

MAY 21 1969

Dear Jeanne,
I bought this diary
just today to try and
keep somewhat of a record
of events while I'm in
Viet Nam.

Right now I'm at
Phan Thiet with B troop 7/17
Air Cav. I've been in
Viet Nam since May 6, 1969.
So far during my 2 weeks
in country I'd say I'd done
to things! I'm waiting now
to take my aircraft check
ride.

Some of the places I've
visited since leaving the states
are Anchorage, Alaska, Tokuda Air
Force Base, Japan, Chon Rhoon Bay,
Na Trung & Pleiku, Viet Nam.

MAY 22 1969

Dear Jeanne,

Today was the first
day that I flew in Viet
Nam. I fly front seat on
a Cobra.

I saw my first dead
man today also. He was a
south Vietnamese that had
been killed when a mortar
hit the armored personnel carrier
in which he was riding. The
stupid South Vietnamese also ran
over one of their own wounded
and killed him. I fired at
where we thought the enemy
was but didn't hit anything.

I got three letters and
from Jeanne today. She also
sent me \$0.50 which I need.
God Bless my wife.

MAY 23 1969

Dear Jeanne,

I was duty officer last night and everything was pretty calm. I got my first look through a star-light scope out on the perimeter last night.

Today our gunships killed nine people. Carl Starns killed his first man today. It was also his first flying day since he got here. Our troops also captured a bunch of enemy guns & supplies.

David, I had to be duty officer last night. I didn't get up until one this afternoon. I also didn't get any mail. Tomorrow is a mountainous down day so I don't fly. God Bless Jeanne.

MAY 24 1969

Dear Jeanne,

Today was a maintenance down day so all we did was lay around and take it easy. Our tent is in such a mess I can't believe it. There are cans all over the floor and just spread through out the entire tent!

I got 5 letters today. Two from Jeanne 2 from my Dad and 1 from Jeanne's Dad. I wrote Jeanne and my Dad back this afternoon. Tomorrow I am going on a mission to Muat. I don't know if we'll find the enemy there or not. God Bless Jeanne.

MAY 25 1969

Dear Jeanne,

I flew again today but nothing happened. We flew up to a city called Dulat which is way up in the mountains. The field elevation up there is about 4,937 feet above sea level. The town is really beautiful. A lot of French people live up there. Years ago Dulat was the hunting capital of Indo-China. Teddy Roosevelt used to hunt tigers up there. I have moved into a new tent with a major and two captains. I don't like it and am going to try and get my old place back.

God Bless Jeanne.

MAY 26

Dear Jeanne,

Todays was one of my days off. All I did was lay around doing nothing. I went to the P.X. this morning and picked up 3 cases of Coke. We drink about 2 cases a day.

I got a letter from Jeanne today. I only got one and we probably won't have mail call tomorrow. I fly tomorrow so maybe I'll see some action.

God Bless Jeanne

MAY 27 1969

Dear Jeannie,

Today we flew up to a town in the mountains called Bao Lee. We searched for the enemy all day but didn't find them. When we got back to home camp zone C-models started shooting up the enemy 100 yds from our perimeter. Just my luck!!

The little kids at Bao Lee are beggars but they aren't as bad as some I've seen. They all smoke even the 2 & 3 year olds. One little kid had had a crushed hand for 4 days. Capt. Diaz got him some medical aid. I think he'll be O.K. now.

God Bless Jeannie

MAY 28 1969

Dear Jeannie,

Well today was my day off. It's every unusual to fly two days in a row around here.

Wrong Day! I should keep this out a little better. Today we flew missions in what we call the twisted bowl. As usual Charlie got away. We burned several houses and even got some of his clothes & money but not him.

This is my 2nd day in a row of flying. Unusual! Got a card from my sweetie tonight

God Bless Jeannie

MAY 29 1969

Dear Jeannie,

You give my day off. I flew 2 days in a row which is remarkable for this unit. Now I probably won't fly for 2 or 3 days.

All I did today was go down to the P.X. I bought Jeannie a sheer night gown outfit she should really look good in. I also got a card from Jeannie tonight.

God Bless Jeannie.

MAY 30

1969

Dear Jeannie,

Today is another mountainous down day. All I've done today is talk around with all the guys.

Tonight I saw a movie with Jim Brown, I stink! I wish I had more to write but I can't think of anything right now.

God Bless Jeannie and our Baby.

MAY 31 1969

Dear Jeannie,

I was on standby all day today. This afternoon we were called out into the F.D. They got a report from a fire - fox spitter that he had spotted two trucks. We went over there and totally destroyed both of them. They both were the tractor-trailer type. Today I also got 5 letters from home and one from my Dad.

God Bless Jeannie and our Baby.

P.S. I think I was fixed up today but I'm not sure - I wasn't!

JUNE 1 1969

Dear Jeannie,

Today is the first of June and I'll be starting my 2nd month in Viet Nam. I didn't fly today but I will tomorrow. I think we are going to see some action tomorrow. We are going out to the place that the company commander took 10 rounds in the ship. Do we know where people are there. I wrote a letter to my parents and one to Jeannie today.

God Bless Jeannie and our Baby.

JUNE 2 1969

Dear Jeannie
I flew this morning
for about 4½ hours and
we didn't find a thing.
About all I did was
take spot reports on a
map. I flew 028 and
had to even hard to
control.

I even suggest to
Major (who is a Rentit)
had never been in a
Cobra before and wanted
to take my place. I
let him gladly.

God Bless Jeannie
and our Baby.

JUNE 3 1969

Dear Jeannie,
I didn't fly today
so all I did was
go off. I went to
the post office this
afternoon and mailed a
night gown to Jeannie.

We have been
playing monopoly all
afternoon and boy do
the guys around here
ever cheat at it.
It's really a lot of
fun though.

God Bless Jeannie
and our Baby.

JUNE 4 1969

Dear Jeannie,
I didn't fly again today. This is the 3rd day in a row! The place is really getting me down. I'm tired of sitting around playing games.

About all I managed to do today was write a letter to Jeannie. It is raining real hard right now and the tent is leaking very badly. I'm going to have to spend the night in the tent next door because it's a little dryer.

God Bless Jeannie
and the Baby.

JUNE 5 1969

Dear Jeannie,
This morning I got to call Jeannie for the first time since I've been in New Mex. We only talked for about 3-4 min. It was good to hear her though. We had to say over every thing we got through talking.

Didn't fly today -
Mountainaine down day.
Took off all day.

God Bless Jeannie
and the Baby.

JUNE 6

1969

Dear Jeannie,

This morning we were woke up at about 2000 by incoming mortar rounds. None of the hit close to our base though. They hit an F-10 Bird-dog and killed three people up at Phan Thiet though.

We were scrambled to our aircraft and thought we had Charlie in the grave yard but he got away. We spent the rest of the morning down a route recon on Highway 1. We were on alert the rest of the day.

God Bless Jeannie & Baby

JUNE 7

1969

Dear Jeannie,

I flew again today and we went up to Bay Lac. As usual nothing. Mr. Gene had one flying the ship more than usual today. He also explained a complete pre-flight to me.

I miss my wife very much today! I can't wait to see her again.

Tonight we officers are having a going away party. I'm hoping to enjoy because later I'll be drunk!

God Bless Jeannie & Baby

JUNE 8 1969

Dear Jeannie,
Last night we had
our going away party.
We are all happy to be
moving to Pleiku but we
had to spend the night
from our O club somehow.
I had 3 steins and all
the beer I could hold.
I didn't fly today.
so I just sat around
and let the mosquitoes eat
me up. They are getting
so bad around here I
can't stand it. I must
have 50 bites! Well that's
all for now.

God Bless Jeannie and
the Baby.

JUNE 9 1969

Dear Jeannie,
I flew 10½ hrs
today and boy am I tired!
I spotted 3 people -
male about 25 yrs, whom
we captured as VC
suspects. Later we spotted
5 people - 3 men, 1 woman,
and a boy and at least
one was armed. We fired
at them but didn't get
any hits. We sent troopers
in the area and they
found 8 packs.

I sure do miss my
wife tonight. I'd give
anything to be with her.
God Bless my sweetie
and our Baby.

JUNE 10 1969

Dear Jeannie,
I control the Command & Control ship today with Capt Smith. It was the first time I flew a Huey in Viet Nam. About all we did today was, go get a couple of tin cans. It rained real hard on the way back in tonight. I could see lightning bolts striking the ground! When we got back everyone's bunk was wet but mine. No mail call again tonight. I sure do miss my wife tonight! Can't sleep until Hawaii!!
God Bless Jeannie and our Baby.

JUNE 11 1969

Dear Jeannie,
I flew again today and we did a little shooting. Our scouts spotted a man sleeping under a tree this morning and we blasted the tree down. The man got away! We inserted traps 2 different times today and got negative hits. One unit is still out though so it too early to tell.
I got 5 letters and a card from Jeannie today. She also sent me \$10.00 and a set credit card!
God Bless Jeannie and our Baby.

JUNE 12

1969

Dear Jeannie,
Today was finally a
day off. We were supposed
to have a maintenance
down day today but, some
of our pilots ended up
flying after all. I guess
tomorrow is a maintenance
day so I am thinking about
getting drunk tonight!
I didn't get any
mail tonight but, I probably
will tomorrow and I'm trying
to write a letter to Jeannie
but I can't hardly think
of anything to write.
God Bless Jeannie and
our Baby.

JUNE 13

1969

Dear Jeannie.
Today is Friday the
13th so we are having
a maintenance down day.
This afternoon we went
out and fixed our engine.
My HS jammed a little
but I think we got
it fixed now. Willy
Brayshaw left this
morning on an emergency
leave. This is his second
tour so I doubt if
he will be coming back.
I got a card from
Jeannie tonight and that
was all.

God Bless Jeannie and
our Baby.

JUNE 14 1969

Dear Jeannie,
I didn't fly again today as usual. All I did was lay in the sun and tan and get a tan today. I also took an ^{on the} plane on the UH-1H helicopter today and it was real easy. No mail again today but that's getting to be ^{the} a usual happening! Guess I'll go to the lounge tonight. Last night they showed Rosemary's Baby and most of the good parts were cut out!

God Bless Jeannie and our Baby.

JUNE 15 1969

Dear Jeannie,
I flew again today and nothing happened other whole day has been a big bore! I'm getting sick of being in this Nam.

God Bless Jeannie and our Baby.
(only two weeks until the baby is due)
Actually it's less than that!

JUNE 16

1964

Dear Jeannie,

As usual I didn't fly again today. I got up about ten and got laid out in the sun for about an hour. I've spent the rest of the day just lying around.

The laundry lost my clothes and unders. They find them quick. I'll be in a hurt!

God Bless Jeannie
and Our Baby.

JUNE 17

1964

Dear Jeannie,

We flew today and we had contact with the enemy. First this morning we went up to a civilian airfield near Bylat. They had been attacked recently and I found a dud grenade and mortar round. We were called later to support a tank unit that had been hit by NVA. One tank was hit and 3 americans died another 3 died from booby traps and small arms fire. Between us, the Air Force and the tanks we killed 31 NVA. Our team was credited with 9 kills. God Bless Jeannie and Baby.

JUNE 18 1961.

Dear Dwatid,
Today we had contact
with the enemy again.
First of all this morning
we went up to Pham Khang.
Our LOHs burned a bunch
of huts way out in the
mountains. While at Pham Khang
FFB I saw a B-57 jet cruise
by. He must have had bad
bombing gear. Both pilots were
shot down. In afternoon were called
to help a unit get 30 VC.
They had spotted. One of
our LOHs was hit but
so we put rocket on
the scene. Think we kill
one VC.
God Bless Jeanne and our
almost here Baby.

JUNE 19

Dear Jeanne,
I didn't fly again
today. I went down to
Pham Thiet today to
try and get my laundry
back but I couldn't.

Tonight we saw
a venomous type snake
down by the office
but I tried to
kill him but he got
away.

God Bless Jeanne
and our Baby.

JUNE 20

Dear Jeannie,
Today was another
day off as usual I
didn't do much.
I went up to the
PX this afternoon and
over to the Vietnamese
gourmet shop. I bought
bought some silk for
only 80¢ a yard.
I bought and I tried
to get a transfer to a
Medical Evacuation Unit
this afternoon but our
company commander wouldn't
approve it.

God Bless Jeannie
and our Baby

JUNE 21

Dear Jeannie.
Today we had
one of the observers
in our L-11 get shot.
He took some shrapnel
wounds in the neck
that weren't serious
at all.

We went out and
fired at suspected enemy
positions but didn't
get any hits. My target
was working real well
and I was able to
put out some real
good firepower.

God Bless my sweetie
and our Baby.
Mom's birthday today. She is 42

JUNE 22 1969

Dear Jeannie,

Today was a muntinum down day as usual a good off day. I was on stamp off but we didn't have to go out. I got a couple of letters from Jeannie today. Tonight I have to pull Party Officer so that means it'll be us all night. I'm going to try and call my wife tonight.

God Bless Jeannie and our Baby (boy or girl?)

JUNE 23

1969

Dear Jeannie, last I had Party Officer some party going has us out by the common hash. I hope he get busted, he deserves it.

I also got to call Jeannie early this morning. We still haven't decided on a name so we have the girl. I'll be glad when the Baby is born and has a name so I won't have to use the name Baby anymore! Jeannie is due on the 27th or 28th.

God Bless Jeannie and our Baby.

JUNE 24

Dear Jeannie,
didn't flew today and
didn't see much action.
Our ground trooper
killed a woman in
the F5 today that
was carrying 13 grenades.
I didn't even fire at
the enemy today.

No mail at mail
call tonight. I have to
fly again tomorrow. Will
be moving to Pleiku
around July 1st.

God Bless Jeannie and
our Baby.

JUNE 25

1969

Dear Jeannie,
Today was another
day that I flew. We
had a little action
today. Our LOHs found
some enemy bunkers and
the trooper put rockets
on them. As usual
my gun didn't fire.
When the shooting was
over the LOHs found
one dead VC with his
head blown off. They
also found a blood trail
leading into the bushes.

God Bless Jeannie &
the Baby.
P.S. Got my first food package
from Jeannie today.

JUNE 26 1969

Dear Jeannie,
I flew again today
and we didn't find much.
We went out this morning
and didn't fire a shot!
We were scrambled this
afternoon and put some
rocks on enemy positions.
Our L0Hs spotted a man
running and dropped grenades
in him when he ran into
a clump of trees. He got away.
My gun didn't work again
today. At Blecher will get
better maintenance on them. I hope
our Baby is due tomorrow.
I hope he/she is right on time.
God Bless Jeannie and
our (almost here) Baby.

JUNE 27 1969

Dear Jeannie,
Today we saw some
more action. Our L0H
pilot killed six VC.
We had about another
30 in numbers trapped
in a valley. We called
in an air strike on them
but we had to leave
because of bad weather
I feel before we could
find the out come.
My wife should have
the Baby pretty soon.
I hope it's tonight. I
can't wait to see if it
will be a boy or girl.
God Bless my wife
and our Baby.

JUNE 28 1969

Dear Jeannie,
I didn't have to fly today. This is my first day off in the last four. I have to fly again tomorrow though. By the end of the month I should have over 80 hrs. That's just for this month. I have already earned three in medals and I'm working on the fourth.

Last night I called up Jeannie and talked about 4 minutes. It was a real good connection and her voice was sounded good. We've decided on a girls name at last. Diane Anne. God Bless Jeannie & the Baby.

JUNE 29

1969

Dear Jeannie,
I flew again today, with a captain from the unit that is supposed to replace us when we move to Kletky. Two of the new units L-19 pilots shot down two innocent wood cutters. I guess they thought they were VC and shot and asked questions later. One was killed instantly and the other crawled off into the bushes. They didn't find him again, so he doesn't bleed to death. The tigers will probably eat him.
God Bless Jeannie and our Baby.

JUNE 30 1969

Dear Jeannie,
I didn't fly today
so I managed to get a
few things done. I went
to the post office this
morning and bought a pair
of slippers that I bought
two days ago to Jeannie.
It's been raining all
day. I guess we are in
the monsoon season already
it's seven o'clock now
and it's starting to rain
again! At least it's a
little cooler when it rains.
No mail or movie tonight
so I should have a rea-
blast. Today was supposed
to be Pay Day but it wasn't.
God Bless Jeannie & Baby.

