

13 October

Dear Barry

When the hell are you going to stop in Tuy Hoa for a visit? We've been here 3 weeks now & have had plenty of ARA support yet no word from Brown B. The operation on the ground has been a snap with little contact. Certainly different from the grueling months in the Dal To area & we've had a chance to get our equipment back into good shape (as good as can be expected considering we have the same equipment Buffett, Reddick, etc brought over from Okinawa 2 years ago).

Do I ever miss you flying bastards! Jack Daniels, carpeted floors, nurses etc in your clubs. And here I sit in the woods far, far removed from the good life.

Had planned an R & R in November. However, I'll become B Btry Cmdr after R & R & they want the job change to be made in the near future. So I'm meeting my honey in Honolulu on 24 October. But Honolulu will be almost as much fun as Cincinnati - even without Shirley. By the time I return, I'll be a short-timer!

Have you heard Westmoreland has moved the 173d base camp from Bien Hoa to An Khe. Our rear detachment will have closed at An Khe by the 1st of the month. Perhaps we really shall be able to get together.

Warm regards,
Dick