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**From:** "Rick Gillespie" [REDACTED]  
**To:** "Dick Detra" [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: 631photo  
**Date:** Fri, 14 Jul 2006 22:17:55 -0500

Hi Rick,

I need your mailing address. Having problems with my video card, so I can't scan the photo. So...I'm going to mail the photo to you. I'm wondering about the slick counter mortar ship? We always flew two charlie models and a slick flare ship on counter mortar? I would like to add your 1/31 story to the book I'm writing. I flew counter mortar the night of the 29th...my 21st B-day.

clear right,

Dick Detra

PS: I got your call

*Rick Gillespie* [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Dick,

Hi Dick,

My home address is: Rick Gillespie [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Hampton, IL

There appears to be some contradictions as to what occurred the morning of the Tet Offensive at Dau Tieng.

I only know what was happening from my end as AC (aircraft commander).

I didn't know what was happening through eyes on the ground.

That's what was somewhat revealing in interesting when I spoke with Jack Johnson about three weeks ago. It was great.

He told of organizing troops immediately after hearing our helicopter flutter in and crash. Jack seems to be a great guy.

It appears that it was he who organized activities on the ground to rescue us after our "un-planned, emergency landing". It was "unplanned" because we felt about 3 to 4 thuds into Little Bear 631 causing it to quit running.

Rick

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Dick Detra [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2006 6:39 PM  
**To:** Rick Gillespie  
**Subject:** 631photo