JULY 1 1969

Dear Jeannie,
I flew today and
we went up to a place
called Bau Loc. Our 20th
pilot were shot at twice
and we rolled in on the
enemy positions each time.
My guns were working
perfectly! We didn't get
chance to see if we killed
anyone because the weather
got to bad and we had
to leave.
I have to be Duty
Officer again tonight because
the guy who was supposed
to have it is in Pleiku.
God Bless Jeannie
and our Baby.

JULY 2 1969

Dear Jeannie,
After leaving Phuoc Tuy Office
last night I slept until
three this afternoon! When
I got up I was told
I had to start packing
my stuff because we are
moving to Pleiku tomorrow
I've spent the rest of
the day packing and I'm
ready to go.

We are supposed to
go by Air Force C-130 to
Pleiku tomorrow morning at
nine.

God Bless Jeannie and
Our Baby.

JULY 3 1969

Dear Jeannie,
Today we made our
big move from Phuoc Tuy
to Pleiku. We went on
an Air Force C-130 and
we had to sit on the
floor. I hate sitting on
the floor because it gives
me vertigo. We were supposed
to leave at 0900 and we
didn't get to leave until
1400!

I am playing in a
roup with three other Marines.
Their names are Adams,
Peterson, and Christ.

God Bless Jeannie &
Baby.

JULY 4 1969 *

Dear Jeannie,
Today I went down to
play to have a look around. There
were a lot of people down
there. Everyone there was
trying to sell us something!
The fish would all gather
around us and pull on our
arms and legs to get our
attention. Meanwhile a couple of
them would try to peck our
pocket. I authorized them
by putting all my things
in my shirt pocket where
they couldn't reach them.

God Bless Jeannie &
our Baby.

JULY 5 1969

Dear Jeannie,
I didn't have to fly
today so all I did was
take it easy. I went
for a run around
mid this afternoon. It
took about two hours.
I haven't gotten my
mail since I got here.
I sure hope I get some
tomorrow. I wrote her
letter today, one to Jeannie
and one to my parent.
We have been playing
a game called Clue, all
evening. We are making plans
tonight to fix up our
room.
God Bless Jeannie and
our Baby.

JULY 6 1969

Dear Leanne,
Today we have been working in our room. We have added book ledges plus a bar. Now we have a lot more room than before.

It's been raining off and on all day. Today is Sunday so we don't much have the day off. No mail from my wife for about the last three or four days and I'm really starting to get worried.

God Bless Leanne and our Baby.

JULY 7 1969

Dear Leanne,
We have been working on our room again today. I have and I painted a couple of the walls and the place looks a lot better. We also hung up some pictures behind the Bar to give the place some class.

No mail from Leanne again today and I'm even more worried. If I don't get any tomorrow I'm going to try and give her a call. Lulu from Jim's Talk says he is going into W.C. program. God Bless Leanne & Baby.

JULY 8 1969

Dear Jeannie,

I didn't have to fly again today so all I did was go to Petersen Christ, and I went looking for refrigerator today but didn't find one. We loaded all over Pleiku, Camp Holloway and Camp Ichang. We started off with the Vietnamese today too. Boys are they ever funny when they get mad!

God Bless Jeannie and our Baby.

JULY 9 1969

Dear Jeannie,

Today I had to fly as radio operator in the C&C ship. We went up to Anhie and had another boring day. The 2011s were finding a lot of stuff but no people. I also had to take some work in the C&C ship.

No mail again today and I'm really starting to get worried.

God Bless Jeannie and our Baby.

Moni was born today

JULY 10 1969

Dear Jeannie,
Today I flew in the Cobra
today with Peterson, we
did see any action though
Troy's news tonight! My
wife had her Baby. I now
have a daughter named Diana
Anne. She was born in
the AM on July 9th. I was
told by the sergeant in
the orderly room of her birth
I still don't know how much
she weighs or any of the
facts. Thank God they are
both in good shape. I love
my wife more than ever on
this day.

God Bless Jeannie and Diana
It's raining real hard out. Typhoon Tess

JULY 11 1969

Dear Jeannie,
We were supposed
to fly today but it's been
raining so hard all day
we couldn't. We have been
going through typhoon Tess
ever since last night. All
it does is rain, rain, rain!
Everything has turned to
mud here at Camp Enry.
Today I finally got
some mail. I got five
letters and a card from
my sweetie. I love her
so much it's unreal! She
wrote the best letter in
the world. Have to fly
tomorrow - Please we get
rained out again!
God Bless Jeannie and Diana

JULY 12 1969

Dear Jeannie

I flew again today and had too much happiness. We shot at about 25 NV17 but I don't know if we killed any because the terrain was too rough to find any bodies. Both of my men-guns worked so I just might have got a few bodies! No mail from Jeannie today but I got a letter from my Aunt mailed on July 3rd. Maybe the mail is finally getting caught up. I can't wait to get a letter from my wife telling all about our daughter. God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

JULY 13 1969

Dear Jeannie

Today I had to go out with our ground troops. We almost went into action today but we didn't. The place where we were supposed to have gotten dropped off at was under attack. Three americans were killed there. Two of our LOHs got shot up but no one was hurt.

No mail from Jeannie again today. I'll sure be glad when I get some.

God Bless Jeannie and our daughter Moni.

JULY 14 1969

Dear Jeannie,

Today we only had two Cobras flying so I really had to fly a lot. We didn't even stop for lunch.

Our ground troops really got into a mess today. They had one main killed and at least five wounded. A friend of mine, Captain Murphy, got shrapnel wound in the arm and was shot in the leg.

We called in the Air Force and they really wiped the enemy out. After they got through we got more rocket in. Then two more Air Force planes rolled in.

God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

JULY 15 1969

Dear Jeannie,

We were rained out today so no fly. But what a surprise we had today. No more looking around, we had to work most of the day getting ready for an inspection. I wore eye until about one in the morning. I bet they won't even have the plane inspection.

I still haven't got any news about Mom's birth. Right now I'm about to go crazy!

God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

JULY 16

1969

Dear Jeannie,

again I was up early
again today we didn't
have to fly so we
worked on the ammo
bunker all morning. We
spent some time all over
the site and on the
road.

I had just took it easy
all afternoon but in the late
afternoon I had to help Peterson
cut grass around the ammo
bunker.

This evening we had a
memorial for the man who
was killed on the 14th. I hope
we don't lose any more people.
God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

JULY 17

1969

Dear Jeannie,

This morning I worked
in the car room to get
it ready for the inspection.
After that I went up
to 4th Division and had
my eyes checked. My vision
is 20-15 which is better
than average.

We finally had the
CMMI inspection this afternoon
and we passed. Now we shouldn't
have another one for a long
time.

This evening we all sat
around and drank whisky and
got drunk. We finally went
to bed about two. Still no
receipt mail from Jeannie.
God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

JULY 18

1969

Dear Jeannie,

Today was another sunburned day. We went in to Pleiku this afternoon and looked around for a while. I didn't buy anything because all I've got is \$5 to my name! Adams, Dick and Peterson ~~had~~ ^{had} secured some prostitutes. It cost them ["]15⁰⁰ a piece. I stayed outside and watched for the MPs. And sure enough the place was raided. All three of them got out OK though. I saw a GI almost kill a goat for trying to go to the bathroom on him. I don't blame the GI those hicks were really punks. Still no mail telling about Moni's birth.

God Bless Jeannie and Moni.

JULY 19 1969

Dear Jeannie,

I flew today and boy was that ever a mess. We didn't get off until about one o'clock because of the rain. I spent ~~about~~ about three hours sitting in the helicopter waiting for it to stop raining.

We flew until about an hour after dark. Boy was I ever tired! I'm going to try and call Jeannie tonight. I just hope I can get through. I haven't got my mind in so long I'm really starting to get worried.

God Bless Jeannie and Moni

JULY 20 1969

Dear Jeannie,

I got my call through to my wife last night. It was sure good to hear that my wife and the baby are in good shape. My daughter weighed 9 lbs. 3 oz. and was 21 1/2 inches long. My wife was only in labor for four hours before she had the baby. She was driven to the hospital by her parents and had the baby three hours later. Thank God my wife and daughter are both OK.

Did not fly today, nothing much else happened.

God Bless Jeannie and Moni.

JULY 21 1969

Dear Jeannie,

I flew again today and we didn't get off until about two this afternoon. The first ship we were supposed to fly had eleven red X's on it. They didn't get us another ship until two o'clock.

We went out to the F.O. and not a thing happened. I saw old Charlie up two small hidden today. I have to fly tomorrow so maybe we'll see some action.

I still haven't gotten my mail and I'm really starting to get depressed! I hope I get some tomorrow!
God Bless Jeannie, and Moni.

JULY 22 1969

Dear Jeannie,

I flew again today and we didn't get off until 11:30 because of weather. We didn't find anything as usual. I have to fly again tomorrow, the three days in a row!

I finally got some mail today. I got a letter from Jeannie that she wrote the night she started labor. Boy is she tough ever brave! She didn't even act like she was a bit afraid. I'll be glad when I start getting some more recent mail.

God Bless Jeannie and Moni.

JULY 23 1969

Dear Jeannie,

We didn't fly today because of the rain. It has been raining since last night. Everything has turned to mud.

I didn't get any mail again today. It made me as damn mad. I wrote to the Brooklyn Postmaster and complained about it. The post that makes me the maddest in that States got a letter from Carol and it told more about Moni than anything I've gotten so far and I'm her father. I love my wife very much today.

God Bless Jeannie and Moni.

JULY 24 1969

Dear Jeanne,

We didn't fly again today because of the rain. I'm supposed to fly tomorrow so I hope it rains like hell! It's been raining for the last two days and the weather is pretty god awful.

Today Peterson built a chest in our room to keep some of our junk in. We also had a crazy & rafty meeting.

Still no mail. I just can't stand it when there is no mail. We spent most of the evening in our room playing cards and drinking whisky.

God Bless Jeanne and Mori.

JULY 25 1969

Dear Jeanne,

Today for once it didn't rain and we got to fly! We went to Kanhe this morning and didn't see a thing. In the afternoon we went to Kontum and it was the same story. I think the enemy has disappeared!

No mail again today, if I don't get any tomorrow I'm going to go crazy. I've already made up my mind to do that! I have to fly C & C tomorrow with the major so that ought to be fun!

God Bless Jeanne and Mori.

JULY 26 1969

Dear Jeannie,
I had to fly C+C
today and boy was that sick
dad. The turbulence was so
bad it made the pilot sick.
He threw up all over the
inside of the helicopter. We
didn't have any action at all
again. We got a report about
a man that was over in mini
by his truck and needed medical
aid for himself and his passenger.
It took us about a half hour
to find him and by that time
a Malaysian helicopter was already
there. I got a letter from
Jeannie today and the first picture
of Moni. Boy is she ever cute!
God Bless Jeannie and Moni.

JULY 27 1969

Dear Jeannie,
We were going out
again today! That O.K.
with me because I'm sick
of flying helicopters over here.
I sure will be glad when
I get into fixed wing
aircraft again.
We didn't do much
again today. We went to
a couple of meetings and
that was about it.
I'll mail again today
damn it. Maybe I'll get
some tomorrow!

God Bless Jeannie and
Moni and take good care
of them both. I love them
all very much.

JULY 28 1969

Dear Jeannie,

We didn't fly again today because of the weather. It has rained for the past two days and it's pretty cold outside.

I finally got some mail. I take that back. I didn't get any mail at all today. Just about no one got any. I sure hope the mail system improves around here.

We had to go to Zanesville meetings today which I think were a waste of time. Oh almost worth it to fly to get out of those meetings!

God Bless Jeannie and Mori. I love them both much!

JULY 29

1969

Dear Jeannie,

No fly again today! Rain, rain, rain! The wind is blowing so hard as to make a takeoff impossible. I hope we don't fly all week, or all month, or all year!

I got some mail today, sure was glad to get it. Latest letter was the 18th, oldest was the 14th. Still haven't got the letter telling all about Major's birth. Maybe I will tomorrow! All we've done today is play cards. Watched a movie called "I love you Alice B. Toklas" at Officers Club tonight. God Bless Jeannie and Mori

JULY 30 1969

Dear Jeannie,

We didn't fly again today because of the weather it's been four days since we flew our last mission. I hope the weather keeps it up!

Today I got mail from Jeannie today and boy was I glad! I finally got the letter she wrote to me telling all about Mom. She wrote it while she was still in the hospital. I also got three airmail letters dated the 25th. That only five days ago!

God Bless my sweet wife and daughter.

JULY 31 1969

Dear Jeannie,

I didn't fly again today but our truck finally got to go out on a mission I suppose to fly tomorrow.

We got a TV for our room today. Now we are really coming up in the world!

I went to Finance today and finally got my records straightened out! They still owe me \$100.00 for this month. I bought Jeannie a cashmere sweater today in Pleasant for only eight dollars. God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

AUGUST 1 | 969

Dear Jeannie,
I flew today for the
first time in almost a week!
We didn't find a damn thing
out there! I think the war
must be over. I'm supposed
to fly again tomorrow but I
doubt if we'll be able to
because the weather has took
a turn for the worse again.
I didn't get any mail
from Jeannie today but I did
get a letter from my friend
Mark Kilpatrick. He is in
the Marine and is going to
school back in the States.

God Bless Jeannie and Mini.

AUGUST 2 | 969

Dear Jeannie,
I flew again today and
as usual we didn't see
a thing. I just can't figure
out what's going on. The enemy
seem to have disappeared. Maybe
the end of the war is drawing
near?

I didn't get any mail
again today. The mail system
over here is really in bad
shape. Sometimes I get letters
two or three days in a
row and sometimes I don't
get anything for a week. The
bad part about it is that I
know my wife is writing to
me at least twice a day.

God Bless Jeannie and Mini

AUGUST 3 1969

Dear Jeannine,

I went to a meeting the first thing this morning on Military Justice. We took off about 10:00 and went up to Kortum. We didn't get off there until about 12:30. We didn't see or they again!

Right I saw a movie last night called "The Stalking Moon" it was really a good film. I didn't get mail again today. I should get some tomorrow though, or at least I hope I do!

Played cards this evening with my roomates, and that's it for today.

God Bless Jeannine and Moni.

AUGUST 4 1969

Dear Jeannine,

I didn't have to fly today so I managed to get a few things done. I went over to George Schmidt and got gas at \$1.00. I had to pitch in on the TV we bought for our room but I still had a lot left over. I bought my wife two cashmere sweaters and a silk pajama set for \$35.00.

We fixed up our room today. It looks real nice now. Today I saw, brought a puppy. We named him Melvin William after a friend, Capt. Carter. Capt. Carter nickname is Melvin William.

God Bless Jeannine and our daughter, Moni.

AUGUST 5 1969

Dear Jeann,

I flew today and took
once we found something. Our
204s found about twenty NVF
bombers and sawing the enemy
was still in the area. We
called in two Air Strike and
they wiped out the village.
I don't know how many they
killed though.

I got 19 letters today.
Boy what a haul! I also
sent Jeann a voice tape
today. I hope the voice tape
recorder works out O.K. I also
got three pictures of Moni
today.

God Bless Jeann and Moni.
P.S. Steve got rid of the monkey already.

AUGUST 6 1969

Dear Jeann,

Well we saw some action
today! The Cobra that was flying
in our team lead crashed right
into the middle of enemy territory!
Both pilots were O.K. We put
in our buzz to gained the aircraft
and put in a reaction force to
look for the enemy. The people
in the reaction force were killed
right off the bat! Two were wounded.
They pulled back and we shot
up the area pretty good, but it
started getting dark and we had
to leave. Our 204s hit ships
were mortared as they picked up
the last of the ground troops. No
one was hurt though.

God Bless Jeann and our baby.

AUGUST 7 1969

Dear Jeannie,

I didn't fly today as I tried to get a few things done. I mailed a few presents to my wife today but I didn't get to cash the money order my wife sent me. I guess I'll have to go over to Camp Schwart to get it done.

We bought a refrigerator for our room today. It cost us \$2⁰⁰ and was really worth it! Now we can have cold drinks all the time. We played a few hours of cards tonight. The game we play is called smudge!

