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The sun has gone down and I have already eaten supper. I am sitting in the situation room looking at a large 10X8 map of I Corps. It has been drawn on glass with a special pencil that glows when an indirect light hits it. Very nice. The map shows the placement of all units in the field from the DMZ south about 100 kilometers.

I can see by looking at the map that the 3RD Brigade is in a stand down position. The 3rd Brigade does not have any Infantry units in the mountains. They have been replaced by the Vietnamese.

On the 15th of December their main camp will be placed in the hands of the Vietnamese. The 101st Airborne Division has ~~the~~ three brigades (1, 2 + 3). The 3rd is standing down (going home). The rumor is that 30 days later the 1st Brigade will do the same. Thirty days after the 1st will come the 2nd Brigade. The whole 101st Airborne Division will move to Ft Campbell, Kentucky according to current rumors.

For myself I don't know. The word in the 3rd Brigade is that if a person is within 3 months of going home he will go home. If a person is over 3 months he will be sent to another unit in

Vietnam. Tonight I heard a rumor that for the 1st Brigade the cut off period would be 6 months. Six or more months in country you go home, ~~but~~ ^{but} more than six months you go to another unit. On January 5th I will have ~~that~~ been in Vietnam six months. On January 15, according to rumors, the Brigade will stand down.

So I might make the boat for home in January. I won't know for sure till then. If I am back in the U.S. by January I believe I will be out of the Army by April. The Army just has a surplus of infantry officers. So about

5,000 will be let loose. Time will tell.

That is the only news from here. If I don't get to Eagle soon my hair will be over my eyes. I have not been able to get a hair cut for a couple of months. I also want to spend some time in the Eagle PX and APO. APO is the post office. I will mail you a catalog.

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PS It is still raining. Seventh or eighth day I believe.

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Merry Christmas