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Dear John

Mike Law sent me a copy of your letter about the airfields, I made the first visit to the historical department of the Office of Chief of Engineers and got the following being made for VHPA:

Vung Tau	1966
Golf Course(An Khe)	1966
Qui Nhon	1966
Camp Holloway	1966
Lai Khe	1966
LZ English	1966
Phu Loi	1970
Phu Bai	1970
Khe Sahn	30 Jan 71
101st Firebases	
Birmingham	1970
Bastogne	1970
Veghel	1970

When I go back on Friday the 12th to get the slides, I will have the following made:

LZ Hammond
Camp Enari
Ban Me Thout
Blackhorse
Bu Dop
FSB Rakasan(101st)
FSB Arsenal

They had a limitation on how many they could make for me when I was there, due to the photographers work load.

The slides I selected have aircraft in them. Many of the slides are of airfields/heliports under construction. I will get them on the 3d visit. These slides are very unique. Some of the C-130's are all silver, there are Army Caribou's on the flight line at Hollowoy, the Khe Sahn picture was made when the airfield was being secured and built up for LAM SON 719, the C-123 taking off from Lai Khe was noted to be in support of Operation Abilene, and finally you can feel and smell Vietnam by looking at many of the slides. It was a moving experience for me to identify artillerymen building Rakasan in early 1969, that were killed when the battery was overrun on May 24, 1969 at Firebase Airborne, while firing support for 3/187 INF on Dong Ap Bia (Hamburger Hill).

There is more heliport data at the National Archives. I have talked to the person in charge, and when I go over there to get the list of all KIA/MIA's from the 1st CAV, I will talk to him. John, if you could give me an idea of what they have already sent you, I need to know when I am in new ground or in an area that you have already seen.

Mike

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