God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

AUGUST 8 1969

Dear Jeannie,

Today was a pretty bad day. First we were getting to our F-10 this morning one of the 104s lost its tail rotor. He realized that he was going to try to fly it back to An Khe. He never made it, the helicopter started spinning and "crashed". I saw two men die in that crash. They were Lt. Bob Dunc and Wc1 Matti. The C-47 brought in planes and a helicopter to recover their bodies. The helicopter was shot at both times it went in for the recovery. We ended up putting in ground troops and it took all day to get their bodies out. Both men burned beyond recognition. God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

AUGUST 9 1969

Dear Flame,

I didn't fly today so I just sat around all day. Steven and I went up to the craft shop. They have over here and checked out the various model airplanes. I'm thinking of building one or soon as I can afford it.

We didn't do much else at all today. I got 14 letters today. Boy, it sure is great to get that many! We were up until 2 am drinking beer.

God Bless Flame and Moni.

PS. Today is my daughter's one month birthday.

AUGUST 10 1969

Dear Flame,

I wasn't supposed to fly today but I had to anyway. We didn't get off until about noon today. We had steaks in the mess hall today and they weren't too bad.

We only got to spend a couple of hours in the F70 today. We also went up to a place called Phu Kheng today. We had to pull a night visual Recon of the area around Camp Evans. It is in that area dangerous because at night you can't see a thing around here. I didn't get back in until 20:30 tonight.

God Bless Flame and Moni.

AUGUST 11 / 96 a

Dear Jeannie,

I flew today and we went up to a place called the Play They which is at only a few hundred yards from Cambodia. They did we ever find a lot of planted fields. The NVAF are growing enough food up there to feed their entire army. We didn't find any people but we knew they were there I think they are going to sent a B-52 strike up there tonight. We didn't get back until late, which is getting to be a common occurrence.

God Bless Jeannie and Moni.

AUGUST 12 / 96 a

Dear Jeannie,

Today was a pretty exciting day. When we first got to the FTO (near Phu Khe) our LOH got shot at. Then my pilot, Peterson, yelled receiving fire going down. I thought when he said "going down" he meant we were going to crash! I locked my shoulder harness and pulled my seat down and got ready for the impact. As it turned out, he said going down which meant going to a lower altitude to get away from the fire! We must have killed quite a few NVAF out there. As usual my gun jammed! God Bless Jeannie and our daughter.

AUGUST 13 | 969

Dear Jeannie

I flew again today and boy was it a lousy day! I flew with my roommate Peterson and out of a 14½ hour day we only flew 6 hours. First we went to an Xpe and then because of fuel contamination and bad weather we went up to Kinston.

Up at Kinston we put in our Blues to look for a downed pilot. We didn't find him so we had to give up. It was after dark before we got our Blues out. We had to fly back to Bladen after dark.

God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

AUGUST 14

1969

Dear Jeannie,

I finally got a day off day! All I did all day got in and all day! I went up to the Ark and Craft shop today and bought a model airplane. I have and I went in there on it and are going to try and build it. Peterson is developing some film and of some things and he has several pictures of me that he is going to make 8x10 so I can send them to my wife. I got one letter from Jeannie today and it took only five days to get here!

God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

Monica bite this page! | 964

AUGUST 15

Dear Jeannie,
I had to fly tomorrow
of course am glad to say I
will be home tonight. We left Peterborough
with three Cobras this morning
and now we don't have a
single flyable Cobra! The first
I was in had a bad tail
rotor and we had to keep doing
loosening counterrotations to keep from
crashing. The pilot I had was
Capt. Rogers and boy is he
ever a lousy pilot! He kept
making steep approaches and I
thought sure we would crash
finally back at Bury Camp the
helicopter spun around 270° and
I got out and said that was
all for good!
Good Bless Jeannie and Monica.

AUGUST 16 1969

Dear Jeannie,

Today is a maintenance
day day to the last
and we have any flyable
energy. I went out this
morning and helped out on the
flight line to see if we could
get any aircraft up tomorrow.

We had a class on
armament this afternoon that
was really boring. I'm thinking
about getting out of the Gun
section because it is so Mickey
Mouse!

I got two letters from
my wife tonight and four
pictures. My wife really looks
great! She is very pretty and
I just love her hair.
Good Bless Jeannie and Monica.

AUGUST 17 1969

Dear Jeannie
I didn't have to fly today because I have to go to Duty Officer tonight. I reported for duty ^{now} tonight and had to inspect all the guards. Everything was OK. out on the border line.
I got a chance to call my wife tonight. It wasn't a very good connection but it was still good to hear her voice. I love that girl so damn much. I just hope I can love my daughter as much as I do my wife. My wife is a very good girl and I'd do anything for her.

God Bless Jeannie and Moni.

AUGUST 18 1969

Dear Jeannie
I didn't have to fly again today because I just duty off last night. I have heard today that we are going to be moving out of here soon. Where we are going is secret so I don't really know too much. I hear we are moving down south about $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Cambodian. The last truck that was in that area was drivin out by the enemy. I don't think I'm going to like where we are going very much! I love my wife so much, I just can't seem to stop thinking about her.

God Bless Jeannie and Moni.

AUGUST 19 1969

Dear Jeannie,

I flew today and you had a pretty good day. I killed my first NVF today that I know of. I blew off his leg with a 40mm shell and I think he bled to death. I fired about 100 rounds into an area that our LOHs spotted two men in. After I fired I saw something red and I think it was his leg. We got in an Air Strike and afterward we found the man with his leg off. He was about 15 ft from where I first shot him. On a shell of a way to flight a man! I hope he died quick.

God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

AUGUST 20 1969

Dear Jeannie,

I had to fly again today. Nothing much happened at all during the day. This evening Peterson and our LOH spotted two people. We called for clearance to fire but never got it. We brought out the rest of our helicopters and went in our blues. The blues got into a fire fight and decided to get out because of darkness. The observer in the LOH, Mr. Ruben, shot one of the enemy before we even got clearance to fire. When we came back in it was pitch black. Pongow!
God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

AUGUST 21 1969

Dear Jeannine,

I flew today again and nothing much happened. We did fly over near Cambodja and I think we flew into Cambodja once. From where we were at I could also see Laos. The area near the border has been so heavily bombed that it looks like no man's land. We who stopped at a place called Plei Meung and Dak To. I saw a lot of Montagnard people chasing an army garbage truck for food. What a sight!

God Bless Jeannine and Moni.

I Love Jeannine

AUGUST 22 * 1969

Dear Jeannine,

I didn't have to fly today so I went over to Camp Schmitt and cashed the money order my wife sent me. On the way back I stopped at Plein to have a look around. The place is worse than ever! There had some hit trying to sell us narcotics today! I noticed that there weren't as many people trying to exchange money as usual. I guess our money conversion really messed them up! I am home so anyway.

God Bless Jeannine and Moni.

AUGUST 23

1964

Dear Jeannie,
Today I had to fly again
and I flew C+C today
We flew so damn much,
the only time we landed was
to get more fuel! We helped
to pull a Laos team out that
was in heavy contact. The
VVFT practically chased them
right in the left ship.

I sure do miss you in
let tonight sweetie, I'm writing
this because I know some day
you'll be reading this. I love
you more than anything. I'm
so thankful that I have you
for a wife.

God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

AUGUST 24

1964

Dear Jeannie,

I flew again today and
not too much happened. Our
20H's found about seven bunkers,
some bunkers, some pigs and
spotted one man. He called
in the air force and they
bombed the hell out of the area!
We gave them from KBH's
(probable hills).

I didn't get any mail
again today. I just found out
tonight that I have tomorrow
off but I'll have to fly
C+C for seven days after
that. We are having a
thunderstorm tonight. Maybe the
monsoons are back?

God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

AUGUST 25

1969

Dear Jeannie,

I didn't have to fly today or I went up to the Pt and bought some voice tapes. I made one of the tapes this afternoon. It also got two letters from you this today. It sure is great getting mail from her.

I have to fly that dump C+C starting tomorrow. What a pain! It's raining again tonight, I sure hope the monsoons are back! We spent the whole evening playing cards. I sure will be glad when my year over here is up. I miss my wife something terrible!

God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

AUGUST 26

1969

Dear Jeannie,

I had to fly C+C today and boy was it a drag! We didn't find one thing today. We went out to a place called LZ Daan. We worked for some jerks in the 4th Division. They didn't even know how to run their own traps, let alone us! I got a voice tape from my wife tonight. It was real good, it sure feels great to hear her voice again. I love that girl more than anyone.

God Bless Jeannie and our baby.

AUGUST 27

1969

AUGUST 28

1969

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Dear Jeannie,

I'm writing on this
day on Aug 1st and am
trying to remember what all
happened on the last few
days. I can't really remember
what happened yesterday and
I'm not even sure about
this day.

and if I flew C & C today
over to the Cap. nothing
much happened at all.
enemy situation was
negative.

God Bless Jeannie and
our daughter.

AUGUST 29

1969

Dear Flame,
 I flew C+C today
 with Capt. Pender and it
 was a pretty mess up
 day. One of our F-105's got
 shot down today by enemy
 ground fire. Both pilots got
 out O.K. We put on our
 ground element to try and
 secure the wreckage on the
 aircraft. They ran into mines
 and booby traps about half
 way to the aircraft and due
 to darkness turned back. Our
 brilliant pilot made the things
 spend the night in the field.
 Due to bad weather I had to
 spend the night in An Khe. No
 chance to write flame.
 God Bless Flame and Mom.

AUGUST 30

1969

Dear Flame,

Here I am on Day
 3 trying to get this diary
 caught up. Everything on this
 page is strictly from memory.
 On this day our
 ground trooper finally got
 to the downed aircraft and
 found all the weapons on it.
 The strange thing about it
 was that it was loaded
 triggered with 2-15lb bombs.
 We brought in flew men
 and they disarmed the bombs.
 On this night I flew
 about our power. I had
 to spend the night in An
 Khe again due to weather.
 No chance to write again.
 God Bless Flame and Mom.

AUGUST 31

1969

SEPTEMBER 1

1969

Dear Jeannine,

On the 29th we got back from up the river morning we were told we had about 2 1/2 hours to pack our gear and be ready to move to Ban Me Thang East. I came down on the CTC ship and there was absolutely nothing here! We are moving into a swamp! The engineer brought in the bulldozer and moved all the brush down. We pitched our tent and we have 26 men in a tent built for 12. It rained real hard and everything has turned to mud. This looks like a nice place to visit but I don't want to visit. God Bless Jeannine and Baby

Dear Jeannine,

After a lousy night in this dump I'm still alive! I thought sure as hell we would get mortared but night just went by!!! I went out and flew CTC with the Major today and our F-105 is right on the Combating border. I lost and accidentally flew into Combating today!

Everything is Base Camp is great! I'm so dirty I look like a guy! I had to take a shower tonight. The water was cold but it sure felt good!

God Bless Jeannine and Baby

SEPTEMBER 2

1969

Dear Lorraine,

I didn't have to fly today & I am and I went around trying to get some material to build a shower right. We went to all the military posts in this area where we went into Kunming, China City. We didn't get much but we did manage to get a pink cloth to wash up in built.

The weather around here is really bad. It rains in a lot and almost everywhere and you go there in mud. The floor of our tent is nothing but a mud pit.

God Bless Lorraine and Mom.

SEPTEMBER 3

1969

Dear Lorraine,

Well today I finally managed to get this plane caught up. I flew today but we never got to the P.O. because of bad weather.

Just might we were expecting an attack and most of the pilots had to sleep in their aircraft. We never did get hit but I'm expecting it any night now. I'm only a co-pilot so I didn't stay in an aircraft but I stayed and I thought no one someone outside the tent. We both ran out with our 45's but found nothing. I got a chance to write Lorraine today. God Bless Lorraine and Mom.

SEPTEMBER 4 1969

Dear Jeannie,
I had to fly today and not much happened. We were in the AO for about an hour before we had to go and set down because of bad weather. I'm beginning to think that this place isn't as dangerous as we were told it would be. The time had passed you off tonight and I just had to write Jeannie a letter by candle light. Now the money is back on and I wish I hadn't written such a short letter. Oh well I guess I'll just go to bed. Everyone is playing cards and sitting on my bed so I guess it will be awhile before bed time!
God Bless Jeannie and Mom

SEPTEMBER 5 1969

Dear Jeannie,
I flew today and it was another dull day. We were down due to weather all morning and finally got to the AO in the afternoon. I did get a chance to test fire my gun into Cambodia! Our other gun team shot at some tanks over in Cambodia and killed an estimated 4 people. We aren't supposed to do that but the NVA is so well equipped over in Cambodia that it's a big temptation! They have tanks, trucks, etc. etc. and everything over there!
I got two letters from Jeannie today.
God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

SEPTEMBER 6 1969

Dear Jeannie,
I flew today and we
had to spend the night at
Ben Brang due to bad weather.
All of us had to sleep in
the aircraft to stay there.
That place was really bad but
the place where we live is
worse! We ate Vietnamese L.E.R.
outdoor in their room from
last night. They lasted about
the big problem was all
the Brang is rats. I saw
one that was as big as a
cat. I guess they had
lot of people bitten by them
time. I sure wish I had
time to write to my wife. I
really hate this place.
God Bless Jeannie and Mine

SEPTEMBER 7

1969

Dear Jeannie,
After spending the night
at Ben Brang, sleeping in the
helicopter, starving to death I
must say I feel like hell!
I only wrote a one page
letter to my wife because I
am too tired to write more.
We almost had to spend the
night up there again because
of the weather. Almost all
of my clothes are dirty and
I haven't taken a shower
in three days. I've been
walking there such for five
days and I just noticed blood
from cuts on my leg. I don't
think I'll ever live this bad
again in my life.
God Bless Jeannie and Mine

SEPTEMBER 8

1969

Dear Jeannie,

I flew again today and as usual we didn't see a thing. We are looking for a couple of NY67 segments, some tanks, trucks and a bunch of other stuff that suppose to be out there but we never find any of it. Personally I don't think there is anything out there!

Tonight I took a shower in our home made shower. It's made of 50 gal. barrels and after you take a shower you feel kind of oily! No mail today but I am not complain because the mail service has been pretty good. I sure do miss my wife!!!!

God Bless Jeannie and Mom

SEPTEMBER 9

1969

Dear Jeannie,

Today is my 31st birthday. I didn't have to fly so Peterson, Hicks and I went into town. We started off by getting a steam bath and a massage. After that we went down town and had a steak dinner. I was surprised at how good the steak was! Later on we went to a bar and had a few beers. Then we went and had another steam bath and massage! I spent a lot of money but I had a pretty good time! I wish I was with my wife though!

God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

SEPTEMBER 10

1969

Dear Flame,

I flew today and we didn't find much. We did find about 50 bantams. We also saw a lot of elephants. Tomorrow we are going to insert our blues to see if they can find anything in the bantams. They'll probably get their cage shot off!

I didn't write a very good letter to my wife tonight. I'm about half sick now and I really feel bad. I am sure will be glad when I start feeling good again. I'm going to write and tell my wife how much I love her today.

God Bless Flame and Mom.

SEPTEMBER 11

1969

Dear Flame,

I flew again today and as usual we didn't find a damn thing! We inserted our blues to check out some bantams but the results were negative!

I'm trying to get out of the gun position and get into the lift position. The guns are starting to really get me down! I'll sure be glad to get out.

I wrote another lousy letter to my wife tonight. I am sure she could get the time to write her a good letter.

God Bless Flame and Mom.

SEPTEMBER 12 1969

Dear Jeannie,
I had to fly again today but we got an early release because of the weather. We drove down town when we got back but we were only there for a few minutes. Dennis was trying to find out where this whole girl friend of his lives! Some time I think he is in love with her! I can't hardly write in this diary because about two people are getting on my cat and making it scratch! I got back early tonight! I guess I must be coming up in the world now that I'm 21! God Bless Jeannie and Moni.

SEPTEMBER 13 1969

Dear Jeannie,
I flew again today and we never got to the 170 because of weather. We came back to Ban Me Thot about one this afternoon and I went down town. By the ~~way~~ way our base camp is at Ban Me Thot East. I usually sat in the Imperial Bar and drink today. Beer costs us about 10 piaster a can. I had to fly in the Ct C ship today for lunch in an industrial area to take over the job as secretary.
I got one wonderful letter from my sweet today. God Bless Jeannie and Moni.

