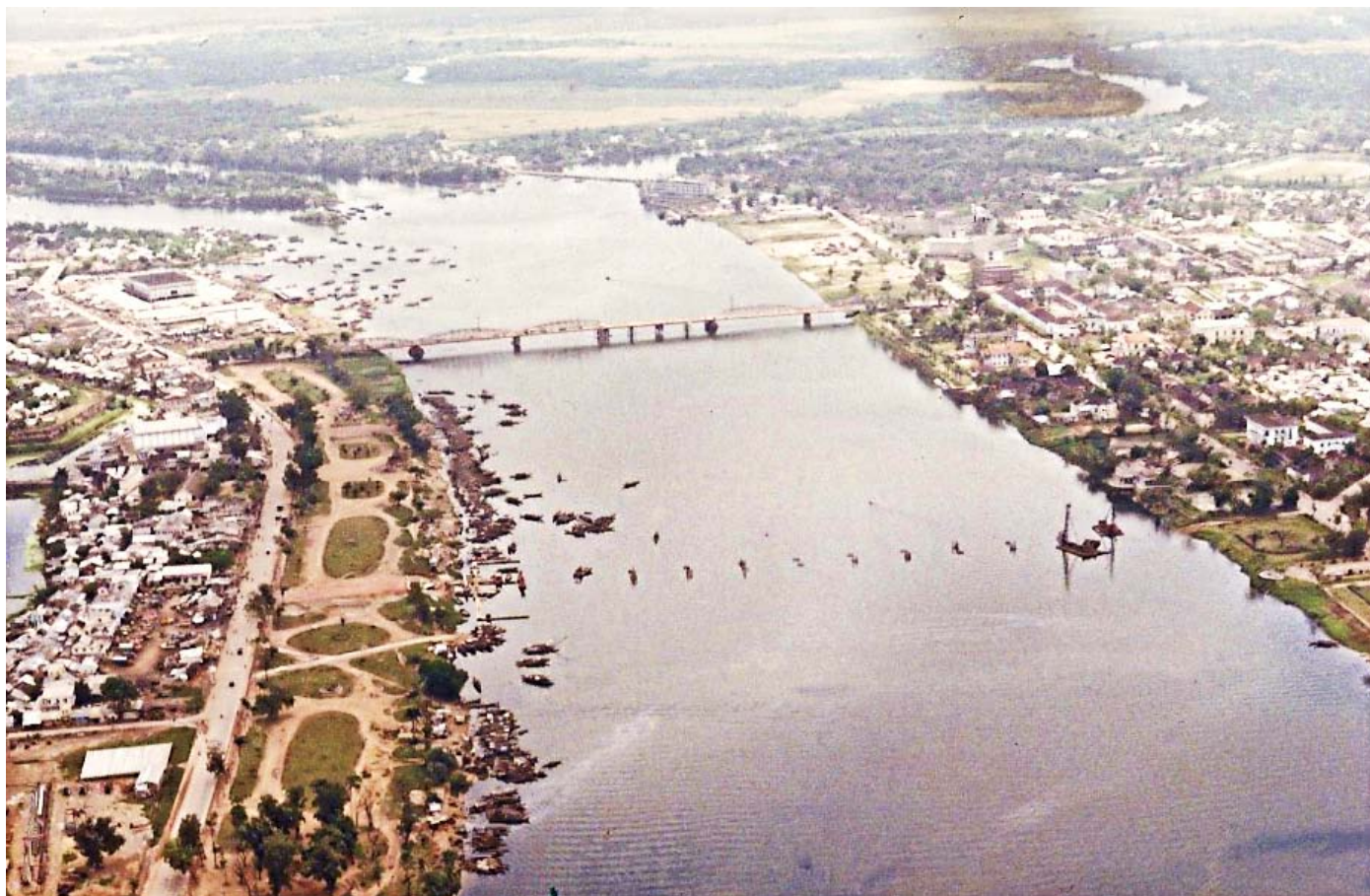
SSgt. Barney Espinoza Jr., MSgt., USMC Ret., HMM-263 Peachbush S-3 Staff NCOIC, was taken for a tour around Hue City and The Citadel by ARVNs in April 1970. He took these five photos of the famous 1968 Marine Tet Offensive battleground in more tranquil times.



**This was the entrance to The Citadel, Hue City, across a fire swept bridge in 1968 as 5th Marines attempted to cross the wide moat to engage the North Vietnamese occupying the strategic fortress. (Photo by SSgt. Barney Espinoza Jr., MSgt., USMC Ret., HMM-263, S-3 Staff NCOIC)**



**The backside of the entrance into The Citadel showing a moat, April 1970. (Photo by SSgt. Barney Espinoza Jr., MSgt., USMC Ret., HMM-263, S-3 Staff NCOIC)**



**This is the bridge Marines had to cross spanning the Perfume River in 1968 to get to the North Vietnamese holding The Citadel. (Photo by SSgt. Barney Espinoza Jr., MSgt., USMC Ret., HMM-263, S-3 Staff NCOIC)**



**The Throne Room at The Citadel. (Photo by SSgt. Barney Espinoza Jr., MSgt., USMC Ret., HMM-263, S-3 Staff NCOIC)**



**Damaged wall from the fierce fighting between the Marines and the North Vietnamese inside The Citadel still not repaired after the Tet Offensive in 1968. (Photo by SSgt. Barney Espinoza Jr., MSgt., USMC Ret., HMM-263, S-3 Staff NCOIC)**