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Dick,

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We don't have the company flight certificate done yet but I wanted to get you flag in the mail with the check. Hopefully our CW2 that is doing the certificate will have it done soon. Also it looks like we will be staying in this Task Force set up from now on. This is going to be the new makeup of Charlie Company "Black Widows". It also looks like we will be right back here before we know it once we get back but hopefully it will hold off long enough for me to retire. I will have about 18 months left until retirement once we return to Fort Campbell.

This is my fifth combat deployment and I will have a total of 58 months in a combat zone once I am finished with this one. My wife is pretty tired of me being gone for a year at a time, but she still supports me very much. My daughter is turning thirteen on March 24th and I have spent half of that time deployed and that does not even count all the schools, field problems, and TDY which adds up to another year or more I am sure. The only good thing about being gone so much is the extra money which my wife uses to pay off all the bills. I am lucky compared to most married guys whose wives spend money faster than they can make it.

Well Dick I will let you go for now, but will send the certificate as soon as we get it made up. Take care and thanks for all you have done.

Joey D. Knapp