

Have
SATURDAY 1 JAN 69

Landed 8:30 pm in Seattle

Went for duffle bag until
1:00 p.m. Lacked out on Motel
Hill in while everything was
free the clerk give me a
double room for ten days
to wet rug that was drying
out. The rug was dry
just stained. got luggage
from Airport at 3:00 am
slept till 10:30 am next
day. Got to base about
1:00 pm took all day to process
it seemed but went to a
movie "Winter A-go-go" and PX
and ate at Snack Bar.

Monday 5 JAN 69

Woke up at 3³⁰ am for
details, put at desk taking
telephone messages. Spent
1 1/2 hrs. on detail, turned
in bedding at 8:00 pm
weighed bags at 10:00
no time for sleep.

Thursday 7, 68

Left Ft. Lewis about
4⁰⁰ am arrived at Mc Card
airbase and waited 1 hr.
before loading onto "Flying
Tiger" Airliner DC-8
carrying 219 passengers
plus crew of 12.

Flew out of Mc Card about
6:30 to Anchorage Alaska.

Had forty minutes ground
time & three reloaded
and on to Japan Yokota
About 18 hr time difference
in Japan. 1 hr ground time
went port cards got 8:00 JAP
money and hamburger.

8 Wednesday

Time change in Yokota
caused day to change.
Resetting my watch
broke off stem. On way
to Viet Nam now from
Yokota with $5\frac{1}{2}$ hr.
flight time.

At Cam Ranh Bay, Viet
Nam processed in
and hit the sack.

9 Thursday

After desert made
seven o'clock formation
found out "B" 10 not
shipping for four
to seven days. Split

up "B" into details
worked morning with
Sergeant on Burger frames

Told me to meet him
at 1:00 am afternoon
and let me off rest
of day.

Evening formation
pulled guard duty
easy job. Two hour
guard four off. Not
rest of day (or night) off.

On afternoon Thursday
noticed how beautiful
country here could be.
People are totally
different "spooky" in
there looks and walk
with a child like
innocence nature
outward appearance. But
one gets the feeling
that underneath they
despise you. One
still feels for them.
Although America's
impairing on there way
of life its not long
befor one realizes how
much were doing for them.

10 Friday

Slept most of day as
pulled guard last night.

1630 formation seen a
lot of B-29's
found that most of us
would be shipping.

1900 hrs formation
they started splitting
us up. Tom went
somewhere that I don't
remember. I flew to

Ben Hoa (pronounced Ben
wha) waiting to leave
for 90th replacement
center.

Left for quarters from
Aik Port about nine

0'clock. Passed through
the town of Long Beach
which was poverty beyond
compare with anything
in the states. Into process-
ing. Told I was 9th
Infantry somewhere in
Mexico Delta, Mexico. Waiting
to ship tomorrow morning
Left for air port 6:00

11 Saturday

Spent day getting
uniform name tags
sleeping and logging
details at Long Beach.
Went to Service Club at
6:00 pm till 10:00 seen

most of the guys they
I was with at Polk

12 Sunday

Left Johns Beach at
6:00 o'clock for Bien Hoa

where am waiting for
plane to Dong Cam

Finally got plane out
of Bien Hoa about 11:00

and into Dong Tam

Proceeded in quickly
found I'd have to go
through a training

Academy (Reliable
Academy) then after
7 or 8 days ship into

another company
of the 9th.

The field first Sgt.
told us that five
were killed and one
seriously wounded the
night before we
arrived. After show
and the last 6:30 pm
formation went to
Service Club in the company
area with bunk mate
Wayne Tachowski and
bunk neighbor Dave
and had a few beers.
First got finished getting
my bunk squared away
and crawled into it.

When a siren went
off we all filed out
and into the bunker
outside to sit out
our first mortar attack
for about 30 min. Heard
them hitting but none
close. Went back to
bed and repeated the
same thing at 3:00 am
a little closer. They
hit rock and went
to sleep by the sound
of small arms machine
gun, artillery, and
grenade launcher fire.

13 Monday

Sucked out on detail
and got Barrick's Orderly
Processed in evening

received pay for Dec and
Jan. \$241 Took out
allotment of \$130 to
send home plus my
bond of \$18.75

475

130

1430

11

1905

130

130

1430

Will leave about
40.00 a month for
me.

