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Dear Mom & Dad

- I figured if a letter wasn't sent soon you'd be thinking the worst. Plus I received a letter from Aunt Peg and realized how much a letter means to you guys.

I first off I'm sorry to hear that Billy is ad-hung up, and I know you're thinking that's how I'll come home. Please trust in me and believe that I quit using anything to mess you up. The guys I've been hanging around with are just regular guys - that like to get drunk once in awhile as I do.

- Keeping busy is the main object, and in that case I'm found a lot to do. I'm on the "scrubs" baseball team (softball) - playing midfield back-up. Left hand for some reason is always being hit to - so atleast I get a good work-out and I work every other night at the airman's club as a M/A. - mighty mouse the bouncer.

What an M/A does is sit at the door and check club cards, appearances, etc. - then switch off about half way through the night & walk around while the bands play, to keep order, make sure the girls work, and to keep the guys from approaching the S.S. Dancers. - Also as you can imagine I sleep walking around these good looking chicks. - No mopping floors or putting up chairs. Just enjoying the music & standing around. Nothing like having it easy - and you know I like that.

Now I didn't answer all the questions you asked - so here they are: The food is pretty good - I eat twice a day & at night a snack to maintain a happy medium. The barracks I live in is broken down into rooms by partitions. - I had one of the Vitramas build my room up - which took about two weeks - it cost me \$30 - so now I have my own room - most of

the guys have two living in each room, I was lucky you could say! Now I know a lot of people & in fact have a few good friends that I go down to Saigon was in awhile - yes

I've been keeping myself in the best of spirits & when I'm down I pick myself up by going & fooling around with the girls on base - some of them are a lot of fun - I'M TAKING REAL GOOD CARE OF MYSELF - BELIEVE ME. - Take a look & you tell me if I look well in the picture enclosed - I'd say I look pretty good - not that I'm conceited - just that I am. Now I'll write more often if you'll stop worrying ok? You take care of yourself & stick to your diet like you promised & stick to mine - ok?

Dad, I guess you could say
 my description of the base, the
 then vague. So now I'll try
 again to explain in more
 detail. One of the things
 that fascinates me the most
 - is to see 12 to 15 choppers
 in formation going over head.
 Not only choppers but F5's
 (VNAF) (yet that look like
 clunts) what a sound when
 they're flying low - loud.
 Dad there's a bunch of
 planes on base that I've
 never seen before - what
 I'll do is take a group of
 pictures + send them soon.
 also I'll get a lot of shots from
 the VNAF area. - Let me
 know if you'd like certain
 shots - oh - you take
 care of yourself for - cause
 there's only you - Oh?
 - Did I tell
 you I brought myself a flashlight
 because it cost me \$3 +
 it's pretty decent.

Oh, by the way, did you
receive the latest haul yet?

Last weekend I
barged on + ran into
a few Australian Pilots
up in the Squadron Bar -
above the barracks - convenient
hub? It's takes awhile
to get used to them - but
once you do then there's
the Exchange of ranks -
bloody this, bloody that
- with shorts + bree socks
to go with it. - Last
was an interesting night.
The Base has a canteen
area - has all sorts of
people - always meeting
someone new.

This weekend
is the Vietnamese Arm
Services Day - + there
will be all sorts of parties
down in Saigon.

Here's a few words I picked
up in Vietnam

ti' to' - about
Monkey, How - jail
bokoo - much
sowp - he
hik - understand

It's not much - but a
start,

- all is well here
- hopefully the same
with all of you.
Take care

Love
Howard

P.S. - I will write - honest
enough & stop worrying Mom - OK?
"KEEP Smiling"

This is what
Bonnie had on a letter
she sent - It's a good
idea huh - she's
really a nice person.