SEPTEMBER 14

1969

Dear Jeannie,

I flew in the C+C ship again today. A funny thing happened today. One of our LOHs flew into Cambodias by mistake and saw about 20 NVA. They thought they were still in Viet Nam so they opened fire on them. They killed 2 and wounded a bunch more. Their guns jammed so they came back to get some help that when they found out they were in Cambodia. I got three letters from my wife today and one of them had a picture of Mori in it. She sure is cute!

God Bless Mori and Jeannie

SEPTEMBER 15

1969

Dear Jeannie,

We were down all day today due to bad weather in our HO. I flew up to Pleben this afternoon in a Huey and picked up a generator so we could have some light around here at night. I also picked up my foot locker so I would have a place to put my gear.

I'm trying to get out of the gun platoon and start flying Hueys for the fist platoon. My stupid platoon leader doesn't want me to leave though. I kind of hate to because it might miss a chance to go to Cobra school. God Bless Jeannie and Mori.

SEPTEMBER 16 1969

Dear Jeannie,

I was supposed to fly again today but due to bad weather I didn't have to. We had a general and a couple of which were here today. They must say I'm not sorry to see him go.

A bunch of the guys from our platoon went into Ban Me Thut today to get buzzed. I stayed behind and made a tape for my wife. Sometimes I get the urge to go but its not really worth it. No mail today.

God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

SEPTEMBER 17 1969

Dear Jeannie,

I flew today and for once we got into our F-101. We didn't find to much out there, we did find an NYA mess hall and one of the L-10s spotted a man. We fired into the area but I don't know if we killed anyone or not. I'm really getting sick of flying with the guys, didn't we be glad when I got into this.

I got one letter from Jeannie and a card from Carol today. I love my wife more than ever today. God I can't wait to see her again!

God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

SEPTEMBER 18 1969

Dear Jeannine,

Well today I got out of the gun platoon and into the fist platoon. I must say I'm not sorry to leave the guns! I might have passed up a chance to go to Cuba school but I would just as soon fly Flueys as Cobras.

I went down to the chophouse Bay today and got drunk. The place was full of prostitutes but I didn't go to bed with any of them. One of them tried to seduce me but it didn't work! It will take more than one of those whores to gross me out! God Bless Jeannine and Mom.

SEPTEMBER 19 1969

Dear Jeannine,

I didn't fly today, in fact no one did because the weather was so bad. I went down town today to have a look around. The town is nicer than Pleiku but they don't have any good tailor shops! The prices down there are sky high! 150⁰⁰ for a 50⁰⁰ tape recorder!

This place is really a mess! It's been raining for about the last three days and the whole place is water logged! Damn it's high must! No mail today. I miss my wife terribly!!! God Bless Jeannine and Mom.

SEPTEMBER 20 1969

Dear Jeannie,

I didn't have to fly again today and I didn't do a thing except buy around here and waste time. I flew over to Buy Me Short City in a Hurry this morning and I was really surprised that I could still fly on! I have to fly tomorrow so I hope I don't crash!

I made a tape to my wife today and I didn't really say much. I also wrote a letter to my parents tonight, the first one in about three weeks! I sure do miss my sweetie tonight, I would give anything to get to sleep with her. God Bless Jeannie and our baby.

SEPTEMBER 21 1969

Dear Jeannie,

I was supposed to fly today but it didn't have to after all because our IP took my place so he could get in a couple of check rides.

I didn't do to much downtown and spent ten dollars on junk for going to do my best to stay away from Buy Me Short, everything is so down especially down there. No mail again today! I made a tape and sent it to my wife today.

God Bless Jeannie and Mori.

SEPTEMBER 22

1969

Dear Jeann,

I flew for the first time with the Bullbeers today. I must say I really like being in the lift station. We only fly when there is a good reason and so most of the flying is from experience. The part I like best is all the down time we get. Most of the day we just sit around and do nothing!

I got a letter from my sweetie today. God love that girl!! She is the best wife in the whole world!

God Bless Jeann and Moni,

SEPTEMBER 23

1969

Dear Jeann,

I flew with the lift station again today. I am still pretty rusty at flying a 3 leg but I am starting to get the hang of it again.

I wrote a real long sexy letter to my wife today. I hope it get to her its surreal! I am sure she miss her a lot. I wish this damn war would end so I could go home to my wife. I love Jeann.

God Bless Jeann and Moni.

SEPTEMBER 24

1969

Dear Jeanne,

Today was a maintenance day for I didn't have to fly. I woke up this morning with a bad case of diarrhea and I've felt pretty bad most of the day. I don't have to fly tomorrow so maybe I can get well. You must be lucky because the ship from Pleasure didn't sink at all. It's really disappointing when I don't feel my usual from my sweetie. I've been feeling unusually happy toward my wife lately. I just can't wait to be with her and show her how good of a husband I am. God Bless my dear wife and baby.

SEPTEMBER 25

1969

Dear Jeanne,

I didn't fly again today because I thought of might be sick again. I didn't get up until 10:30 and when I did get up I had a headache. I ended up feeling pretty good the rest of the day though.

I got three letters from my wife today. I am so enjoy her letters. I've been writing to my wife everyday since I left. I must admit that I do write to my wife more than anyone else around here. I then write. God Bless Jeanne and Monte.

SEPTEMBER 26

1969

Dear Jeannie

I flew again today for the first time in about three days. Nothing much happened at all, we didn't insert or anything. About the most exciting thing that happened was when I was making an approach to Home Base and the helicopter fell through on short final. I didn't get the power on in time and Dulyn had to take control and recover the aircraft. I guess what I did was a common mistake. By the way WO1 Dulyn was married on the same day and hour that I was! No mail again today. God Bless Jeannie and Mom!

SEPTEMBER 27 1969

Dear Jeannie,

I flew again today and we made the first insertion since it's been in the lift station. It was pretty good experience, the LZ was pretty tight but we made it OK. I didn't get a very good letter written to my wife today. It seems that anymore nothing happens that I can write about. I didn't get any mail from my sweet. Maybe I ^{will} ~~will~~ get some tonight. God only knows how bad I want to see her. God Bless Jeannie and Mom!

SEPTEMBER 28 1969

Dear Leanne,

I had to fly again today and we didn't get off until noon. We were only out at Napa Co for about an hour before the weather chased us out. We still didn't make it back to base camp until about five thirty.

I got two wonderful letters today from my wife. I hadn't been able to write very good letters for about the last two or three days. I guess I just can't think of anything to say. I sure do miss my wife.

God Bless Leanne and Mori.

SEPTEMBER 29 1969

Dear Leanne,

I flew again today and not too much progress, we didn't get off until noon. We went out to Napa Co and were only out there until about three and then the weather turned bad so we had to head for home.

I got two wonderful tapes from my wife today. Her voice sound good. I wish I could get a tape every day.

The man around here really been slow. This is supposed to be the highest area in H. Co. somehow I just can't believe that.

God Bless Leanne and Mori.

SEPTEMBER 30

1969

Dear Jeannie,

The last day of Sept. is here at last! Now I'm another month closer to going home. I had to fly today and as usual nothing happened. I personally believe that the year will end soon. The draft has been dropped for Nov & Dec. plus Warren can't extend for '69. Right now what does that tell ya! still be glad when this whole mess is over. I've still got seven months to go yet though!

Today was my day at last! Finally my parrot had gotten straight. I made 679 clear this month.

God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

OCTOBER 1

1969

Dear Jeannie,

I had to fly again today and we got ourselves into a pretty bad weather situation. We took off about noon and went to Br Brax. We had to leave about there because the weather was bad. We had to fly low and most of the way back because the weather was so bad. At times I thought we wouldn't make it because we kept losing sight of the other signs in our flight. Most of the time we were only 25 ft. above the trees in ground fog and rain. I got a good part of my trip today! God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

OCTOBER 2

1969

Dear Jeannet,

Today was a maintenance down day so I didn't do too much. I went down to the Chippewa Bar this morning and had a fresh sandwich. I came back in the afternoon and didn't do a thing.

I'll sure be glad when we move out of this dump! I'm really tired of living in all this mud! The food around here makes my stomach upset about half of the time.

God Bless Jeannet and Mori.

OCTOBER 3

1969

Dear Jeannet,

I was supposed to fly today but the weather was so bad we didn't get off all day. I went down to the 155th Legion Club this afternoon and had just come into a flight school nearby of mine by the name of Lake. The flight for the 170th and has about 700 hours already!

I got a letter from my wife and a letter from my Dad today. I should try and write my Dad more than I do. I usually am so tired I can't think of a thing to say though. God Bless Jeannet and Mori.

OCTOBER 4

1969

Dear Jeannie,

We flew again today for the first time in three days! We were only out at our staying area except about one before we had to return to Burn Me Thout because of weather.

and I got drunk last night today it's really feeling the after effects) I am still like beer but it affects me every time I drink it!

No mail from Jeannie today. I hope I get some tomorrow!

God Bless Jeannie and Mori.

OCTOBER 5

1969

Dear Jeannie,

Todday we took off on time for once! We were out in the staying area all day too! The birds were gone for the last week! We did a lot of low level flying and gave our gunners a chance to work out! They don't get to fire too often, and they really like it when we fly low level and let them test their guns in open fields.

No mail again tonight I'll sure be glad when I get some.

God Bless Jeannie and Mori.

OCTOBER 6

1969

Dear Jeanne,

I flew again today but we didn't take off until one because a couple of our ships were being fixed for maintenance runs to Pleiku. One of our ships stayed loaded on L-04 back from Pleiku.

Today I had a good time flying today. We flew a lot of low level and our gunner really had a ball! On the way back by Ban Me Thout tonight we had to follow a L-04 back that had severe vibrations in the rotor system. He made it back OK. I also saw an elephant on the way back. No mail again. God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

OCTOBER 7

1969

Dear Jeanne,

I flew today and we were on stand by at Nha Trang. We had a pretty good time this morning flying over everywhere. I found that I could hit pretty well with my .45 but a .38 is a little more accurate.

I got four letters from my wife today. I think the mail system is getting worse around this dump! When we came back tonight the weather was so bad it was almost zero here at East Field. God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

OCTOBER 8

1964

Dear Jeannie,

I had today off! We had a couple of guys come back from R&R, so we got a new platoon leader, Capt. Donohue. He has more time in grade than Capt. Dunn so he got it. Our old platoon leader left. Really us getting almost to short to fly.

and I went down town today and bought a huge tub so I could wash my clothes. Bass Me. That isn't a bad town as far as good towns go. I spent about 2 hrs. down there today.

God bless Jeannie and Moni.

OCTOBER 9

1964

Dear Jeannie,

I had to fly again today and as usual not much happened. We left the POC early because of bad weather and on the way back we flew low level. One of our aircraft had a bird strike and the bird flew right thru the chin bubble and into the cockpit!

No mail again today! I'll sure be glad when the mail system gets straight around here!

God Bless Jeannie and Moni.

OCTOBER 10

1969

Dear Leanne

I flew again today and it wasn't to bad of a day. Two of our Cobras and two of our LOHs saw a MiG-21 today near the Cambodian borders. They are really making a big deal of it. One of our Captains that saw it has to go to Da Nang and talk to a general about it. I guess MiGs are a big deal! I traded jobs today with the door gunner. Didn't shoot though. On the way back over gunner really worked out on the ship LZ!! I got 4 letters today from wife, also got 1 from Mark Kilpatrick. I love mail!!! God Bless Leanne and Mom

OCTOBER 11

1969

Dear Leanne,

I was supposed to fly today but it rained all day and we never took off. I don't mind though, I felt pretty bad this morning from all the beer I drank last night. I've got to stop drinking beer so much, it makes me fat and gives me a headache!

No mail tonight, I hope I get some tomorrow. I don't mind not getting any mail one day as long as I get some the next.

God Bless Leanne and Mom

OCTOBER 12

1969

Dear Jeannie,
I flew today and we
had a pretty good time. I'm
really getting to enjoy flying
with the lift platoon. I
had stayed in the gun platoon
I could have gone to Cobain
school, in fact I still can
if I want to. I don't think
I want to get out of lift
though I enjoy the flying and
I like the Huey helicopter. The
views are great and the
weather is good! In short I'm
satisfied!

I got two letters from
Jeannie and one from my
Dad today!!!
God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

OCTOBER 13

1969

Dear Jeannie,
I didn't have to fly
today because I had a
check ride due yesterday
and I didn't get it. I
guess I won't fly until I
get one. I hope not for
the next two or three days
at least!

This afternoon Mr. Lucifer,
Mr. Prescott and myself went
downtown and had a lunch break.
John Prescott is getting short
and he wanted to get a
few pictures before he left.
We were finally chased out
by the MP's because Ban
Mr. Thor is on grey alert.
God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

OCTOBER 14 1969

Dear Jeannie,

I didn't fly again today so Dale, Jeannie and myself did a little trading & with the Mamasons out on the flight line. We traded mostly soap for candles and a carton of cigarettes for a silk smoking jacket. It's really a bit smoky in there with the guys we trade with. They always try to cheat you at first but after a while you can get just about what you want.

No mail again today. I sure will be glad when I do get some mail again. God Bless Jeannie and Moni.

OCTOBER 15

1969

Dear Jeannie,

I had to fly today even though I haven't had a check ride yet. I'll give it a try when I get that check ride so I can start getting some experience so I can become an aircraft commander.

Today was a pretty hot day. I think the monsoon is slowly coming to an end. I like the monsoon pretty well because the weather is always cool.

The mail again today, I sure wish the mail would straighten out!

God Bless Jeannie and Moni

OCTOBER 16 1969

Dear Jeannie,
I didn't fly today because it was a mountain day down day. I did my laundry this morning so now I'm caught up for awhile!

This afternoon I went down to the Imperial Bar and had a few beers. After I got back to base camp I wrote a letter to my wife and then started to drink more beer. I didn't get drunk but I drank enough beer to get that way. I am just got to quit drinking so much beer. I got a total of 5 letters from my wife today.

God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

OCTOBER 17 1969

Dear Jeannie,
I didn't have to fly again today because I was supposed to take a check ride. I didn't take the check ride after all! I wanted to go to Pleiku today but I didn't get to. I gave over Doctor (a Captain) 937 to get me a gamma today. I just hope he can get the kind I want.

I didn't do a damn thing all day. I read a few "Captain Monthly" and "Chom Man" comic books. What an exciting day! The mail came in today.

God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

OCTOBER 18

1969

Dear Leanne,
I didn't fly again today. I'm still waiting for my dental check up. I didn't do too much at all today. This afternoon I went down town with three other guys so they could take some pictures. We had a little kid with one arm missing at the elbow, or an amputee. He took us all over town and advised us what to buy. I felt sorry for him so I gave him 10 cents (8¢) and then took him to a bakery and bought him some candy and cookies.

I got two letters from Leanne and one from my Dad today. God Bless Leanne and Mori.

OCTOBER 19

1969

Dear Leanne,
I didn't fly again today. No check ride. As usual I went down town again today. Not much was going on down there. I met three Air Force sergeants in a bar and found out there was a Miss Statues down at City Field.

I also got my 7000 orders today. I'll be leaving for Hawaii on Nov. 27th and get there the same day. I sure hope the next few days go by fast. I can't wait until I see my wife again. We are going to really have a ball. God Bless Leanne and Mori.

OCTOBER 20

1969

Dear Jeannie,

I didn't have to fly again today! I did get my check with today though. I guess I passed it OK because the check just didn't say anything. It was really hot today on days that it gets this hot I just about can't stand it in the tent. Last night we were out of water but luckily it rained real hard and I took a shower out in it! It sure felt good to take a shower in some clean water for a change! No mail again today!

God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

OCTOBER 21

1969

Dear Jeannie,

I flew out to the 170 today for the first time in quite a while. This morning I left and I flew up to Plei Me and picked up the major. Then we took a load of Blues out to Ben Prong. I also practiced laying people over from the ship. I had to fly the VR tonight and I saw a C-model gunship crash. It was burning when we got to the scene and then it exploded. There were other aircraft at the scene as we left. I don't know if the crew got out or not. God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

OCTOBER 22 1969

Dear Jeannie,
I didn't have to fly again today. I got a chance to go to Plei Me so I went. I gave the Doctor some money a few days ago to get me a camera. He wasn't able to get it for me though. It sure was nice to see our room again. It looks so big and nice and clean. Maybe someday we'll move back there. My old brother died, Len, gave me a picture of her. My wife will probably blow a fuse when she sees her sitting in my wallet. I came back to Plei Me Ban Me Thout this afternoon.
God Bless Jeannie and Mori.