Tuesday 14
Relief Academy

- Started first day of review. Sat around all rest of afternoon as couldn't use range due to an operation going on. Because of range got to go in early about 6:00 pm and have the night off.
- Went to Main Post EM club and had a couple of beers.
- When mountains start admission sitting close. Ran outside but

couldn't ^{see} any bunkers
close and didn't want
to get in the open.
Found empty succ.
and half around corner
and crawled under-
neath. After few
more rounds one
close enough to hit
the truck with scrapnel
came all clear. Club
closed so started
back to company seen
where one mortar
hit the beer supply
still on side. Beer
all over plus a big

2007 7 11

Hole in the side of
the building. Little
farther looked like
a man looking by
another building that
had a hole in the
side but not sure or
didn't stop. Heard
later that Company
commander got at
bad with scrapnel
in the head another
man died from
wounds. Went to
bed to be called out
again on false orders
which ripped my mouth out.

15 ~~Friday~~ Wednesday
Spent day on ranger
and review. Lost twenty
seven dollars in card
game made four back
in evening. -23.00.

Found out that yester-
day when thought saw
man laying by building
that it was the Company
(our) Commander.

16 ~~Saturday~~ Thursday
More training pulling
burn guard tonight. This
afternoon went through
practice patrol crossing
through mud up to waist

Played poker for two
hours won \$23.00 or
the nose to make
me even. But when
I spent my money I have
\$10.00 extra. Good
time to write letters
if I can find stationery.

17th Friday

Pulled bunker guard hand
blowing thick brush around
and couldn't see shit pretty
nasty at that time.
Went back to company
found out we were
shipping for winter.

Still stayed over night
in Dong Tam. A-3-60

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Saturday 18

Stipped for unit
CA 3rd on 60th not easy
in morning spent rest
of time squaring away
equipment and preparing
aboard Army Ship Binh Hoa
The Binh Hoa pronounced "Ben
sua" acts as our base
camp. We still will
be in the field most
of the time.

19 Sunday

Pulled out on first mission today carried 11-16, 15 clips, claymore, 100 rounds M-60, two frag

grenades, one smoke shell to shore by Tango

boat then picked up by Hughie and into LZ

ending zone, didn't know what was happening. Rest of patrol was nothing for me, but another regiment of company made 2 K.I.A.'s

21 Tuesday 22, 23

Second mission:

Three days, first day dropped by tango's bumped to LZ on way passed large once beautiful catholic church built by French now falling into a gradual decay sitting in the middle of nowhere.

31 Jan

Fourth mission in third day will probably go to sleep tomorrow. Third mission was eight days ago. Just

- humped through boobyg.
- Last night in guard position Buck blew
- a claymore said he
- seen three persons at
- the end of the dyke,
- about 30 meters. When
- it went off I was asking
- the backblast of the
- mine blew me
- back and hit me in my
- pouches with my rifle
- half asleep I thought
- sure it was rebound
- slightly after words
- we got a burst of
- sniper fire & that
- the rest of the night

was quiet.

Today is the third day of our forth mission as security for a fire support base. Its more like a vacation we sit around all day drinking, eating, reading and playing cards. At night we pull a hour guard duty on our perimeter around the artillery located on barges near the bank of the Mekong River Hope, however, that we go back to the ship tomorrow as money is running out.

Feb 4

I couldn't even tell what day it is. All I know is that we just got back from my fifth mission which lasted three days.

Had mail waiting for me from Mom & Lane. I will write them now.

First day in the op we just buzzed that night Kabonki blew a

Raynoder on a goal. My first one to see dead.

What struck me most was that he was good looking for a goal

he was twenty five. Then
it hit me that I was
looking at him the way
a hunter would look
at his kill.

Second day war had
hit 17 and moved out
five guys got it with
a 105 pound bobby trap.
One dead. Two more
got it in another just
a little farther.

Third day went with
Chas. to a VC compound
had camera, took pictures
of burning poacher but
afraid film is ruin.
One woman war shot.

- in leg by Hyon when she took off running.
- Second night I was shot at at best just as we were moving to night position. About four in morning after a local explosion we moved out to set up security of a PZ as four more men were hit by a VC Chi Com mine. In same area, a sniper shot another man in and another man was shot by Choppers. Three women, three goats,

two detainees, 11
of us wounded, one
killed. Glad that
mission over, hope
it's not an indication
of the TET.

Feb 4 & 5 Written
in answer to Morn
and Lane, and wrote for
first time to Phil all
of events of fifth mission

Sixth Mission just
dumped.

- Top am
- Seventh Mission Feb 19, 68
- Sergeant Christie killed by M-16 in back. War in front of two squads
 - hit. Received fire from both directions. Christie Jones. Blew in the middle. Christie caught round in back. Ried in route to ship on board Medivas. Carried to Gopper.
 - Cyenora and Yeash hit by lobby traps.
 - Yeash hit in head. O.K. Cyenora well live but messed up leg.

