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Dear Senny,

I was very happy to hear from you and I know how pleased you must be with your assignment to the Rocket Artillery Battalion. I remember your farewell speech at Ft Campbell and your pledge to get assigned to that unit — well done! I agree with you, that the Aerial Rocket Artillery is not only a great step forward for the artillery, but I believe that the system itself is still in its infancy and has a tremendous potential. I think

that you're gotten in on
 the ground floor and should
 stick with it. I'll warn
 you, that you will find
 alot of opposition from
 very narrow minded,
 "pull it behind a truck,"
 type artillery men, so don't
 become discouraged. I'd
 enjoy hearing more about
 the organization and employment
 of the Battalion.

You asked about the
 2/4th Art. We moved up
 with Task Force Oregon
 in April and became the
 medium battalion (now Serial Rocket)
 for that division. The

battalion headquarters is
 located just off the NW
 edge of the runway at
 DBC 040. The batteries
 move around quite a bit
 thanks to some CH-54's. Of
 course there were a number
 of changes in personnel and
 all the officers and men
 from Fort Campbell leave
 within the next thirty days.
 Jim Lane left the battalion
 within a month after our
 arrival - just couldn't back
 it as XO. McMillan was
 transferred to another battalion
 that needed a Commo Officer.
 Benny Mullan took over "A"

Bathing and kept it until
 last July when I was able
 to get him transferred into
 the 101st abn as an LNO
 (they were with us at Doc PHO).
 Frank Laush (from the 321st)
 also kept at bathing until
 July when I also found
 a home for him as Asst 5-3
 in the 101st. They both
 did an outstanding job and
 the transfer was definitely
 a reward. (Except for BB's &
 Asst 5-3 there are few worthwhile
 jobs ^{for Captains} in a medium battalion
 like the 2/11th). Hawk Van Sinder
 came over with the battalion
 as the Asst 5-3, but when

Dale Campbell (BC of "B" Bty) went home in January on emergency leave his battery fell apart (too many mortar attacks and a weak XO).

I gave Hank the battery and within six weeks that was "the finest battery in II AFV" (a quote from the II AFV duty CO). In June I offered Hank the job as S-3 of the DS Battalion with the 196th Bde but he preferred to keep the battery. Both he and Frank Rauscher made the outstanding list for promotion to Major.

Dale Campbell has been S-3

of the battalion (2/11th) since April and doing a bang up job.

John and I, and the gang, are all settled in at Carlisle Barracks, It's quite a change of pace! The school is outstanding but very demanding for anyone who can't read 3000 words a minute. The subjects are all on our international policy and strategy and along way from languages and fire missions. As many of us wrote in a letter to John - "it would be nice to be back with real people!" (over please)

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(My apologies Sam, I've finally
run out of "Sunday Pack" writing
paper!)

We stopped to visit
Adrian Bliss on the way up
(2 weeks before the baby
was born) - she looked fine
and will meet Stone in
Hawaii in November. I just
missed Dick Drayman at
Bieu Hoa, on my way home,
he was XO of HQ's Bn, 3/319th. Jerry Wright stopped
by in June, he is an XO
with the 101st, was out for
a week with heat prostration
after 20 mile hike on his
2nd day in country. Jerry
Furber is an XO with
101st, but I missed him by
two weeks.

Please give our best to Doc
and "may there always be a little
itch left when you need it" Ed Vogt