OCTOBER 23 1969

Dear Jeannie,
I had to fly the major up to Plei Me this afternoon so he could attend a briefing. Before I took the major up to Plei Me I had to fly a VR. We took a couple of captains and an enlisted man about 3 kilometers east of here to check out some roads. They are planning an attack on a VC training camp up in the hills, and they wanted to check out the roads leading into the area.
I'm at Plei Me tonight and we had a show at the club. Everyone got down, even the Major. God Bless Jeannie and Mori.

OCTOBER 24 1969

Dear Jeannie,

Boy did we ever get drunk last night. They had a Philharmonic show at the club and everyone got plastered. Our Major was drunk and was really acting like a nut. Lt. Wilson and I went up to the 4th Div. snack bar this morning and had some good food for a change.

It took the Major back to Bagn Me Thout this afternoon but when we got there we had to turn around and come back to Plei Mea. I guess our unit is in trouble for shooting up Cambodia. The U.N. says we did it and we say we didn't!

God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

OCTOBER 25 1969

Dear Jeannie,

Today was another hectic day. Right now I'm down at Bagn Me Thout, this is the third time I've been down here today. First I had to bring the Major down, they'd had to take some people back up to Plei Mea and bring some more people back down. After that I returned and picked up some more people. By the time we got back the last time it was dark. We didn't have to hand of a ton laundry though.

I got seven letters from my wife today.

God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

OCTOBER 26 1969

Dear Jeannie,
I flew in the 70 for
a change today! On the
first time I've been out
there in a long time. As
usual we just sat on our
asses doing nothing! We were
out at 8:00am to 4:00pm but we
got lucky and had to leave
because of bad weather.

I'm really getting tired of
being over here. I don't mind
the war, it just all of the
sitting around doing nothing
that gets me. Still sure be
glad when I get on 70th. I
need a break!

God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

OCTOBER 27 1969

Dear Jeannie,
I had today off for
as usual I went down
town and did nothing. I
did get a chance to make
some \$ today. To tell
the truth I didn't do a
thing for me. I'm going to
try it again tomorrow first
to see what will happen.

I saw a sign in
the PX that was really funny.
Today. It read Buy your Christmas
presents early - You may not live
that long!

Well that's all for today!
God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

OCTOBER 28 1969

Dear Janne,
I didn't have to fly
today as usual! Nor did I did
nothing again today. I went
down to the PX today and
looked for some clutter to
wear on R&R but I didn't
find anything I wanted.
I tried smoking just
again today. I smoked two
puffs but they didn't do a
thing for me. I guess I'll
just never be able to smoke
on jet! It was a good
experiment though anyway!
I didn't get any mail
again today. Hurray up R&R!!

God Bless Janne and Mori.

OCTOBER 29 1969

Dear Janne,
It had to fly today
and it was a very exciting day. The NVN
had been mortaring two of
the fire bases around Ben
Huong and today they mortared
Ben Huong which we were
there! We had one hell of
time getting airborne once it
started. One of our planes
sage gone so we had to
take 3 down of two in 2
ships. The worst part was
going out through all of the
friendly ground fire! The
one was lost in our
position luckily!

God Bless Janne and Mori.

OCTOBER 30

1969

Dear Jeannie,

I wasn't supposed to fly today but I ended up flying anyway. I had to fly a resupply mission out to Ben Brum. I also had to Med Evac a wounded soldier back to BMT. Our platoon spent most of the day pulling out bodies from around fire base Kate. A C-47 crashed there and everyone was killed on board. This morning, just as our slicks left Ben Brum, it was mortared. Last night and today Ben Brum, Ben Tap and other C-47s were mortared. I have to fly resupply again tomorrow morning. No mortars, please!! God Bless Jeannie and Moni.

OCTOBER 31

1969

Dear Jeannie,

I didn't have to fly again today. Today was a pretty good day because I finally bought a camera. I had to wait in line to get it at the PX. It's a Canon Pellix, 1.4 lens and it cost me about \$144.00.

We have been playing a lot of cards around here today. WO1 ~~factor~~ Jacobs and myself are the champs. We drank a lot of beer tonight and didn't get to bed until 3:30 am.

No mail again today.

God Bless Jeannie and Moni.

NOVEMBER 1

1969

Dear Jeannie

I didn't have to fly again today. Today was a maintenance down day so we all just hung around the tent and did nothing. We went down to Mar-V today but I didn't buy anything.

I'm writing this page on November 3rd. On this day I played cards with George Grey. He had quit flying LORAS but said he was going out tomorrow. We all felt he was crazy and would end up getting his ear shot off. We had every reason to believe he is dead at the present time.

God Bless Jeannie and Mom

NOVEMBER 2 1969

Dear Jeannie,

Today was a bad day. Three of our helicopters shot down. 2 LORAS and 1 Cobra. I saw the Cobra get shot down with my friend Peterson in it. 5 of our people are still trapped out there at the crash site. men escaped. (Lt. Corman) We inserted our trooper and drew fire. There were so many MIA around the crash site it was impossible to make a rescue. 6-.50 cal! We made a night extraction, I didn't get in on it because it was low on fuel (75lb) After getting fuel we drew .50 cal fire running out of the top. I saw our men get out about 3 are known to be alive still. Think Peterson died. God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

NOVEMBER 3 1969

Dear Jeannie,

I didn't have to fly today thank God! Our group didn't have to take off today until 12:30. They inserted 140 South Vietnamese Rangers near the crash site. We still haven't yet seen any word on the five downed pilots. I think that our pilot are dead by now.

Four mortar rounds were dropped in across the runway tonight. Will probably get hit tonight. We have to go out and fly Radio Relay tonight. I've got the 11-1 shift.

God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

NOVEMBER 4

1969

Dear Jeannie,

I didn't have to fly again today. I had to fly last night so I got today off. We went up to 7,800 feet last night and were completely IFR. We got lost and we couldn't even get a radar vector. We ended up FM home back to Ban Me Thut. I was never so afraid as I was last night.

Today the troops out around the crash site have been in heavy contact. Last night they found the body of one of the Cobras pilots. The track has been found by the other.

God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

NOVEMBER 5 1969

Dear George, I hope I have
you again today for another
long time. I have to tell
you because of high winds.
the wind must of the
day just started blowing
wind for the weather to
get better. The weather around
here is really tough. It gets
real cold and the wind is
blowing so hard I took
the a day strong outside!
will sure be glad when I
get on 207 so I can
get the hell out of this
place! I miss you
very, very much.

See you soon and more

NOVEMBER 6 1969

Dear George,
Again I didn't have
to tell you the wind is
still blowing like hell outside!
I think the weather is getting
more and more better around
here.

We played touch football
today with the mountain
people. We beat them 28-0!
We have very easy in
our place that can really
play football. Jim Dylan
and a college neighbor to
play football
we been getting real
qually after today I am still
in good shape I can still to
the next round of visiting!
See you soon and more.

NOVEMBER 7 1969

Dear Jeannie,

I finally flew today. We spent the whole day just sitting around and at about four o'clock we were told to go to Ben Penny and pick up some troops. It was pretty groovy flying out around Ben Penny. We were shot at when we flew over the fire base Kite. On the way back we were VFR on top at 10,000 ft. We ended up landing at night with our 20 min fuel warning light on. Any more flying under these conditions and it'll be a nervous week!

I am sure all over from yesterday touch football game. God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

NOVEMBER 8 1969

Dear Jeannie,

I flew again today. We went out to Phuoc Gi today. We were supposed to go to Ben Penny but it was under attack. Our Cobras tapped a company of NVA in a big clump of trees surrounded by open fields and a friendly unit surrounded the area. The Cobras put 200 rockets up there but were forced to leave when they each took a round. We had a pretty good flight today. There wasn't a ceiling and we were able to fly out of our range. I'm still a bit shaky though. Afraid? God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

NOVEMBER 9 1969

Dear Jeannine,
I didn't have to
fly today because it was a
maintenance down day. After
yesterday we didn't have any
flyable Cobras. I sure am
glad that I didn't have
to fly. That was just around
Bac Ninh in so hot, it's
unbelievable! I just hope the
time flies between now and
N.T.N. I am yet such a good
wife and I just have to
see her at least one more
time. The more I think about
combat the less of life it is.
I guess I'm not the phewy
type. I hope I don't have to
fly again tomorrow.
God Bless Jeannine and Moni.

NOVEMBER 10 1969

Dear Jeannine,
I had to fly
today. The F-4C volunteered us
to fly some things out to
Bac Ninh. Wow! The way
we got into Bac Ninh was
literally dice in! The whole
place was surrounded by NVF
and several SO cal! While
we were there we thought
we got mortared so we left
as quick as we could. I'm
not sure if it was gunfire
or not but when we got back
down a MiG shot down
billed. I think he blew
himself up with a grenade.
Probably suicide.

God Bless Jeannine and Moni.

NOVEMBER 11 1964

Dear Jeannie,
I had to fly again today and as usual I got the hell scared out of me! We had to fly low level out to Phnom Pen because the weather was so bad. While enroute we heard one of our Headquarters planes call megalay. The was hit by 51 Cal fire from out of Ph. Penang at 5,000 ft! The aircraft only took one round and the gunner was hit pretty bad. Everyone else was OK. On the way back to base long we tried to go VFR on low and went IFR for a few min. Luckily the F/C pulled out OK. I damn near passed out!
God Bless Jeannie and Mom!

NOVEMBER 12 1964

Dear Jeannie,
I had today off I think God! Our plateau didn't have to fly today at all. I went down to the hospital this afternoon and had a few fees. Anyways I'm as acholic!

Today is my wife's birthday. She is 20 years old. I hope with all I could be with her. Sometimes anyways I wonder if till her long enough to go on R&R. I sort hope I do. Not much action today, I met a guy from my flight class today at 155th Oacob. I didn't even remember him! God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

NOVEMBER 13 1969

Dear Jeanne,
I'm sure scheduled to
fly today but we never did
go out on our mission. We
spent the whole day having
500 day championships!

W/OI Devil and myself
had to fly the VR tonight and
it turned into a real RF!
We had to go out and pick
up some cables at fire base
Linh Kien. It was dark by the
time we found the place and
it was still trying to land. We
got into settling with power on
the first approach and damn
near crashed! Luckily we made it
back OK. I'm even more nervous
tonight!

God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

NOVEMBER 15 1969

Dear Jeanne,
I didn't have to fly
today but I didn't have to
spend the day at Ban Phang
I was out there making
sure the commo was straight.
Our company has to send
one officer a day. They are
in real heavy contact at
Ban Phang, I saw about
40 wounded men and about
15 dead men, all Vietnamese.
Today some C-miles spotted
a tank and several truck
type vehicles. The Air Force
most have put in a dozen
air strikes about 500 feet
from the perimeter. I sure
am glad to be back!
God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

NOVEMBER 14 1969

Dear Jeannie,
With this get messal age
today happenings on yesterday
page or I'll write yesterday
in today's page.

Nothing at all happened
today. I was scheduled to
fly but we were on stand
by here at Bunker Hill. That
I never got off of
the ground. The place is
really getting to be a drag.
I can't wait until R&R.
No mail again today, I
guess the people at Bunker
are so lazy to send it
down.

God Bless Jeannie and Mom

NOVEMBER 16

1969

Dear Jeannie,

We were on standby
all day again today at
an usual. I got over file
a lot out! I really like
staying out of Bunker Hill
Thought East, no more worry
about SI and mortar
rounds! I might just get
much flight time but at
least I'll have to tell
about it.

The Pungs is still
under heavy attack. This
morning an artillery from Cambodian
knocked out all of the Pungs
artillery. They have also been
several tanks and such types
helicopter spotted in the area.
God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

NOVEMBER 17 1969

Dear Jeanne,
it had the day off
today and as usual it didn't
get much done! I haven't
flew in any way that I
can't remember the last
time that I did fly!

We went down to the
155th offices about this after-
noon and got drunk. Tom
and I soon sat down in
a room of smoke so the
undertaker had to ~~by~~ us
drink. By the time we left
we were feeling pretty good.
We drank most of the
flying and finally went to
bed about one.

God Bless Jeanne and Mori.

NOVEMBER 18

1969

Rear Jeanne,
I had to fly
today but we were on
stand by here at Bemore
that we never got off
the ground. We've been
having cloudy games all
day today. I can't
forget how cloudy is
a type of cloud game.

I didn't get any
mail again today, that's OK
though because I'll be going
on R&R soon. I wrote
the last letter to my
wife today. I sent it after R&R
I sure hope nothing happens
to you my R&R.

God Bless Jeanne and Mori.

NOVEMBER 19 1969

Dear Leanne,
I had to fly today
and nothing happened! We went
out to Okanogan and the
only bad part was when
we had to go slow level
for about 20 miles. I'm
still pretty shaky out on
the 70° but I'm getting a
little better. I'm beginning to
think I'm afraid of altitude!
I hope this is the last
day I have to fly before
I go on N&N. I may
think my nerves will settle
while I'm on N&N so if
I can do a good job when
I get back.

God Bless Leanne and Mom

NOVEMBER 20

1969

Dear Leanne,
I flew again today
for the last time before
I go on N&N. The flight
was a pretty good one.
My IFR and my gunning!
I am still a bit
shaky when I leave for N&N
I just about had it with
this dump! I'm tired of
hunting, cameras and anything
you fly. Mom should
really be a ~~real~~ real
for me.

My flight didn't go
well today but that's OK
because I'm not hunting
anymore myself.

God Bless Leanne and Mom

NOVEMBER 21 1969

Dear Jeannie,
My today as I didn't have to
whole day as I spent the
to leave for my R&R. I
flew up to Pueblo this
evening in the back of
a L014. It was pretty full
crowded because we had
four people on board without
my the major. We had to
fly real high and I
about froze because the
L014 didn't have any doors.
I spent the rest of the
evening getting drunk in
the club and watching a
movie called "Son of".

God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

NOVEMBER 22 1969

Dear Jeannie,
I'm still up here at Camp Evans taking
it easy! I had to go
and be interviewed today to
be the colonel now but
I don't really want the
job but if I get it will
I want complain. I like
being in the lift station
but if I start flying
the colonel against it will
get more hours when it
is full of "old" people!
I went to the club
again tonight and as usual
I got drunk! While I
was there I watched a
Bingwith Bandit movie.
God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

NOVEMBER 23 1969

Dear Friends I spent the day
gathering up the finds I had
made in the past. I had
to go all the way over to
Long Beach just for
the pieces of rock that
I thought would fit but they
were all down to the
size it turned out they did
not well. I sat in the car
most of the evening and
played cards. It was a
quiet - a bit too quiet. The
news was "Death Men" and
I thought if was real you
I have here tomorrow.

NOVEMBER 24 1969

Dear family, Today I left White
for Can. We left early. Our plane
was supposed to leave at
9 o'clock but we ended
up getting out at 12:30!
I had to wake up early
in the F-150 and by
now the sun was up. We
were flying 16K and the
golds were just starting!
The hill was rough in
one end the plate gravelled
by the avalanche! By the
day was hot and I
had a lot of water to
the morning was over down
with Pop Gilman who is
Gard Blue from and Maran.

NOVEMBER 25 1969

Dear Jeannie
I slept most of
this morning and didn't get
up until lunch time.
I tried to check my baggage
but they told me it
would have to wait until
tomorrow.

I went to the club
this afternoon and had a
few beers. Then I went and
took a great, warm, hot
shower! It really felt good
to get clean!

I went back to the
club this evening and saw a
few of my old flight
school buddies. I also
got located!

God Bless Jeannie and Mori

NOVEMBER 26 1969

Dear Jeannie
I took care
of just about everything
for my trip to Hawaii.
I bought myself a couple
of beautiful Bernini shirts.
About the only thing I
need to get yet is a
pair of pants, I should
be able to pick those up
in Hawaii.

I'll be leaving here
tomorrow afternoon, the flight
will take about 1 1/2 hours
plus a one hour lay
over in Guam. I sure
am glad Uncle Dan is
paying for the trip!

God Bless Jeannie and Mori.

NOVEMBER 27 1969

Dear Jeannie,
Today I finally
got to Hawaii! After a
13 hour flight I got here
4 hours before I left! I
got, at my wife's insistence,
know what to say. We found
a room at the Reef Hotel
that is pretty nice. Tonight
we went out to the Ocean's
End for dinner and saw a
motel show afterward. Then
we went to the Cock's Nest
and watched another show.
My wife and I had
a drink called Blop Hawaiian
and we both liked it real
well. He was having a great time.
God Bless Jeannie and Mori.

