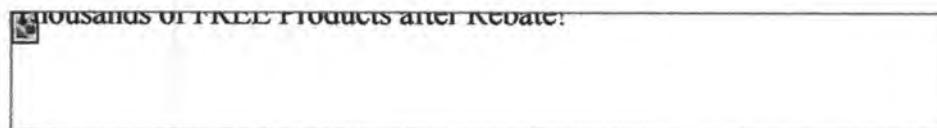


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Dear Dick,

I don't know who got the beer. But I think that's funny. Our company A/2501st was the first company to be at Sally. There was a group of Arty's there. About 3 to 5 guns, 105's I think. They were flown in and had no ground support. So they sent A Co. in. We got there a little before dark and the first thing we did was dig fox holes around the perimeter. We did not have time to cover the fox holes. We got motored that night. It was really scary for a bunch of cherries. Luckily no one got hurt. Not long after the 2nd Battalion got there and then Tet started. I very seldom was at Sally after that. In fact I don't think we saw it again until something like April 68. I could not believe how it had grown. Trucks, roads, tents, ect.

Hey! Just had a thought. Our tents were real close to the heli pad. I remember one day when rockets came in and hit by the choppers. One of the Capt. had his head taken off. I tried to extend for six months to be a gunner. Everything was o.k.'d until they found out I was a Sgt. E-5. They said they could not have a E-4 telling a E-5 what to do.

I asked Curt if he had a pic. of Sally when it was just those fox holes with the arty. their. He said it was in a book of L.Z.'s that all the pilots were given, but he hasn't seen his for years. Would you have one or know of

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some one that might have it so I could get a copy of the pic.
Most of A Co.
was killed or wounded, but some of us found each other again
last year.
All of them would give anything to have that pic.

Write soon. and thank for helping save our asses at times. You
guys were
great.

Mike Connell
Geronimo

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