

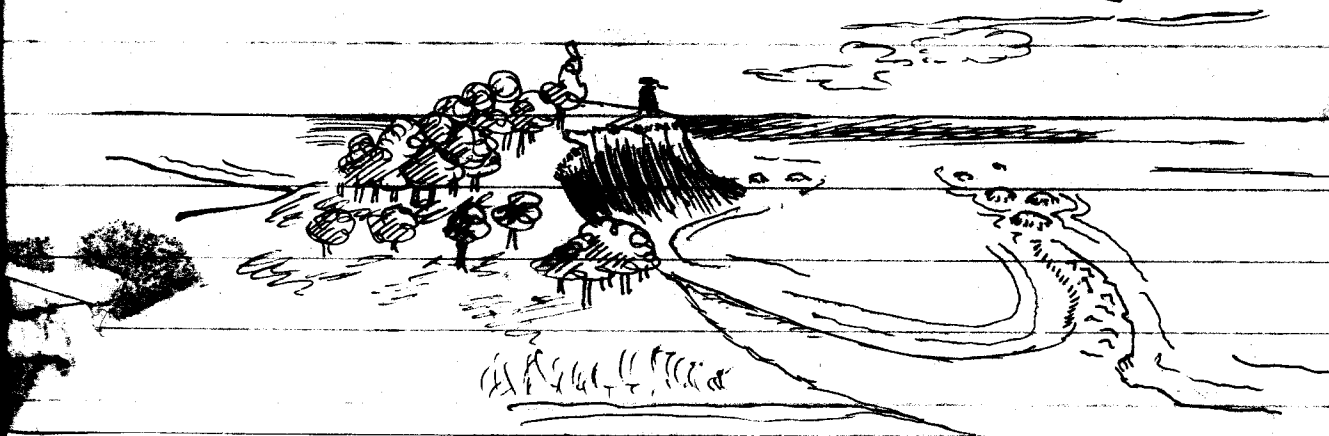
Cheu Lai

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Dear Family:-

Lai's package of books arrived the other day (yesterday, to be precise), along with the newspapers. Maybe I'll have more time to do some reading; there hasn't been too much work the past couple of weeks - fewer people in mood of being medevaced, which is good to know.

I actually had a chance to go down to the beach on my Cook half day off. It's about two miles up the road from my hooch (Cheu Lai and its satellite ^{complex} form an enormous), a beautiful little cove formed by the cliffs and a crescent of rock jutting out to sea. As a consequence, it's very calm water, and the bottom is fine-grained sand, comparatively free of vegetation etc.



However, my "delicate" complexion didn't allow me to stay very long - especially on such a clear day. So I left the people I was with and (fortunately - it's a long way up those hills), hitched a ride on a passing 3/4-ton all the way back to the company area - where I took an ice-cold shower (the only kind we have around here.) and turned my fan on high.

I'm afraid I'm not very creative today - so I'll just add that I love you - and will try writing again soon.

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