

Grover M. Johnson, Jr. Vietnam War Photo Collection

A collection of photographs and color slides documenting the U.S. Army service of Grover M. Johnson Jr. of Siler City, N.C., during the Vietnam War from November 1966 to October 1968 can be viewed on flickr, thanks to the State Archives on North Carolina. To see the collection, [click here](#).

Johnson served for several months in the 569th General Supply Company at the U.S. Army's Camp Davies, just outside of Saigon, Republic of Vietnam. For most of his overseas service during the war, Johnson Jr. served on Okinawa in the Headquarters Company at Headquarters, U.S. Army Ryukyu Islands (USARYIS).



The Grover M. Johnson Jr. Papers contain 178 photographs, 35mm color slides, and 126 Format color slides taken by Grover Johnson Jr. as a hobby while he was stationed in Vietnam and Okinawa. The majority of the photographs were taken in and around Saigon and Camp Davies in 1967, and the color slides were all taken on Okinawa in 1968. They offer a rare, unedited look at civilian and soldier life just as the Vietnam War was escalating. Johnson Jr. started taking photographs in April 1967 with a Kodak Instamatic 104 camera. Around May 1967, he also bought a Polaroid Swinger camera to produce instant black-and-white photographs. The large number of the small black-and-white photographs in this collection were taken with this camera. The color slides were created by Johnson Jr. between January and June 1968 on Okinawa.

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