NOVEMBER 28 1969

Dear Jeannie,

This morning my wife
and I went to the largest
shopping center in the world,
the Ala Moana, and I bought
myself some clothes. We spent
most of the afternoon on
the beach. It doesn't like
the beaches here on Hawaii,
they are too rocky.

This evening we went to
"Duke Kahanamoku's" and saw
Don Ho. We both thought the
show was real good. After
that we went to the "Boat
& Gray" and played for a
while. The band was very real
good, and played lots of
Rock & Roll.

God Bless Jeannie & Mori

NOVEMBER 29 1969

Dear Leanne,

This morning my wife and I woke up at nine. By the time we finally got up and got going it was about eleven. We drove over to the north side of the island and went to the Polynesian Cultural Center. We took a lot of pictures of the native life and of the natives. We came back through the mountains and it was real scenic. This evening we ate at the Royal Tiki restaurant. After that we went to the Outrigger Hotel and saw "The Checkmates" in the main showroom. Also went to Mama Mias Pizza! God Bless you all. Mom.

NOVEMBER 30 1969

Dear Leanne,

We didn't get up until about eleven today! I sure do hate to sleep the day away.

We spent most of the afternoon at the pool. Neither one of us has a tan yet and I don't think we will get one! The pool has a real nice bar in it with the best people in the Navy. Come back over and see us.

We ate at the "Green Turtle" tonight, the food was pretty good. We also went to the theater and saw "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid". God Bless you all. Mom.

DECEMBER 1

1969

Dear Jeanne,

Today we stayed around the hotel quite a bit. We swam in the pool most of the afternoon. Later in the day we drove up into the mountains and took a few pictures. We went up on Bali Drive and got some beautiful shots! We took the road around Pismo Beach on the way back and stopped and got some beautiful shots of the sea.

Tonight we went to "La Rhoond", the newfangled restaurant and had a hearty meal. After that we went to a nightclub and saw a good Latin American band. God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

DECEMBER 2

1969

Dear Jeanne,

This morning we got up early and tried to find a beach. We tried up finding a good place to swim about now! We tried to go up to North Shore at Sunset Beach but the police wouldn't let us up there. They had 50 ft. waves up there last night.

This evening we went on a supper cruise on the sailing ship California. It used to be the "Kon Tiki" in a TV series of really like it but Jeanne felt kind of sick! After that we went back to the hotel and watched a band in the bar downstairs. God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

DECEMBER 3

1969

Dear Leonie,

Today is the day
that I have to leave Thailand.
I left at about eight this
morning. By I am still
here to leave my wife. It
seems like every time we turn
around we are hugging each
other goodbye. I'll sure be
glad when my year over
here. We are so I can
go home and be with my
wife for good. I have her
more than anyone.

We stopped at Guam on
the way back. The flight was
a smooth one and we
got to Viet Nam at about
three in the afternoon.
God Bless Leonie and Max.

DECEMBER 4

1969

Dear Leonie,

This is the day
that we picked up when
we crossed over the
International Date Line.
Actually when I landed
in Viet Nam at was
three o'clock in the 4th.
This is kind of a
last day in a way!

God Bless Leonie and Max.

DECEMBER 5

1969

Dear Jeannie,
I spent most of
the day today trying to get
out of Cam Rahn Bay! I
was in the air terminal
all day and I never
did get out! My flight
was cancelled about three
hours after it was supposed
to have left. I hope it
can get out of here tomorrow.
I went to the Officers
Club tonight and I ran
into an old flight school
buddy, Mike Smith. He is
an 816 guy but a big bragger.
I went to bed at about
10:30 pm after about eight
seven - seven!
God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

DECEMBER 6

1969

Dear Jeannie,
I finally got out
of Cam Rahn Bay today!
I left at about eleven
this morning and got
back to Camp Evans around
two this afternoon. It
is starting to get better around
here now.
This evening I had
an Australian band at the
club and they were pretty
good. They had two
girl dancers and a female
singer along with them.
After the band was finished
we watched the movie "Piano
of the 1940's" I have
already seen it but it was still OK.
God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

DECEMBER 7 1969

Dear Jeannie,

I was supposed to go over to finance today and get payed but they were closed so I'll have to go tomorrow.

I went up to the pool this afternoon and the water was in cold! it still felt pretty good to swim though. I wish I lived up here, then I could swim every day off.

I went to the club again tonight and ~~saw~~ saw the Pojins of Miss Jean Brodie a kind of bawdy fish! I also felt pretty good! ^{the miss femme}

God Bless Jeannie and Mom

DECEMBER 8 1969

Dear Jeannie,

Today I went over to finance and got payed \$136.00 my wife got an allowance for \$500.00. I sure wish I could get my wife a Christmas present but the PX's are sold out!

I tried to get down to Bum me that's today but the helicopter was to full to take me.

I went up to the club again tonight and played cards and drank whiskey. I also saw a movie called "It's to Today this must be Belgium". It was pretty funny. God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

DECEMBER 9 1969

Dear Jeanne,

Tuesday I finally got
down to Ban the Ghent. I
had to go over to Hensel
Gridel and hitch a ride.
The weather down here is
really cold! I'm about half
frozen! It must get down
into the 40's at night.

Tonight we went
over to the 155th Legion
Club to see a show but
as it turned out they didn't
have it. We watched a movie
called "Luv" and it was all
cut up. The end was at
the beginning and the middle
at the end! A complete
waste of time!

God Bless Jeanne and Miss.

DECEMBER 10

1969

Dear Jeanne,

Today was the
first day that it is snowing
in about 18 days! Dolores
and I went out to
Our Log cabin and picked
up some roofing material
for our bunker. I really
enjoyed flying today. We
went down level most of
the time and I really
had fun. Our Log has
cooled off now and it
is pretty safe to go in and
out of there.

We played cards this
evening and we about froze
to death. May go out even
cold around here!
God Bless Jeanne and Miss.

DECEMBER 11 / 969

Dear Jeanne,

I had to fly again today and we went out to Suez Bay and were in stand by all day. Nothing happened at all today. I gave Nemo Tap and Ben Perry and both pretty quiet now. They went out and played cards until about eleven thirty. I also found out today that my friend Remy is alive. He was rescued along with a guy named Chapman about a mile from where he crashed. I hope we can find out more about him later on. It's still damp and cold around here. God Bless you and Mrs.

DECEMBER 12

1969

Dear Jeanne,

I had to fly again today and we went to a new place called Ben Nour. It's really a wild little place. We went and explored a Montagnard grave yard and temple. They and three of my crew were invited into an old hut where we were and we chatted with some all afternoon. It's pretty good stuff but most people wouldn't think it if they saw how it was made! I really learned a lot about the montagnards this afternoon. I was surprised at how clean their houses are. It still cold! God Bless you and Mrs.

DECEMBER 13 1969

Dear Janine,

I didn't fly today so I got a lot of work done. I washed all of my clothes, took my shirt and had some tags run on. I also took a shower over at the 155th shower room.

We went over to the O club at 155th and saw the movie "Coyote Bluff" with Clint Eastwood. It was a great movie. Boy did I ever get church tomorrow in a down day so it was a good excuse to get loaded! Boy do I miss my wife. Help! God Bless Janine and Miss.

DECEMBER 14

1969

Dear Janine,

Tuesday was a mountainous down day and boy was I glad! I awoke this morning and boy did I feel bad. I was soon going to have to eat dinner on my thinking or I'd die!

The weather around here is still real cold and rainy! I sure will be glad when the weather clears up around here.

I miss my wife very much. I'll sure be glad to get the hell out of this place. I can't wait to see Mom too.

God Bless Janine and Miss.

DECEMBER 15 1964

Dear Jeannine,
We flew out to
Barbados again today and
had along a bunch of
candy, soap and tobacco for
the infirmary and other pic.
We also took along a bunch
of toys to give to
the kids. Almost every kid
got a toy or some candy.
We gave the boys balloons
and balls and the girls
dolls and coloring books. We
tried to teach the boys
to play baseball, they got
the hang of it but kept
by their own rules! I hope
we spread a little Christmas
cheer among those people.
God Bless Jeannine and Mimi.

DECEMBER 16 1969

Dear Jeannine,
I was supposed to
fly today but we never got
off the ground due to
bad weather. It has been
raining on and off all day
it is pretty cold. It is
in half frozen.

Tonight we opened up
our new office, etc. All
it is in a big under
ground bunker that we
built but it better than
nothing! We are going
to start having meetings
down there. It will be
great to see a movie
once in a while. I miss
you very, very much.
God Bless Jeannine and Mimi.

DECEMBER 17 1969

Dear Jeanne,
We didn't go again today. The weather is still pretty bad around here. The meteorologists say that it won't get warm around here until the end of February. I've only got one pretty long to stay inside and at night about freeze to death.
tonight I was so sleepy that I fell asleep and didn't wake up until the morning. I was too tired to write to my wife. God will be pleased with my wife. I love her!
God Bless Jeanne and Mori.

DECEMBER 18 1969

Dear Jeanne,
I was scheduled to fly today but we were to get off of the ground due to bad weather. I stayed around the tent all day and tried to catch up on some sleep. The wind was blowing so hard around here that the tent almost fully opened! When the wind blows it's full of dust and sand, etc. like having my a sand storm around here. The temp is still very cold. I think I'm getting a cold due to it.
God Bless Jeanne and Mori.

DECEMBER 19 1969

Dear Jeanne,
it didn't have
to fly today so I decided
to go down to Muo-V. But
the place burned down today
(Mac-V in town) built in an
old hunting lodge that was
used by Teddy Roosevelt
around the turn of the
century. All three of the
main lodges were burned to
ashes and the smaller buildings
were completely destroyed too.

I sure do miss Jeanne
a lot today. I'll be glad
when I can leave this.
but how! I need my
family not a war.

God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

DECEMBER 20 1969

Dear Jeanne,
I had to fly today
and we set out to B'm
now. I took a walk thru
the village and saw a
few neat things. Some
of the Vietnamese store
owners have great parrots
and peacock. These parrots
are really beautiful birds.
I also saw some Montgolfier
wings weaving from and
using red colorful cloth.
It must take several
months to make a shirt
the way they do it.
The weather out at B'm
now is nice but the
weather here is cold.
God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

DECEMBER 21 1969

Dear Jeannie, I had to fly again today and we went back out to Ban Non. I spent most of the day sleeping! We had something wrong with our aircraft tail rotor and it gave us a hard time when we took some supply back to Ban Mo. Then I don't know our aircraft got so bad as for me to maintain over there! I'm afraid to fly them!

I got some letters and a couple of X-ray cards. I wish I could be with my wife for Christmas.

God Bless Jeannie and Mavis.

DECEMBER 22 1969

Dear Jeannie, I had to fly again today and again we went out to Ban Non. I was a good day until the trip back. We had dropped off our traps, refueled and were on the way back to base camp and our chopper went crazy! We were flying along and all of a sudden we went out of control. The engine was trying to quit and wouldn't take automation. We landed safely and no one was hurt. Then the second time, old 248 tried to kill me! God Bless Jeannie and Mavis.

DECEMBER 23 1969

Dear Jeanne,
~~I had to fly~~
again today and we went
out to ~~base~~ base. Mistake!
Today we went out to the
crash site and recovered
what we believe to be George
Gregory's body. It was so
decayed that no one could
identify him. He was nothing
but a skeleton from the
waist up. We also recovered
Peterson's dead body. It
was really full of bullet
holes and was eye galls
down. I don't see how they
got out of that crash!
Most of the bullet holes were
right in the cockpit.
God Bless Jeanne and Moni

DECEMBER 24
Christmas Eve

Dear Jeanne,
This evening we
all got together! All of
the officers and EM had a
big party together. Almost
everyone in the whole
town was there. We took
down all of our Christmas
trees and started beating
each other over the head
with them! I threw Nick
Gronski's book and all night
out of the tent, boy
was that ever funny! We
opened all of our presents
and I just enough food
to last me a life time.
I sure wish I could
have been with my wife.
God Bless Jeanne and Moni.

DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day

Dear Jeannine,

Boy did I feel bad when I woke up this morning! Gerontis woke me up by throwing a glass of water in my face. I guess we are even now! All of us went down to the Imperial Ban and really got loaded! What a way to spend Christmas, in a greasy Vietnamese bar. All of the invited ones got drunk and forgot to come back. The Major had to go out in his jeep and find them. Boy are they in hot water! I pray with that it was home good. Bless Jeannine and Mom.

DECEMBER 26 1969

Dear Jeannine,

Today and I had to fly to Ban Ban again. It was kind of a touchy situation out there today because yesterday a North Vietnamese trooper threw a C4 grenade into the middle of a Montgomery Christmas party. It made the Montgomery so mad they chased the guy down and killed him. Then they took over the compound and tortured the commander. They also took the American explosive weapon away. They didn't bother me though! I want to go home! God Bless Jeannine and Mom.

DECEMBER 27 1969

Dear Leanne,
How again today
and we went out to Bon
Bon. That place is, really
dreadful out there. I sure
do hope we won't get
the next few days. I'm
really getting sick of all
the dirt and dust of all
Bon Bon. I haven't
been clean since I left
Hawaii!

Rumors are going around
that we will be leaving for
Bleau within the next few days.
I like Bon Bon. I think it's
worse but Bleau will be a
lot better.

God Bleau Leanne and Moi.

DECEMBER 28 1969

Dear Leanne,
I didn't have
time to fly with the left
pilot today but I did
fly with the maintenance
officer up to Bleau. The
turbulence was so bad that
I was flying everything I
could to keep the aircraft
under control. When we landed
at Bleau the winds were
30 Knts gusting to 38! Then
what I call a strong surface
wind! It was so bad I
ended up having to stay
up here in Bleau! For
and we will be moving
tomorrow. It's so dirty now
I feel like a small dog.
God Bleau Leanne and Moi.

DECEMBER 29 1969

Dear Jeanne,

I flew back down from Plei Me to Ban Me this morning. I thought we would be moving today but I guess we won't until tomorrow. Some of the guys left today but most of us stayed behind.

I went down to Ban Me. I think for the last time today. I am going to move this place, even though it is a dump! At about 2:00 a steamer bath this afternoon, it sure felt good to be clean! I will wish you many more days of no Plei and Ban Me funne and Mo.

DECEMBER 30 1969

Dear Jeanne,

This morning we got up at four and took down our tent. By seven every thing in the jungle area was either packed up or torn down. We threw grenades in a couple of bushes to see if they would come in. In one bush we put 5,000 rounds of ammos, 15 WP grenades, 500 lbs of wood, and 14 clay grenades before it came in! Boy did we have fun throwing those grenades! I had a hard time to leave the old place, it wasn't much but it was home for about four months. God Bless Jeanne and Mo.

New Years
Eve DECEMBER 31 1969

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Joanne See
[REDACTED]

Dear Jeannie,

Well, tonight was the big night! I didn't know what we would do. I thought it would be OK, but it was still OK. Mr. Guyana and I didn't go to the club until about 9:30 pm. We watched some old movies and really got drunk. Myself and another woman climbed up on the roof. We played cards and smoked them down with a fire extinguisher. Boys were running about and I heard them go away from them. After that we all got so drunk I don't know how I got to my mom and Glen Jeannie and Mom.

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JANUARY 1 1970

Dear Jeanne,

Well here it is
the first day of a new year!
I've been in Viet Nam for ¹¹
almost eight months now
and have about four to go.
I'm 21 years old now and
I have a wife and one
little baby girl. One thing
for sure is that I haven't
wasted much time! I hope
1970 turns out to be better
than 69, I saw to many
people die during that year.
If all goes well I'll
be home with my wife
the last part of April. I
hope that this is the first
and last war that I'm in.
God Bless Jeanne and Mark

JANUARY 2

1970

Dear Jeannie

I didn't have to fly again today so all I did was lay around all day today my 30th birthday. I think I'm 44 now. I wish I could have had a present but I was lucky just to send a card.

There was an Australian band at the club tonight. I thought they were really good. They also had a magazine from Malasia. The club was très très bad! I just couldn't figure out!

I sure do wish I was home with my wife and baby. I really miss them.

