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Dear Mom & Dad,

Yesterday it was exactly one month that I've been in the war. Eleven more months until my freedom bird leaves for home. Keeping occupied during off duty hours is about the hardest to get used to, - although as you know - for me it isn't all that bad. This Friday I'm going down to the beach to do some swimming - & get a good tan.

I don't think I mentioned the fact that I've got a girl friend. Her name is Lam, and she works in the S.K. Twenty - good looking - & very smart (in her second year of college). Her parents own a house in Bien Hoa & Saigon. The only problem we have is getting together. She has a pass to the on base just during the time of work. Otherwise she can't get on base at other times. Plus the town is off limits for now - so being restricted to base isn't the best. Not only that but the customs for taking a girl out here - is a problem. First I have to visit her house & talk to her mother - & if she approves then I can take her out.

- but then again there's another problem. a ~~vulnerable~~ girl can not ^{risk} walk with a GI - cause if the police see her - then they pick her up & put her in jail - and not only that but decent chicks get a bad name.

Needless to say this should be one of the most interesting situations that I've had with a girl friend.

Mom, as far as Bonnie goes don't worry about it - remember I'm looking for a hard headed woman not a wandering friend.

- clue me in on all the local goings on with all you guys - I'm fine & well - & hope that all is well for you back there.

Love
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