

August Seven
Chi Lai, RVN

Dear John,

We are back here at
the rear again for stand
down, a miniature R&R.
We get four days this
time instead of the
usual three. We have
to check out some
additional equipment
in preparation for the
monsoons. We will
have four months
of daily rain showers
to cope with. The
old timers say you

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turn into a marsh-
mallow from being
wet all the time.

We are scheduled to
get a new CO and a
new first Sgt. before
our next mission. The
new CO is a West
Point man with no
time in-country. I
hope he has his shit
together and don't try
to be another Eisenhower
or Patton or something.
I don't like the idea of
getting hard-core
commanders at all.

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I am presently sitting
on the beach looking
out across the South
China Sea. There is a
real nice breeze blowing
in from the ocean and
real cool. If I could
walk on water I
think I would walk
home.

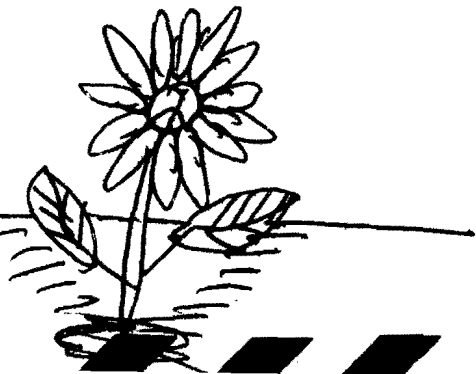
I guess I had best
quit for now. Have
several letters to
write before I quit.

Have a care

as ever

Gary

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