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Today was just like yesterday. Nothing happened. Nobody called, came or left. If those letters were not free I would not even waste 8¢ telling you this.

The weather is very nice tonight. It is just like a summer night outside. It is about 74°F.

I am home sick. I have only 225 days left if we don't stand down before July. The thing I miss most is driving a car. I can't wait to get home and start the engine, honk the horn, turn on the light etc. It's that bad.

A Vietnamese dinner is great now and then. My system can take the food once a week, but not twice a week. Another dinner is planned for tomorrow night. I can not say no to them so I think I will try to go back to Camp Eagle on business for the night.

I finish one book today and read half of another. The reading time is great.

My 5-3 boss is on a two week leave to the U.S. I could come home also but the cost stops me. If I go to the rear tomorrow I will check on R&R. Also I will mail a catalog.

What did you think of my letter about the rats on T Bone. It is true,

1, think another eight to ten are on heroin but just got around the test somewhere. That leaves about 400 soldiers that were clean. Held by. Loh
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The Army could do more to stop it if they wanted to.

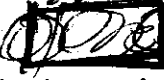
but not ^{as} bad as it sounds.

Of course I am interested in hearing anything about everybody. The Jancers should be about to finish their first semester soon I would think.

The newness and excitement of Vietnam has gone. Now it is just a hard dull day in and day out job.

T Bone is a very small fire base, I miss not being able to walk around very far. T Bone is also a very safe fire base, almost too safe. It is very dull.

It is easy to see why soldiers turn to drugs. The sun come up and goes down and I have not gone anywhere, done anything, seen anything or said anything. I just stand by the radio waiting for a call.

Don't worry about me a drugs. I am not that bored. It is here but not as bad as the newspapers play it up. Drugs just happen to be the only news around Vietnam now that the combat has stopped. A vial of Heroin cost about \$5. It is about this big . It is 90% pure. Back in the states it is very weak and very costly. In my old rifle company we had a number of people that I think have used some kind of drugs but only one came up positive on the test they gave us. The tested the whole battalion and found 4,

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