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Parents -

Well, I've been here long enough to have had a Fitness Report written on me. They are written semi-annually on all Sergeants + above. On them is a space to indicate 3 choices for next duty station after RVN tour.

- Mine :
1. IWAKUNI, Japan
  2. SASEBO, "
  3. Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif.

Really hot for Japan. Got a sampling of the Japs on Okie + they're great - friendly in the finest sense + sincere,

even after thousands of stupid G.I.'s have tried to jinx them out of just about everything since '45.

The closest Marine Base to the Mid West is Quantico, 1000 miles, so why not be 10,000 miles away & travel & see much for nothing? Guys coming off a RVN tour almost always get their first or second choice so I shouldn't have much trouble. I'll have 16 months to go after I rotate.

Got a letter from the Heils. He's almost getting

short - about 70 days to go. He's really hot to sell insurance for Kovacs' outfit - Northwestern Mutual.

Got a pair of letters from our Steve, ~~one~~ of which he wrote & lost for about a month.

Trying to buy a camera & get some pix before monsoon starts but they don't last long in the PX's.

My next paycheck will be large - around \$100. I'll convert it to a money order & send it home. Put all of it in savings

acc't. hereafter I'll be sending  
a check per month of about  
\$400. You also will get a  
couple packages. One will  
be some clothes I don't need -  
sport coat, etc. Other will  
be some letters, mag articles  
I want to keep. Hang up  
the sport coat in closet;  
put other in upstairs desk.

Looks like we may have  
another 1948-style campaign  
shaping up. Should be close -  
I've got HHH winning by less  
than 2 million. Send some  
clips & book reviews.