Feb. 28, 69

Just got into ship.

Feb. 12-15 Jones

16-24 Fire Support

24-26 Titterton, Dreyer, Byrnes

27-28 "Bombshell"

Been out so long and without a chance to really sort out that had lost track of the number of missions for my journal. But with the help of Kotler we got the dates straight, will write log on missions as I remember them.

89 82 722
12 Feb, 69 - 15 Feb

Eight mission, three
days. All I remember is
Bob Jones getting in
wounded in the side
of the hip on the ride
I day. Had been receiving
hiper five; Jones had
seen talking to me
about his close call
from the seventh mission
where Christy got it to.

the one he had just
had that day. He was
walking past in the
second squad I was
right behind it busy.
Ielp the front of first

igquad with Buck
when more sniper rounds
cracked. It turned out
that one hit Jones, in
the side of the hip as
he was crossing the
bridge. Byers, Doc,
Adams, and myself
moved him to about
PZ about 200 meters
away through bellish
mud and canals.

Feb 16-24 North Plains
Suppose to be a rent
up time for our tower

as much as we nearly been paid
position as we don't in
the fields. Tried to
catch up on letters to
ma but couldn't mail
them so just ended
up with one long
letter that hope to
send tonight (Feb 28)

lost letter Feb 17.
Also got ATO for \$5 on
going on R.R. Support ad Regner

Feb 24 - 26 Penth Mission

Just coming back from
Pure Support lot of action
had been met by other
company of the B/60. We
were expecting a short
time on the ship. But
unexpectedly even before we
got to the ship we
were preparing to go
out. On the Berneval
long enough to get c's
and make it to flight
deck. Already had different
radio as Turk went on
profile, so I became
1-6 RTO.

did real poor job first

12 6 30-30 30 30
day as RTO. Alfa's was
it seem always on my
air for some kind of
take that I had made.
it must of been over
second day out. We were
just setting up palace
guard. I had moved from
a spot in the trail about
100 meters when my
rounds cracked. Moved
back to location where
I had just some rounds
went further down trail
killing Gitter and Lopez.
wondering. Byron. Gitter
never knew what hit
him or round went in

under his nose. Lopez
hit bad in chest believed
to of struck heart. Byerson
though grieved over Pitter
and Lopez happy for his
million dollar leg
wound.

Feb 27-28. "Bombshell"

²⁶ Came in tired, radio
heavy and carried extra
weight from fact that Pitter
was hit. One night on
ship lasted about nine
or ten hours altogether.
Had to pack all equipment
or changing ship, eat, shower
and clean equipment for

another operation at five
the next morning. Never
did get to cleaning my
equipment or for that
matter anyone else. Nor
any sleep to speak of or got
to bed at 1:30 am.

Feb 27 left Benerua by Tanager
ledding for the Poor Roads.
Navy guaranteed us ambush
and we got it. About 20
minutes of steady fire one
escort Mike boat took
six rounds injured five
somehow didn't sink
Beached us after ambush
and we swept back along
beach toward direction of

ambush. Clover-leaving
the area got one v.c., missed
five. Had 6 the air and
had us humpin all over.
Eventually finally got to
destination for night. For
once it was "dry hard
ground". Set up ambush
for night. Early morning
part of the second element
fired at goods coming down
trail. Slightly wounded
let him go an about
fifty years old.

Eagle fled into
another area where we were
to dig graves to ratify
Merritt Alfa Body Court.

Pulled out by another
Cagle flight and put
into bombed out, artillery
area near Ben Tre. Always
got sniper fire or some
kind of action here. Last
time caught 35 VC in air
strike when trapped them
to the blue.

Didn't move for before
received sniper fire. 3-6
and 2-6 branched off. C.P.
and 4-6 followed 1-6 up
trail. Came to point
where trail crossed with
another. Knew sniper
ahead of us moving slowly.
Alfa 6 kept telling us

to move faster. Gave us
direction to go ~~at~~ from
the intersection. I sat
down on a dirt mound
as man waiting for first
squad to move out and
1-6 and I to fall in
behind. A loud explosion
of a 105 round stunned
us all for a second as
first squad just completed
rounding the corner and
moving down the trail.
Cue for Madec from
everyone as four men
were injured. Mick
was point man. Good
Doc locate went to him

