

Dear John (not often I get to write a dear John letter.)

Well I guess you would find the place quite different from when you were here last. Also I think it is probably busier. Pat said that our census for the last month was the highest ever. We are averaging between 320-350 pts per day. Most of them are Takip patients. Many Buk patients make up about 50% of the total - they just recently were resettled and are desperately in need of medical care. We have started to make daily Village ambulance runs & we are hopefully the patient load will start to taper off a little. With that large a census we are desperate for places to put everyone. At night we usually end up tripping over several.

Last week Dr. Gabrielle was doing a tracheostomy on a pt. with ? plague and stomach surgery with a handle and now has large holes herself. She is doing pretty good though now. She really is a little bundle of energy and really enjoys working with us.

6/8 W. I started this about a week ago so guess it's about time I finish it. We've been extremely busy with our many Buk patients. Our daily Village Clinics out there are giving us an even higher census and it seems like it will never taper off. We have been having 3 patients on the respirator at once always and just when we get one off another goes on. We leave them at 5:00 in the AM & don't get back til 8:30 at night.

Last week her & boys flew to Saigon, where she was gone we added 10 beds. We've had a couple of people wounded & with and as usual the whole place is getting around the injured pt. 6/11 Will & Louise & program & hospital staff that the most hard of gone backwards as far as using their learned skills. Dr. Gabrielle & Fran both work in the clinic but they don't really know all the patients. Gabrielle has been doing the pre-natal visits & Fran works under G's clinic. The rest of the staff seem to have the attitude (and I don't blame them) let the American staff do it. They are not so sure as we have started to work at night at times. With all of our patients we have been having 3 people on the respirator at a time and since the only one who knows how to care for a patient on the respirator is one who has been blindfolded by all the time.

Compilation of
dates from late
May to early
September, 1974.

Dates noted but no
postmark to confirm.
Content very similar to
that in 19750305-Peggy
to JWT, so true date is
confusing.

915 I heard that you have been doing a lot of the touring - sounds like fun. What are you doing now in the U.S.?

Today Pat, boys, George, Jackie (from Cokeron) & myself went to the river for a swim. It was really nice. We spent a couple hours out there & seen kind of the shell of a lobster.

I got a letter from Sue & she said you called about some of the material you lent me - I gave it to Ray to read & so she said she would write to Cheryl and that she would get it returned to you. Sorry about that.

Well I'd better get going. Don't work too hard or should I say don't play too much.

Love
Mary

Honolulu, Vietnam

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