

Dear Ogden,

Derek.V.King,

18/28 McBurney Rd.,

Cabramatta.2164.

AUSTRALIA. Tel: 02.726.8902

2 January,1987.

First off,please note my change of address,as above.

Secondly,my grandious venture fell flat,all outgoings (costs) and no incoming profits.Our local Chinese failed to live up to expectations and couldn't deliver the goods with their counterparts .I won't bore you with the details.The only prospective asset I have left now is the film,not as expected a TV series.This is now in the production stage which out here is the longest part and takes six to eight months.Except for some minor payments for technical consultants I won't receive the major payment until actual filming commences.This is partly to be undertaken in Australia with externals to be done in Thailand.Filming is expected to ~~take~~ from ten to twelve weeks..

you will

In the meantime I have fallen upon rather bleak financial times.I have had to forsake my my own apartment and am now living with Vietnamese friends.For reasons best known to them,they beleive that they owe me for assisting their former country in its hours(years) of need..

Healthwise,I've hit strife too;a condition known as "Essential Tremor",which causes my hands and forarms to vibrate out of control.Handwriting is a major chore.Fortunately I can still use this electric typewriter.And my doctor and the specialists I have consultants,^{or}can't tell me what causes the condition,only that usually people get it in their mid-eighties,not in my case the early sixties!So much for modern medical science! In about six weeks I will start to recieve an Invalid Pension from the Government.This will be some \$A120.00 per week,paid fortnightly after the first six week period,which will be back-dated to 5th January.I can no longer drive so movement is restricted to 'Shank's Pony'(walking),Public Transport or the generosity of friends.

Reference Major Burns,both Richard and I have lost trace of him and Richard even tried Military Records;but we are still trying.I gave Richard your new address,but don't hold your breath awaiting his correspondence as you know his record in this regard.

Still travelling around,I see.Half your luck!.Chad sounded like a black version of Vietnam!,except for the hate bit..How did the walkabout go in Alaska?You told me in a previous letter that you contemplated back-packing across the State.I was very jealous at the time and a little envious.

I am also envious about your deer in the fields oulook.The closest I get to the beasties is Thit-Nai in a local Viet restaurant.

2/.

that I can continue to write. I am about twelve chapters into my third manuscript tentatively titled "The Plain of Reeds", which is about my personal adventures in Kien Tuong, Moc Hoa and Ap Bac and surroundings. On this subject Mau is out and I believe he now resides in Melbourne. Just by accident, I ran into one of my ex-M60 gunners from the Moc Hau APT and he told me that that Mau and about 30 ex members of the Moc Hau Team back tracked across northern Cambodia, southern Laos and into Thailand where they were split up but not until Mau had told them to try to get to Uc Chau (Australia) and find their ex-Thieu-Ta, which one of them, at least has managed to do. He is now a regular visitor.

I hope your nephew makes contact, but with my present change of abode this might be a bit difficult for him, unless he has Richard's address, who in turn, has mine.

I guess that is enough woe for one letter, so

best regards,

Denk