first. Myrick was blown
off the trail into the
canal his leg blown off
at the thigh. Roc
done for so long couldn't
get him out by himself
when Roc Coulter came
up. Myrick died then.
Roc went to the next
man back Allen Cumm-
erison. Four or five
bad wounds in chest
Crummer patched him up, said he
looked better, color came
back could breathe better.
He died shortly after being

dierted off: Tiger Scout,
Kim, facial wounds and
minor leg, arm wounds
O.K. Gary new guy, third
minor arm wound O.K.
After first 105 bobby
trap. CP order security
set up. 1-6 ordered
second squad to move
in opposite direction on
the trail. CP moved
up to the area bench-
ing up by the intersect-
ion. 1-6 was by CP just
finished transmission
over my radio. I started
to move down trail as
I heard order from CP

for the lead man of
the 4-6 element to
move out straight across
the trail to set up
security. I had just
got the hand set from
1-6 turned around and
the explosion came from
my left rear about half-
ing my head. I turned
around to see a night-
mare of tangled bodies
starting from 1-6 and
was right behind me
on down the trail to
the intersection where
the whole CP was laid
out and further down

To most of our men
in the second squad,
I was petrified, 1-6 who
was right behind me
was blown up the
trail, a medic was
going to him, I went
over to Alfa 6 but a
medic was coming
up. I started for Ganga
but he wasn't to bad.
Sgt. Bleist ^{wounded} said to go
help 1-6 but the medic
was there.

When I seen Rodgers
point man who hit
the bobby trap, I
moved over to him.

his legs were gone
from above the knee
down. He was conscious
calm and alert. He asked
me if it was bad, if
his legs were gone. I

told him yes but that
he was ok everywhere
else and could make it.

I got the medic to
him. Tourniquets on his
legs and morphine. I
stayed with him, he
asked me to shoot
him to get it over
with.

Twenty six wounded, three
dead, 900 left in my platoon.

March 2-4 Eleventh Division

Three day operation
quieter than those in
past. Last day awaiting
extraction on P7 caught
sniper rounds from
all sides. Returned
before and assaulted beaches
and approached woodline
pushing back snipers.
I called in arty. Had
to pull back for
left out. We were
last element on
ground caught more
sniper fire rest of
element company had
to come back. No

injuries a few
Charles then left for
green acres and a day
rest up.

March 7-70. Tivethd

Got sick about three
in morning with
bad care of GI's. At five
everybody up to go
out. Started vomiting
and had dizzy fever
feeling. Made it to
Hong 4 am on Yangor
and started vomiting
again. Top wanted
to send me in but
gun-bol Captain

Warman told me to
"drive on" and if I got
sicker he'd get me out
of the field. Had just
overheard him say to
"Top" that if I went
out I wouldn't be
coming in. So before
Cagle flight I told Top
I was going back and
he got OK. Pretty
sick for two days
on ship. Am also
heard where I got
it from 105. Bobby
Trapp the Capt. in
Co. Met Co. back in
Song Tam after operation.

7 W2
In Song Tom heard
about Bobby trap. Other
always bloody. Wagner
and Brown of the 3rd
platoon were killed.

Spent day in Song
Tom buying tobacco
Horecoat 3 tiger teeth
Dawn, package mailed
Walked around but
got tired and still
didn't feel too good
so got some rest.

March 10-13 Thirteenth
Left from Song Tom
on 13th day of. All
quiet until last day

when met Hot LZ
on a re-inversion
flight. Company pin
down by sniper and
machine gun fire.
Took our platoon
and moved into
woodline and with
flanking movement
scared Charlie off.
Got one with a weapon
made record AK4?
of mission or got
one just earlier.

March 15-18 ^{from the}
Acquired my first
injury when during

the first night Charlie
snuck up on our
perimeter and blew

a Chi Chom Claymore.
It was the alternate
of the perimeter to me,
but I was dead

asleep and woke up
with rifle in hand
crawled over my

sergeant Adams
berde me and right
into a tree banging
my head. Six were
injured three died.

March 19-22 ~~Fifteenth~~
First night was
Boo-Co fire all night
long.