God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

JANUARY 3

1970

Dear Jeannie,

I didn't fly again today. This is the fourth day in a row off for me. I'm pretty sure I'll have to fly tomorrow though. I guess we'll be moving out of the area again. The only bad thing about that area is the mountain.

I went up to the club tonight and saw a real good movie. I can't remember the name but it was really good. I'm going to try to stop drinking. It's making me a nervous wreck and is affecting my flying. It time to quit!

God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

JANUARY 4 1970

Dear Jeannie,
I flew today and we went up to Aham Khe. We were there for about an hour and we got mortared! They dropped in about eight mortar and one rocket. We took off and circled until it was clear to land again.

Later on in the morning we inserted our blues and they captured one man, an NVA soldier, and his weapon, an F-47. It was the first action our blues have had in a long time and it really helped their moral. We came back through the Mein Yang pass, a place where 2,000 men died fighting the Viet Cong. God Bless Jeannie and Moni.

JANUARY 5 1970

Dear Jeannie, I had to fly again today and we went back up to Aham Khe. It was real quiet up there today. The weather was pretty bad so not much was going on. We got to leave for Plei Me early because we were afraid, and might have to extend the night if the weather got any worse. The Major ended up getting stuck at Phu Cat for the night!

I went to the club and had a couple of beers tonight. The quiet over in there days! What a record!! I love Jeannie. God Bless Jeannie and Moni.

JANUARY 6 1970

Dear Jeanne,
I didn't have to
fly today. Then my friend H.
Guyon and I both woke
up hungry. We decided to
go up to the snack bar
despite the P.S. and when we
got there it was closed. What
a thing to have happen. We
both wanted a steak so bad
our mouths were watering!

Tonight at the club
H. Guyon and I got beat
so bad at dominoes it was
embarrassing! We were winning
for about an hour and
then our luck went bad.
Bye for now do more good
work, I wish I was home.
God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

JANUARY 7 1970

Dear Jeanne,
I didn't have to
fly again today. This morning
H. Guyon and I awoke up
hungry again but this time
we did something about it.
We went up to the 4th
Infantry Division snack bar
and had a big steak.
Boy do I ever have stash!
Tonight I didn't do
too much. We went over
to the club and played
cards for awhile. Our luck
was a little better tonight.
After that I saw a really
good movie called "Night
of the Living Dead", what a
rip for a movie!
God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

JANUARY 8 1970

Dear Jeannie,
I had to fly
today and we went to a
different place for a change.
The name of the place was
Blackhawk, a type of fire
base near a montagnard village.
A Montagnard man sold
Capt. Wilson two wooden
models of helicopters. They
were the most well made
I'd see since I got
in Viet Nam.

I sure do miss my
wife a lot tonight. I sure
hope these next four months
fly by. I'm tired of being
around all of these guys all
the time. I want a woman!!!
God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

JANUARY 9 1970

Dear Jeannie,
I had to fly
again today and again we
went over to Abu Khe. We
had to insert our ground
troops today and on the way
in we received heavy anti-
aircraft fire. It didn't
see any of the rounds but
I sure did hear them! Luckily
most of our ships were hit!
Those guys must really be
bad shots! We ended up
making the insertion and extraction
low level. I thought we were
going to crash on the extraction.
The ship didn't have enough
power and I don't know if it
gave me or what that saved us!
God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

JANUARY 10 1970

Dear Jimmie,
last night I had duty officer
nothing so I got today
last night about the only
thing that was go and
that had been arrested by
the MPs for being drunk.
I brought him back to
the trove and he didn't
give me any trouble at all.
and slept until about noon
the rest of the day. He
ain't having any trouble or
power of the club anymore
because of the many situations
around here.
God Bless Jimmie and Mom.

JANUARY 11 1970

Dear Jimmie, I didn't fly
again today because it was
a mountainous hour day.
Today was a dull Sunday.
H. Tucson and I tried
to buy a steak today
but everything was closed
for纪念日. It seems
that everything I get hungry
the place is closed!
We are on a kind of
alert around here. All of
our shows have been
cancelled and so have the
movies. Not more than 25
people are allowed in the
club at once. I guess they
are afraid we'll get arrested!
God Bless Jimmie and Mom.

JANUARY 12 1970

Dear Jeanne,
I flew today and again I mean I didn't fly again today, I really am beginning to hate this place! When I get a day off there is nothing at all to do. Each day seems like it is about a week long!

I hope I get some kind of a day so I can leave Viet Nam a little earlier! Viet Nam is really a beautiful country but when you get stuck in a military base and can't go anywhere its kind of a day. I'll send by glad when I get home over back on time. God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

JANUARY 13 1970

Dear Jeanne,
I flew today for the first time in about four days. I was supposed to take an F/C back with today but the solution tender told the check point tender to give me one. I guess he doesn't want me to be an F/C yet. I think him and I don't see eye to eye on a lot of things! I don't know when I'll be an F/C, maybe never!

The weather is starting to get a little better around here now for just its hot! God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

JANUARY 14 1970

Dear Jeanne,
I didn't fly again today, I swear I have more days that I don't fly than I have ones that I do! I think I'm even getting enough up here at Belize. What - found her! When I leave the place I should have about enough flight time to get good with it! just what I always wanted!

The weather is getting much warmer now and the wind has changed direction, a signal that the monsoon season is about over. Now it will be hot as hell! God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

JANUARY 15 1970

Dear Jeanne,
I want to fly again today and again we went to Aha Kha. I kind of getting tired of that place! We have to fly through the many many passes to get there and the wind is so strong it almost tears the helicopter apart. I'll say we're glad to get back to the States and fly for some half way decent weather! Then place is cold and windy and is enough to drive me crazy! Help!

God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

JANUARY 16 1970

Dear Jeanne,
I was supposed
to fly today but the wind
was so strong that we
couldn't fly! This place
is some thing else! Today
the winds were gusting to
37 mph and holding a steady
20 mph for how! We
aren't supposed to fly if
the wind is over 30 kts or
the gusts spread in greater
than 15 kts.

I mostly slept all
day. Here 05:30 made up
are for the bank! A couple
of days of that and we
will about have it! We
will again today.

God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

JANUARY 17 1969

Dear Jeanne,
I had to fly
again today and not much
happened. We went low
level through the South
Pass this morning and
the clouds have really built
up around that area. I am
afraid if we keep flying
that way someone will
get shot down. Every morning
we see more and more
signs of Chaples in that
area. He has all kinds
of fresh cement, fence built,
animal traps and lots of
hatches! I don't like the
way things look down in
that area.
God Bless Jeanne and Mom

JANUARY 18 1970

Dear Jeannie,
I had to fly
again today. I was told
that I had today to fly
today so I got up early
and to fly} and I didn't
have to fly} I was up
mad I went away and
flew away. Once I get out
of bed I might as well
stay up because the worst
shock is over!

and I got two letters
and two calls today. Boy it
was in good to hear from
my wife. I also went to a
safety meeting tonight. Boy are
those things dull!

God Bless Jeannie and Moni.

JANUARY 19 1970

Dear Jeannie,
It didn't have to
fly today so I gave
myself a little treat. I
went over to Camp Schmitt
and took a steam bath. While
I was there I met a guy
I knew from flight school.
His name is Mike Renfrow.
We went over to Camp
Hollaway in the dinner
and had a great steak
dinner. Boy those guys
sure know how to live
over there!

We got seven new
guys in the squadron today.
Boy do I feel sorry
for those poor guys!
God Bless Jeannie and Moni.

2 yr. Anniversary

JANUARY 20 1970

Dear Jerome,

I had to fly again today and as usual we went up to An Khe. Today the Major got his aircraft shot up. He took three rounds, one in his VHF radio, one ~~in~~ in the side-elevator and one that went through his left rotor control cable. If the cable would have broken he would have been in a world of trouble.

I went up to the club tonight and had a few beers. Yesterday seven more guys came in squadron and we got three in B Troop.

God Bless Jerome and Maria.

JANUARY 21 1970

Dear Jerome,

I had to fly again today and not much happened. The 40th found two bodies that they thought might be Americans. Both of the people had been tortured to death and had their testicles cut out. I know for sure now that if I ever go down country An Khe I'm not going to surrender. I would shoot myself first. I'm going to try and fly tomorrow because I think we are going to go out and recover the two bodies. God Bless Jerome and Maria.

JANUARY 22 1970

Dear Jeannie,
I had to fly again today and we went out to a place called LZ Hamel Tamin. The camp is in a valley surrounded by red high mountain. The elevation is only 300 ft. We also inserted our Blues today on the top of a mountain to recover two bodies. They were small to tell if the bodies were American or enemy. Some of the guys think they were enemy soldiers that had been tortured to death by Americans & I because they were tied down with Americans mine were.

God Bless Jeannie and Moni.

JANUARY 23 1970

Dear Jeannie, I didn't have to fly today so I slept until about one in the afternoon because I got drunk last night. One of the Blues is leaving for home soon so he gave a party. I never turn down free booze!

Today Capt. Capay of 17 troop was killed. He was their platoon leader for the Blues. He was killed when a bullet struck his head while he was helping some wounded LRP's into their Major C & C aircraft. He also was the Officers Club manager. God Bless Jeannie and Moni.

JANUARY 24 1970

Dear Jeannie,
Today was a
miserable down day so
I didn't have to fly
again. I got church again
last night with the two
new guys that live in
the room next to ours.
I had to go out
and let fly one of our
aircraft. We had just
got out and were ready
to start the test flight
and our task for the engine
busy. We had to go
back in and get it
finished when the task
was fixed.

God Bless Jeannie and Moni.

JANUARY 25 1970

Dear Jeannie,
I didn't have
to fly again today! We
had so down many jobs
now that its really hard
to get any flight time. I
don't like to fly every
day but then it again
I don't want every day
off! I need the practice
so I can make FC.
The days are getting
longer and hotter now. I'm
sure that the monsoons
are over now. I like
the cold weather that we
were having but I hated
all of the turbulence and
bad weather.
God Bless Jeannie and Moni.

JANUARY 26 1970

Dear Jeannie,
I had to fly
again today and we went
back over to LZ Highland. It
was pretty hot over
there today. Hard time in
a beautiful Valley that
ran all the way to the
coast. I hope I get a
camera soon so I can
get some pictures. I regret
not having a camera before
because I could have
gotten some pretty pictures.
I hope our house PX
gets soon cameras soon
or I may end my
tour without any pictures!
God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

JANUARY 27 1970

Dear Jeannie, didn't get
to fly today. I volunteered
to fly almost every day
but I never got the chance.
I've been in Viet Nam about
nine months now and I'm
still not an aircraft commander.
If I don't make it soon
I never will. My nerves
are completely gone, I don't
know if I would make a
good F/C or not. If I get
the hell I can start
flying some more so I
can become a better pilot.
I could fly better in
flight school than I can
now!
God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

JANUARY 28 1970

Dear Jeanne, I didn't have
to fly today and I, I think
do things all day! so
really, getting tired of not
flying. I was supposed to
fly today but it rained the last
minute they changed the
schedule! I had to go to
the motor pool this morning
and surprised two of our
down gunners that were working
as a truck. The motor
good in so far behind
in their work that they
will never get caught up.
Seeing the motor pool made
me glad I'm not staying
in the Army!
God Bless Jeanne and Mimi.

JANUARY 29 1970

Dear Jeanne, I flew again
today for the second time
in one week! I seemed
to be less nervous than
in a long time. Maybe
I'll snap out of my case
of nervous youth now and
start flying OK again. It
was hot as hell over at
An Khe today. The best
thing about going to An Khe
is the men tell they
have over there. The food
is about the best I've
ever had in Viet Nam. Also
a guy from fashion was
over at An Khe. His name
is Bob Racer.
God Bless Jeanne and Mimi.

JANUARY 30 1970

Dear Jeannie,

I flew again today
and we went out to LZ Hand
Tennis. We were supposed to
insert our Blue today to pick
up some stuff off of ¹¹¹⁷ NV17
that the LOH-4 lifted but the
weather got too bad up in
that area. Our gun station
today shot up friendly though
for the first time since the
enemies came to Viet Nam. They
killed one and wounded four
Americans all together. Most of
the gun nests in Viet Nam
have shot up friendly twice
several times. The weather is
cold again here at Pleiku. I'll
be glad when it gets warmer.
God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

JANUARY 31 1970

Dear Jeannie,

I didn't fly
today so I got up early
and went out in search of
a camera. I went to every
PX at every base around
here and still never got
one I saw so mad I
finally stopped at Camp
Deshmitt and took a steam
bath to settle down!

I've spent most of
the night tonight studying
for my Aircraft Commander
check ride. I sure do
hope I pass it. It
really means a lot to
me. I'm nervous as
hell about taking it! an
God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

FEBRUARY 1 1970

Dear Jeanne,
I took my aircraft commander check ride today and I passed it! I sure am glad that it's out of the way. I didn't do a perfect job but I did do well enough to pass. I know about all of the emergency procedures now and I'm sure I'll be able to do a good job on F/C. I hope I never need an aircraft or land anyone on long as I fly.

I got three letters from Jeanne today. Boy do I love that girl! God bless Jeanne and Moir.

FEBRUARY 2 1970

Dear Jeanne,
I flew on an aircraft commander for the first time today. Everything went well and I'm learning the cockpit I had. He is a captain and is a good pilot. He thinks he knows everything about flying but doesn't know a thing! I hope I don't have to fly with that guy very often, he's not bad! I find that flying on an F/C I have a lot more confidence. I hope that every time I fly I get a little better and learn a little more. God bless Jeanne and Moir.

FEBRUARY 3 1970

Dear Jeannie,
I slept ~~my~~ last night to celebrate being on AC and today I felt kind of bad! I wish I could stop drinking altogether. I ran into a guy I knew from flight school tonight at the Club. His name is Allen and he is with the 1/1 Car up at Chon. He named a whole bunch of guys I know who are in his unit. It's good to see old flight school buddies. It makes me think of how fast the time has gone since we graduated!
God Bless Jeannie and Mike.

FEBRUARY 4 1970

Dear Jeannie,
I had to fly today and it went pretty good. We went down to a place called LZ English. LZ English is north of Qu. Nhon along the South China Sea. For one we got some pretty decent flying time. I got a total of 4:15 which is a lot better than our usual two hours. While I was at LZ English I saw a plane called a Bristol-Vickers. It belonged to the New Zealand Air Force and boy was it ugly! These New Zealanders are proud of it though! God Bless Jeannie and Mike.

FEBRUARY 5 1970

Dear Sam,

I flew today and it was a terrible day. First of all the engine tachometer went out on run up. I took off late and was trying to catch the formation when I had the engine seize up! I turned around and landed at FB Blackhawk to check out the aircraft. I found nothing wrong but I decided to return to Pleika anyway to have it checked by maintenance. When I landed the wind was so strong that they grounded my aircraft. I never got off of the ground the rest of the day! God Bless Sam and Mom.

FEBRUARY 6 1970

Dear Sam,

I had today off because it was a maintenance down day. We would not have flown anyway because today is the first for Tet (the oriented New Year). We expect to get mortared tonight by the NVA in sort of a Tet celebration! I thought we would get mortared last night but we didn't. The wind was still blowing like hell today. I'll be glad when it warms up and the wind die down. I love Sam!!!
God Bless Sam and Mom.

FEBRUARY 7 1970

Dear Jeannie

I flew today and we just went over to An Khe. I flew with a New guy named Scott and I thought he was going to zero out our airspeed a couple of times. Nothing like a new guy to keep you on your toes! I had to make a go around tonight when we were landing because the lead ship slowed up too much and we were on the verge of stalling out. The winds are still strong but not as bad as it was, I hope the weather gets better around here soon.

God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

FEBRUARY 8 1970

Dear Jeannie

I didn't fly today but I still had a pretty good day. I went up to the P.X. today and for once they had some cameras I bought a Minolta SRT 101 for 125° which is a real steal. They cost 289° back in the States. Now I can finally start taking some to pictures. I've missed a lot of good shots already. I wish I could have gotten this camera months ago. I can't wait to see my wife again! I love her. God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

FEBRUARY 9 1970

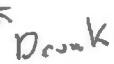
Dear Janice,

I flew today and again we went up to Ch Khe. Nothing much happened at all. We only got two hours of flight time. Time is really starting to drag now. I'll sure be glad when May 5th rolls around. I would give anything to be able to leave today! I try to fly as much as possible for time we go by fast but even that doesn't seem to do anything any more. Weather is still wet and windy around here.

