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Jimmy "BUCCO Kilo" Oble BW10

WARD, ARKANSAS

DEAR DICK,

I JUST RETURNED FROM JAPAN ON A TRAINING EXERCISE WITH THE JAPANESE ARMY. I'M STILL IN THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AND STILL FLEW "H" MODEL HELICOPTERS UNTIL LAST YEAR. I BECAME MEDICALLY DISQUALIFIED FROM FLYING IN JUNE BUT REMAIN IN THE ARMY GUARD IN A MAINTENANCE POSITION.

I WAS REALLY GLAD TO HEAR FROM YOU AND WISH I COULD PLACE YOU BUT TIME DOES PASS. MOST OF THE TIME I FLEW "POLISH POWER" WITH CREW CHIEF DULOSKI AND PILOT MR. REED OR "SUPER JEW".

DICK, I HAVE LOTS OF PICTURES AND SOME STORIES OF DAN TIEN, TUY HOA, & HUE AND WOULD BE HAPPY TO SHARE ANY THING OF VALUE, HOWEVER, I HAVE LONG SINCE PUT ALL OF VIETNAM BEHIND ME AND WENT ON WITH MY LIFE. IT IS NOT AS MEANINGFUL TO ME AS IT IS TO SOME OF THE GUYS AND I REALLY CAN'T GET INTO REMINISCING ABOUT IT. ALL MY MEMORIES ARE GOOD, ESPECIALLY ABOUT THE GUYS I WORKED WITH, BUT I AM 30 YEARS PAST THAT NOW.

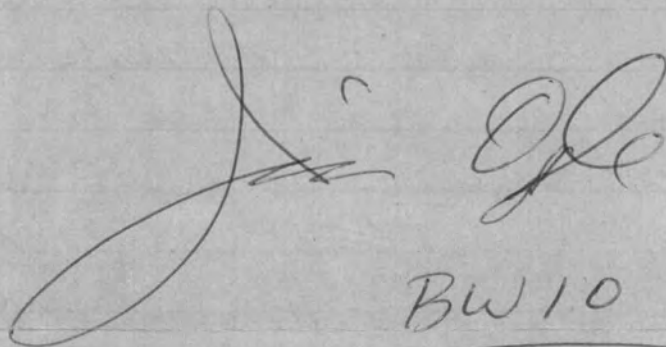
I COMMUNICATE WITH MR CROWE AND KEEP HIM UPDATED ON MY ADDRESS. I ALSO SPENT THE NIGHT WITH MR. JOE WALKER, GUN PILOT OF "SATISFACTION" LAST ANNUST. HE WORKS FOR THE FAA IN SALT LAKE CITY AND IS STILL FLYING ARMY HELICOPTERS. I HAVE ALSO COMMUNICATED WITH MR HADEG AND MR YOUNG BLOOD. BOTH FLY WITH THE ARMY GUARD IN N. CAROLINA.

I APPRECIATE ALL THE GUYS THAT SERVED
(OVER)

OVER THERE AND ESPECIALLY THE ONES in my
UNIT. A DOOR GUNNER (I DON'T REMEMBER WHO)
KEPT ~~OUR~~ OUR CREW FROM GETTING KILLED OVER
AT DNC HOA. THE ENEMY MACHINE GUN POSITION
WAS RAKING US WITH FIRE AS WE KICKED
OUT AMMO TO A SF UNIT ON THE GROUND.
OUR DOOR GUNNER GOT BACK ON HIM in A HURRY
AND WE SURVIVED! I APPRECIATE DOOR GUNNERS!!

DICK, I AM FILING YOUR ADDRESS WITH THE
CURRENT LIST FROM MR CROWE. PLEASE NOTE
MY CORRECT ADDRESS AT THE TOP OF THIS
LETTER.

THANKS FOR WRITING,


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P.S. I'm GLAD TO SAY THAT I AM NO
LONGER "BUCCO Kilo" BUT A TRIM 200!