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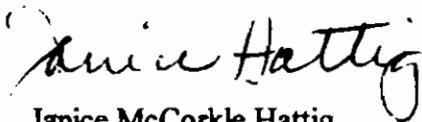
Please find enclosed the last few letters from a Sentry Dog Handler written to me in 1970 from Da Nang AFB, Vietnam. Add the picture to your catalog. The letters, I think, are representative of the day and time. Perhaps they would be useful in your archives.

Like many stories, this one began years ago. I was a college student in 1966, living in Missouri. I met Steve Jones on a blind date. He was an art student and a friend of a friend. We dated and then lost touch. A couple of years later we met again and kept in contact as he was transferred from a tour of duty at Clark AFB in 1968 to, quite a few APO's "in country", the last at Da Nang.

My father destroyed all of Steve's letters as he thought they were too "incendiary"! These are all that remain! I eventually graduated from college. I even lived on Guam for a time. I saw many airmen and sailors and keenly experienced being a stranger in a strange land.

My daughters found these letters recently. They wondered about this person I had written to so many years ago. I could say with confidence that he was a mighty fine man.

Sincerely,


Janice McCorkle Hattig

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