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Dear Family,

I arrived in Canakam Bay on the 4th (which is the 3rd in the states). I stayed there for 2 days and then they sent me to Bien Hoa (pronounced Ben Wah) where they assigned me to the 101st Airborne Division. I'm now going through 5 days of what they call P training. It's what they call preparatory training. All Captains + below have to go through it. Tomorrow is the 4th day. After that I'm going probably to Camp Eagle which is in Phu Bai just a little bit south of Hue (pronounced Wey). That will probably be my home base. But the fire bases are spread out all around Hue + Phu Bai and all through the Aun Shan Valley. I had perimeter guard last night I was in charge of 3 bunkers and the guys were so scared every time a pig or a monkey would come close to the perimeter they would wake me up to see what was out there. I didn't get much sleep. It's pretty nice in



the Base Camp here. We have house girls who come around through the barracks and clean up and wash out clothes. Some of them are pretty nice looking. The NCO Club here is real good except they don't have air conditioning (it stays real hot here 24 hours a day) and they close at 9:30. I just came back from there, the waitresses are really good looking and the beer is only 15¢ a can.

I know 3 NCO's from Ft. Gordon here and one guy who was a cook in my company there. The food in the mess hall is real good but the food we get in the snack bar is terrible. The food is American style but the Vietnamese make it and it's very poor quality. I had a steam bath the day before yesterday and it was great. They give you a steam bath and then a shower and then a massage by Vietnamese girls for \$2.50. It takes about 2 hours.

We have 5 P. Co Viet Cong who are training with us as scouts. They speak a little bit of English but not



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Much. The each have an L&C buddy assigned to them to watch them 24 hours a day. They're used quite a bit in the FOI's to detect booby traps and ambushes against us. I'll probably be leaving here on or about the 17th of the month for Phu Bai. Don't write me here, I'll send you my address as soon as I get assigned to my unit up North.

Today we had a plane crash at the airport right next to me. Lt. was one of the South Vietnamese pilots, I heard that they get pretty shook real easy and crash a lot of planes and jets.

Well I'm going to the movie now so that I can get a seat. The last movie that I saw was Planet of the Apes. Lt. was pretty good except the show the show about every 20 minutes because they had a small projector and had to change tape after

Allen



F.S.

The Germans

call us

Chicken man

because they think
that the eagle ~~is~~

wears ~~us~~ on our
shoulder is a chicken



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