

FRIDAY NITE

DEAR AUNT MARGE

AFTER 9 Days I finally made it to my parent unit at Lai Khe. I'm working in field maintenance for the 173^d ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY. THERE ABOUT 25 HELICOPTER and a small landing strip. The 1st Division's IRON BRIGADE is right across the road and so is Lai KHE a 1 dozen buildings. THE whole mess is in the middle of ~~an~~ rubber plantation in the IRON TRIANGLE. ~~THE~~ Lai Khe is about 100 miles from Cambodia and 50 miles North east of Saigon. We're still in tents with wooden floors BUT IT Better than nothing. Its NOT to hot, BUT its so dusty that we don't even clean the place, we just let the wind change the dirt every day. At night IT cools off quite a bit but its not like home.

There's a radio and TV station that we can get but TV on 4 hours a night and theres none here