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The President should make the announcement on the 15th. You probably will receive this letter a day or two later. One Brigade of the 101st Airborne is going back to the U.S. No, it is not my brigade but the brigade at Camp Evans. There are three brigades in the 101st Airborne. Now there will be only two.

I ~~feel~~ feel that my brigade, the First Brigade, will be following soon thereafter. Some time in February or the first of March.

I may come home with the brigade or I may be transferred to another unit in Vietnam till my year is up. I think I will be sent.

home.

One of my ~~set~~ enlisted men fell asleep on radio watch last night. I wrote a note to the S-3 begging the ground work to have him replaced if he can't stay awake. Radio watch is very important. If it were not we would just turn our radios off at night.

Today was another sunny hot day. The high today, must have been in the high 80's. I really like missing this years winter. The tropics are very nice but hard on cloth and other material things.

The Regiment I am working with has killed 1,332 enemy soldiers this year. This number is very correct. Before.

a count can be made a body must be found. They have also captured 330 enemy weapons. The cost was 189 friendly dead and 300 wounded. Twenty-Three are missing and 13 weapons are lost. The 3rd Regiment 1st ARVN Division is one of the best the Vietnamese have. It is used to guard the old imperial capital of Hue.

The Vietnamese still need aircraft support and heavy artillery support. The U.S. does not need to supply any more ground troops. All U.S. Infantry should be pulled out tomorrow except a small force to guard our aircraft. I don't know about the rest of Vietnam but the Vietnamese in I Corps can hold their own against the enemy.

I have been in Vietnam four months now and I have still not fired my weapon or been shot at directly. I believe the main reason for this was Lam Son 719. The invasion of Laos back in January broke the NVA resupply lines. The enemy has been trying to build his resupply base up again in the west. The NVA that were killed the other day were carrying fresh rice. They were in our AO because they were trying to get food from the low lands around Hue. They are not being ~~resupplied~~ resupplied well enough from the North.

I think the Vietnamese will be able to hold their own against the north but I see no end to the

war itself.

Personally I am enjoying Vietnam but all Infantrymen should be sent home tomorrow. The Vietnamese are still fighting this war. They will go after the enemy. The US forces will only fight with artillery and aircraft not with Infantry against Infantry. The ~~good~~ quickest way for a Colonel to lose his job is to get a number of US Infantrymen killed. Therefore US Infantry will not go after the enemy. We do patrol and hunt for him but when found we fall back and rely on artillery and other supporting fires. The Vietnamese will use Infantry against Infantry. When Infantry goes

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after Infantry somebody is going to win
or lose. When you use artillery or
aircraft the enemy may get hurt or
they may get away through the jungle.

Was the war worth it? I don't
know. I will have to think some
more on that.

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I am writing twice a day now. It will not last long. I am running out of envelopes. Tonight I read in the Army Times that a special board is meeting in Washington. They will pick out 5,000 officers to be rifted from the Army. They will receive a three month notice after Christmas which means they will be out of the Army by April 72. I feel sure I will be among that number.

If you are Reserve and in a branch that has more than its quota you can count on being out of the Army in April.

I am reserve and am also Infantry.

With the Vietnam war nearly over the need for Infantry is over till the next war.

This group of 5,000 will be rifted because of a surplus and not ~~of~~ because of individual ~~off~~ efficiency. I think I will be out in April 72.

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2ND LETTER

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I just finished the worse 24 hour
period I have had since coming
to Vietnam. I

that is punched with a coded punch daily. With the correct punch you can hear all secret radio messages.

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