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Parents -

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Got back to company the afternoon of the 8th, We're at Con Thien, site of a big '65 battle. We're in nice cool, flat areas now, about 10 miles west of South China Sea + 2 miles South of DMZ. They got here about the 31st of MAY + we'll be here quite a while yet - to the 15th at least, maybe until 1 JULY. Don't want to stay any longer - got a camera now + want some good grunt pix before I rotate. This place is really well defended - 8 inch + 105mm artillery, 4.2", 81mm + 60mm mortars, electronic personnel detecting scopes, tanks + more I probably haven't seen yet.

Got some pretty good flicks already,
After I got back from Singapore I
learned my former 3d Platoon Sergeant,
radioman, + one of the squad leaders
were killed on a sweep while I was
away. Radioman stepped on a mine,
I now have 2nd platoon in the
company. They're the best platoon in the
company, the one all others are jealous
of, try to emulate, they have the
most kills, too, which causes them
to have much pride. No idea
where we go next. We never did
get to the A Shau, so I missed
Hamburger Hill, Damn! Kennedy's
rantings indicate a total ignorance
of the tactics a limited amount of
manpower forces on a participating



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force. But he has to keep in
the news to follow in the footsteps,
Just heard of Nixon's decision to pull
out 25,000, mostly combat, + Namath's
decision to retire. I welcome only
the latter.

Got your packages - they were
great considering I don't have to
buy it, the most common fruit
in c-rations ~~is~~ is fruit cocktail
so we're quite sick of it; others
were great, tho. Don't send any
more packages to me - too
short. I sent a package home
before + after R+R - open both.
Put all in the first in my room
& try to get the one roll of film

developed. In the second, put the small box upstairs & have the film developed. The small box contains a jade Buddha - understand it's mine, tho, it's sent to your address. Display it in the living room or anywhere else you want. Think you'll like the piece of Ivory I sent you.

Steve wrote & is living a dream existence - reading & seeing all he wants, searching out small artier corners of the city, dabbling in painting, drinking in the greatest days of his life so far - he's been re-admitted to Cornell. By some fluke he got out of the draft, but he said he was doing some powerful sweating.



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We've really got it soft here—
showers, hot meals, few patrols,
all beer + pop we want, + plenty
of slack time. I've probably got
time for only one more operation;
about 46 days left in the bush.
My orders for next duty station
should be in company office by
now. Praying for Japan but
afraid it might be Camp Lejeune,
North Carolina—a real swamp. I
don't want to go on a med cruise +
play war games in Italy + Morocco.

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