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Dick,

I very much enjoyed the copy of the 188th newsletter. Now I am more convinced than ever before that the 188th would have been my type of unit! Not to say that the Little Bears were always bad -we did get to do some good things at times, but the 188th would have been by far better and I mean especially if I would have been in the Spiders. That's where I SHOULD have been!!

I especially liked the comments by former 128th crewchief Bobby McBride. By the way, I was in the 128th myself when that unit was in Korea. Even then they were still called the Tomahawks and the Gunslingers. That was a good unit when I was in it. It too would have been a unit that I would have enjoyed serving with in Vietnam. You probably remember seeing them (as I do) in flying over Phu Loi. By the way, to get into the Gunslingers there at Phu Loi, you usually had to keep extending -that's what I was told about it by a crewchief who was in the 128th then.

Here's a copy of some action reports from 3rd Brigade, 25th Division in the early part of April 1970. That was a while after you and I had been gone from Vietnam. What I read about it sure did make me wish I'd been there for another tour. Really, in all honesty, I wish now I would have had at least a second tour over there; a third tour would have been still better. I especially wish I'd had another tour there after going through Warrant Officers Flight School or something like that.

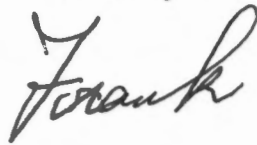
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I kick myself every time I think about it for not going to flight school when I could have!! It'd sure help to be a retired W-4 or something like that now!! And I mean DO I EVER REGRET IT!!!! I regret it every time I think about it.

Please get back in touch with me when you can. Really though, things are about the same with me now. Take care.

As Ever,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Frank". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Frank".