That day we on
a Battlin' regt movement
moved to surround a
area where Charlie
Dead Herincor were
suppose to be having
a ^{meeting} ~~meeting~~. Our platoon
was the only element
to cross a river into
the territory. We got
no contact but nearly
lost two guys from
drowning. I was
life gelard and feel

good to have the
credit of saving one
life. Crawford.
Charley hit our 2nd
element who was out
of our reach across the
blues. All night long
he used artillery and
grenades to keep
them off. They were
killed and shrapnel
to blow a hole down
on their night position,
wounding two men
seriously. Thought we
would get it as
Charley was suspended
from across the river.

at us, and in return
Artillery was falling
about 50 to 75 meters
from us plus gun
ships shooting rockets
and mini-guns, four
right over our heads.
A position next to me
threw a grenade, I
was just visiting
for Charles and thought
sure it was a
Chi Chon, the Sentent
just laughed at me
for jumping for cover.
Rest of mission pretty
quiet except we blew
a law into a hole

That we thought we
had received sniper
fire from. It burned
almost instantly.

Burning a man-in
and held body and
another to death.

Believe in dirt off for them
did war because they
had a special VC I
squad with us.

24-26 Sixthmonth
A-3-60th got name

in paper and on the
news. We just stumbled
onto chained RVN POW's

four of them handcuffed
chained together blindfolded
and in little bunkers.
Second platoon found
six VC prisoners in
same condition, four
Chu Hols.

27-29 April March 17th

Had quiet mission
till third day when
we got lots of sniper
fire. New Sgt. Schultz
got wounded in leg
but on started off
believe its million
dollar wound. Sniper
positions seem close

that day to me
particularly for some
reason but no trouble.
First time it rained
in the field since in
Viet Nam.

Came in and was
made to go on night
raid. Searched but no
trouble just shot up
the place checked
booths then went
in.

30 - 2 April 1968
Started working new
area and it was the
worst terrain yet
all stagnant water

everywhere with thick
stinking black mud.
Had all company in
area. But we met
with little contact
while everyone else
shoots up place.

On P2 a cobra gunman
put 79 rounds right
down the middle
of landing formation
10-15 ft from some-
guy. Somehow no
one injured.

Per. Wee step on
a toe propper booby
trap but wasn't
hurt. Then Nash

- did on got hurt off
men injured.
- Reoriented and Lee Wee
hit another one
cracked his ankle bone.
- Found a bunch of
vc supplies and got
35 hills in area. So
got a well done and
came in after four
days.

○ April 4th 6th
16 or profels re Butlar
acted as platoon leader.
Larry but did pretty
good work. blame him
as he's short only 4.5 days

quiet op and pretty
good terrain. Blit
Butler new and A 6
on our air glad when
it was over.

April 8th 10th '20

Lucked out and
missed a mission.

Have me three days
to rest up. Had a
beer party in Gong.
Tom got drunk and
into a fight that
gave me a shenier
that closed my eye.

Heard Soraeh only
in company 1 month got
hit in foot B.W. wound,

H 1 4
April 12-14th 21st
Worked new area
rough going very
thick. Other platoon
getting kills and
weapons. We had
contact only once but
wounded good but
couldn't catch him.
War told to link
up with 4th platoon
and CP called to be
told them to be
on look out for
our point man. (Cay)
CP also called them
we got split up
in thick jungle

so held it up.
Cavanagh walking
point kept on going
for some reason.
North platoon heard
him and open up
shot him right in
the gut just a few
men. after calling
them to be on
look out. Dusted
him off. Dounded out.
that the bullet
deflected off a button
on his shirt going
into rear and
out again. No
major injuries

will be OK. Thank
god. Had tumbled
into it. Bare camp
made quite a find
got weapons and
gear for good op.
Only one casualty
but enough caused
by our own stupidity.

April 15-23. Winnipeg
Eight days of fire
support. Pretty good
one for an outfit
being moved to
much or being
harassed. No big
incidences. No big
Stem

to me that be
F.S. being a rest
period where always
entered coming
out as we went
in. Couple of ambushes
on tangoi while
moving but nothing
more than few
sniper rounds.

April 25-28 23rd

Quaint mission
were had in long
time. No incoming
rounds all mission.
Did do lot of shooting
at geese however.

got two good
one reception. No
casualties for us.

Answering lo-co
mail that has piled
up. One is critical
about Viet Nam

and sent. It was
some full of holes
had everybody read
it. Just don't no
what to think
of it.

	Jan	Feb	March	April
Mom	ta	4, 28	2, 10, 18, 29	2, 5 th , 26
Ann	ta	9,	2, 14, 22, 29	7, 28
Gail	(ac)		2, 15, 18,	2, 7,
Bob	ta(17)	1-	2, 6, 18,	2, 7,
Lane	ta	4,	14,	2, 7,
W.M.	+		14,	29,
Gr. Ma		9,	2,	29,
Gr. Pa			15,	2,
Fidel		5,		
Ally E.			15,	5p
Rich O.			18,	
Shel		(2)-28,		