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Parents -

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What's this ordering of gifts by detailed description, Ma? It's not what I had in mind, but I'll look for it. If I don't find it I'll fall back on the original plan. My route home will not be as exotic as you seem to think. I'll go: Quang Tri, DaNang, Okinawa, and a West coast air base, probably one of Norton or Travis Air Force Bases, or Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, Calif. When I get to

Ohinawa I will try to bump myself for a few days as I like it much. When in California I will link up with Mrs. Foster's daughter in San Fran for a couple days' sightseeing + transition back to Stateside life. When I'll try to get a military hop to Chi or somewhere near. What's a free flight occasioned by some pilot getting some hours in the air - they just fly empty planes, usually cargo types. If I can't get that I'll go civilian stand-by -  $\frac{1}{2}$  price. So I can't predict at all when I'll get to Chi - I'll



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just have to call when I get near, or there. (You remember Mrs. Foster - taught with her in Rockford)

Lately, guys have been getting flight dates (Stateside-bound) a few days before their 12 + 20. I am now the shortest one in the company without a flight date. I will get one of the next batch of quotas from Division. My 12 + 20 is 24 JULY, & it's possible I'll get a flight date a couple days before then.

Well, I may as well be home, as safe as it is here. We're at Khe Sanh bridge on route 9

between Cam Lo + Vandegrift  
Combat Base. Just like Con Thien -  
swim call, cold beer + soda, hot  
meals, etc. We run a few  
patrols but no danger. The last  
company that was here lost 4  
injured on roadsweeps but my  
platoon doesn't have that commit-  
ment. The only bitch we have is  
getting up + down this steep  
hill we're on; all the heavies -  
Battalion Commander + headquarters  
pogues - are here, too, so we  
have to watch haircuts + uniforms.  
Been getting some great flicks.



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here + have another roll on  
way - in that heavy envelope you  
sent. I re-addressed it to the  
Chicago processer so it should  
come back ready to view, I've  
hardly thought about a projector +  
screen but should, with low  
prices this side of the world, You're  
charged with protecting all frames I  
send you - no brats with jam  
on their fingers are to get near  
them. And don't schedule me  
for any showings or dinners

before I get home - I'll play it by ear when I get there. I'll not spend my entire leave telling the uninvolved what "war is really like."

I would like to use the downstairs refig while I'm home, tho - beer + other coldies I crave.

Can't remember if I told you but I had two WIA's on 7 JULY. We found a cache of 53 82mm mortar rounds + were searching out some nearby bunkers + one of us tripped a wire <sup>(mine)</sup> that was my last close call - 30-40 feet away - just ringing ears.

Later,

LT. C.

Still no orders.

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