God Bless Janice and Muri.

FEBRUARY 10 1970

Dear Janice,

I flew again today and as usual we went up to Ch Khe. Not a thing happened all day. In fact it was so dead up there that we came back to Plei early! The weather up around Ch Khe was pretty bad all day. I guess they are in the end of their monsoon season. The weather here at Plei is a little warmer but it is still kind of cold. I hope it gets warmer again soon. 

God Bless Janice & Muri.

FEBRUARY 11/970

Dear Jeannie,

I was supposed to fly today but we never got off of the ground due to bad weather! The weather here was OK but it was pretty bad up by Anakie I guess.

I didn't do much most of the day. There was a show show at the club this afternoon and I really got drunk! We have to have our show during the afternoon now, because of the grey alert and the 25 in the club rule! It'll be good when this damn grey alert is over!

God Bless Jeannie and Moni.

FEBRUARY 12/970

Dear Jeannie,

I flew today and we went up to Korten. This was the first time I've been there since we moved back from Brunei Throat. The place where we stand by (the LOC) has changed a lot. Our whom and 204 got a total of 141 kills today. Oh except the lift operator didn't do a thing! I hope we start inserting a little more often, I think I've forgotten how!

Just to remember, I write in this during the day after something happens. Example - I'm writing this on the 13th. God Bless Jeannie and Moni.

Friday the 13th FEBRUARY 13 1970

Dear Jeannie,

I didn't fly today and I'm glad because it's Friday the 13th! I didn't do a thing all day long today. The weather around here has been kind of cool all day.

This job is really getting to be boring. I've only got eighty some dogs left to go over here and the time is really dragging! I'll sure be glad when I can get the hell out of here! Here at Pleika there is no where to go and nothing to do!

God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

FEBRUARY 14 1970

Dear Jeannie,

Today I flew and we went back up to Kontum. Not a thing happened all day. The LORE and Cobras have been getting a lot of kills but as far as I haven't done a thing!

We went out and shot on just about nothing today. I couldn't hit much with my .45 pistol but I didn't mess too much with the M-14 rifle!

Today is Valentine's Day big deal! I sure wish I was with my Valentine today. I love her the most! God Bless Mom and Jeannie.

FEBRUARY 15 / 1970

Dear Jeannie,
today and we went up to
Kenton again. I went up
this afternoon and shot a
GCF but think about the
most exciting thing I did
all day. We went out and
flew our wagons again
today. I got my neck
burned today when an M-16
shell went down my back.
Boy did that ever hurt!!!
The weather was nice
at Kenton but it still kind
of cold here at Klick. I'll
be glad when the wind
settles down at and the
weather gets warmer.
God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

FEBRUARY 16 1970

Dear Jeannie, had to fly
again today and we went
back to An Tie. We didn't
do a thing all day,
long except sleep and
talk! We haven't inserted
in so long that I think
I've forgotten how! I
wish we could just the
bliss in at least once
a week so we could
stay in practise. Maybe
when we get our new
GCF we will want to
insert more. Maj. Bowling
is a great guy but he
never inserts us.

God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

FEBRUARY 17 1970

Dear Jeanne,
I had to fly
again today, and again we
went up to an R/C. the
the same old story. Fly
over to an R/C, hang
around all day and then
fly back. We are lucky
to get two hours of
flight time a day!

I sure do miss
my wife a lot. I don't
have to much time to go
see her. But it seems
like forever! The days go
by like weeks and weeks
seem as long as months.
I'll be glad when I'm
home with my wife and child.
God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

FEBRUARY 18 1970

Dear Jeanne,

Today was a
maintenance down day so
I didn't have to fly. I
got so drunk last night
that I really feel bad
today! I swear I'm going
to quit drinking forever!

I forgot to write
yesterday about the Maj. getting
by ship shot up. He took
three rounds in the cockpit,
two thru the windshield and
one in the window of her door.
Mr. Dohen got Blaylock cut
all over his face. He was
lucky he didn't loose his
eye right! They also took
a fourth round in the tailboom.
God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

FEBRUARY 19 1970

Dear Jeannie,

I didn't have to fly again today so I just took it easy all day. There was a floor show at the club last night and I got drunk again. Why do I ever feel bad again today? I have got to stop drinking, it's killing me!

I went over to Camp Holloway this afternoon and took a look at our new room. I have to move but at least it's a good place. I was just getting used to Camp Eniwetok and now we leave. Well that's the last I guess!
God Bless Jeannie and Denise.

FEBRUARY 20 1970

Dear Jeannie,

I flew today and I got a little more time. Than usual, four hours! Big deal, I used to get more than that in flight school! I took our station leader, Capt. Donohue, over to Pleiku air base this morning so he could go to pilot school. We got about an extra hour of flight time this afternoon when we were called to escort the B57s on a fire base where a Cobra went down. As it turned out we didn't escort because there were Americans on the base and the gatls OK. God Bless Jeannie and Moni.

FEBRUARY 21 1970

Dear Jeanne,

I flew today as
we waited for the first time
in a long time. We went
over to An Khe as usual
and baked in the sun all
day. It was hot as hell
but I'm not complaining
yet! We let our gun
gunners test fire their
weapons in the very back
tonight. Our ship's weapon
worked real good. By first
we had to make the
gunners stop shooting!

I sure do miss my
wife a lot today. It won't
be long now until I'm with
her again.

God bless Jeanne and Mori.

FEBRUARY 22 1970

Dear Jeanne,

I didn't have
to fly today so all I
did was sleep all day!
I didn't get up until
noon. It was really
hot around here today,
the temp must be up
in the 90's now. I
like the warm weather
a hell of a lot better
than the cold! Our ships
are starting to get weak
now that it's hot. The
DT is up over 4,000
every day now. I
sure hope we don't lose
any ships due to the
lack of power.

God bless Jeanne and Mori.

FEBRUARY 23 1970

Dear Jeanne,

It's hard to fly
day before yesterday. I almost
missed up and said I
had to fly today! Since
I didn't have to fly
today I went up to the
PX and bought myself a
Sunosi Metal 800 stereo amplif.er.
It only cost me $^{129.00}$ which
is pretty damn cheap! I
mailed it home today also
and that only cost $^{7.15}$
insured!

The weather is still
hot. Thank God the monsoon
season is finally over!

God Bless Jeanne and Mom!

FEBRUARY 24 1970

Dear Jeanne,

I flew again
today and we went back
out to LZ Hand Tinner.
Today we got to go down
and swim in the river
by Hand Tinner. The water
in that river is beautiful,
clear and not too cold! One
of the LOHs came by
and lifted Dale ~~had~~ people
and myself up on the
shin. When I went
up I waited until we
got about 15 ft. up
before I let go. That
was really great falling
into the river like that!

God Bless Jeanne and Mom!

FEBRUARY 25 1970

Dear Jeannie,
I had to fly
again today and we went
back out to LZ Hard Taxis.
We got to go swimming
again today and we almost
got a guy killed. One
of the LOTS came down to
lift a guy up and about
five people grabbed on to
the stick. All of them finally
let go except two. The LOTS
started to take off and one of
the guys let go. The LOTS
didn't know he still
had one man on the stick and
took off. After about three min.
he heard the man yelling and
brought him back. That was close.
God Bless Jeannie and Moni.

FEBRUARY 26 1970

Dear Jeannie,
I didn't have
to fly today because it
was a maintenance down
day. I went out to
my aircraft this morning
(B49) and messes around
for a while.
It was so hot
this afternoon that everyone
was to busy to do any
thing. I was also to
busy to do anything! It
really got around here but
I'm not complaining yet!
I love this hot weather!
I hope I can always
live in a hot climate.

God Bless Jeannie and Moni.

FEBRUARY 27 1970

Dear friend,
I didn't have
to fly again today which
is alright by me. I
went up to the pool
today with Don Enslin and
we had a great time.
We spent a lot of time
playing monopoly. G.H. Enslin
beat me almost every game.
I am starting to get a
sun tan now. I hope I
have a good one when I
leave. I am sure it is rough
around here, it is about time
that we had it good
after living in tents for
so long. I hope it never
see a tent again.
God Bless friend and Mom.

FEBRUARY 28 1970

Dear friend,
I flew today
and we went out to
Hard Times again. As usual
we didn't swimming! Late
in the afternoon we were
sent to An Khe to act
as a reaction force for
A troop because they had
a couple of P.O.W.s get shot
down. We didn't leave until
after dark and on the way
back we went IFR over
the Many Long Pass. I
was really scared and
when we finally broke out
of pass An Khe and went
back there to spend the
night.
God Bless friend and Mom.

FEBRUARY 29

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Dear Fannie,

We ended up staying in a hospital last night because that was the only place we could find a bed!

We took off this morning from An Hoa and went down to LZ Hotel Tower. I was so tired from last night that I spent the whole day sleeping. The people in the hospital got up at 3:30 this morning and had every right in the place on. I saw two good looking Army nurses but the rest were all ugly. Best Wishes Fannie and Mom.

MARCH 2 1970

Dear Jeannie,
I had to fly again today and not much happened. We went back out to Hunt Timer again today and it was just as hell! We didn't get a chance to go swimming though!!! Then afternoon the Major ship got shot up so I had to go up and fly C-47 for him. Not much happened while I was out there. Of course we were up high so we wouldn't get shot up. I don't like to fly around in the hell zone like the Major does!
God Bless Jeannie and Mori.

MARCH 3 1970

Dear Jeannie, I had to fly again today and not much happened. We spent a lot of time flying between Hunt Timer and the base because of a couple of us. If we don't start inserting soon we aren't going to have any grub that know how to insert next month! We seem to be just about a useless unit now. The Cobras and 204s do all the flying and get all the credit while we barely get two hours a day!

God Bless Jeannie and Mori.

MARCH 4 1970

Dear Jeannie,

Today was a
miserable day and
I felt bad all day! Last
night I got drunk over
in Ron Tuzi's room with
about 30 other guys. Some
of the guys were so
drunk that they couldn't
even walk. It sure is
fun to drink but the
next day I always pay for
it!

We spent most of the
afternoon throwing rocks at
the marsh when they went
into their latrine. We also
had a water fight and our
room got soaked!
God Bless Jeannie and Moni.

MARCH 5

Dear Jeannie,

I had today
off and I didn't do a
thing all day. I got
drunk again last night
and I felt bad all
day today

Our unit has an AD
near here so our station
didn't even have to take
off! Most of the guys
were around our room
and bother the hawks with
all day. Every time one of
them goes into their latrine
they get about a million
rocks thrown in the tin
now!

God Bless Jeannie and Moni

MARCH 6 1970

Dear Jeannie,

Today but we didn't fly any time. About all we did was take the aircraft out of the revetment and move them up near operation. I hate these kind of missions it makes me feel as though we aren't really part of the unit. Everyone else goes out and does their job and we don't even have a job to do! The L011s found an enemy weapons cache containing about twenty weapons and a bunch of other junk including a Viet Cong flag.

God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

MARCH 7 1970

Dear Jeannie,

Today and I flew again this and the only flight we got was just off time! We shot a GCH this morning and then went out and bagged a few Farmers! This afternoon we went out and tent fired our weapons. I let the gunner fly as we just wanted to shoot. Stikle, the gunner, was an ex WOC so he can fly pretty good. He can even lower the thing which is better than any other gunner can do!

God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

MARCH 8 1970

Dear Jeannie,

I didn't have to fly today because it was down day. We were told early this morning that we could expect to move to Nolat within the next couple of hours. However we have not yet got the move stalled off for a couple of days. I don't know why they want us at Nolat but I think it's because it's young! I'm a way I don't want to move but I will back out of mine to go for a while.

It's been my wish!!!!!!
God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

MARCH 9 1970

Dear Jeannie,

Again today because we had the day off to get ready for our move. We are going to be living in Phan Nang and we're out of Nolat. I'm kind of glad in a way that we won't be living in Nolat. Nolat is a real nice city but the airfield is kind of bad. One good thing about it is that I would need more money at Nolat than at Phan Nang because Phan Nang has big airbase with lots of clubs.

God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

MARCH 10 1970

Dear Jeannie
Today is the day
that we moved to Khan
Rang. We are living at an
Air Force Base but our living
conditions aren't the best. I
sleep in a room with two
other guys that are just
barely big enough for two
let alone three! We are
having a water shortage problem.
The base itself is beautiful.
We are only a few
miles from the Ocean. The
place is so scarce that
they even have a railroad!
I can't wait to go over
to the Air Force Officers Club.
God bless Jeannie and Mori.

MARCH 11 1970

Dear Jeannie,
I flew today
and we went up to Phuoc
Nghia in a beautiful town
but it is so high up
in the mountains that
it is really hard to get
any propane out of our
aircraft. I had to turn by
6,000 RPM just trying to hover!
It scared the hell out of
my co-pilot!

There is a small club
near our base and the guys
that run it are really nice.
They bought enough ~~steaks~~
steaks yesterday to feed an
army and gave them to
us for free!
God bless Jeannie and Mori.

MARCH 12 1970

Dear Jeannie,

I flew again today and we went back up to Dalat. We got a chance to make our first extraction in about two months. We pulled a bunch of FAVNs out of a good sized LZ. Everything went pretty well except for the second extraction when I fell out of the sky on take off. The aircraft wasn't damaged though. We kind of crash landed into a swampy area.

We had some free steaks again tonight when we got back. I was expecting to lose weight down here too!

God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

MARCH 13 1970

Friday

Dear Jeannie,

I flew again today and again we went up to Dalat. We didn't do a thing all day except lay around! I was flying a ship that was pretty sick but I didn't have to much trouble. When I took off I took looked more like an airplane than a helicopter but that OK! We went over to the Air Force Club tonight and enjoyed hell. Three guys drank the 6 MF and I thought they would die because the drink was so strong! 20 shots of everything! God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

MARCH 14 1970

Dear Jeannie,

I had today off as I went down to Phan Rung and Phuoc Long town in the hills of Binh Phuoc. The buildings were built by the French. Tonight we went over to the Army Town Club and really had a ball! They had a good show with a movie and when we were over we were all given all lunch. We were invited by the 613th fighter squadron for their annual tennis and we had a great time. We down near took their tennis apart, of course they helped us! We were happy throwing a bird about around. God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

MARCH 15 1970

Dear Jeannie,

I flew again today and we went back to Phuoc. We got to do four insertions and extractions. Again we were hunting PAVN around. We had a lot of trouble getting out of the P2. The first time but after that everything was OK. I was flying lead with Capt. Thompson and I thought he did a real good job. He is good as a leader but he can't fly worth a damn! The Rung hit a bird very hard! Phuoc Rung hit a bird very hard!

God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

MARCH 16 1970

Dear Jeannie,
Dorothy and flew
up to Balat again and
got to do some more
inserting. We put in
four lifts of FRVs a
few miles south of Balat.
Again and had a good
22 so and didn't have
any problems. It had to
roughly an hour
and he did a good
job. I think he is good
enough to be an FC. We
flew 019 which is a
real powerful ship. I
want over to the club
again tonight and get
plastered!
God bless Jeannie and Moni.

MARCH 17 1970

Dear Jeannie,
Today good we didn't have
to take off until 11:30!
My alt gal. I have flown
up with me just to see
how it is to fly
It's moderately. We didn't
insert at all today. On
the way back tonight we
flew down to the beach
just for the hell of it!
The water down there
looks really nice. I hope
I can get a day off
soon so I can go
down there. Or maybe I
get plastered again tonight!
God bless Jeannie and Moni.

MARCH 18 1970

Dear Jeannie,

As usual I flew again today and we went up to Dalat. For the first time in two months we inserted our Blue platoon. We had a scramble and most of the guys took off minor in blue! Once they were on the ground it was then set to stop a leggy truck and see if the people on board were VC. As it turned out they were friendly. We didn't have any trouble setting them on or taking them out.

God Bless Jeannie and More.

MARCH 19 1970

Dear Jeannie,

I flew again today and again we went to Dalat. We didn't insert or anything today. I spent most of the day either sleeping or sitting around talking to the guys. I hope we keep getting a lot of inserting up at Dalat. It makes the day go a lot faster and it keeps us in practice. We got a 10 day extension on the time we are supposed to stay here so you we won't be leaving until the end of the month. God Bless Jeannie and More

MARCH 20 1970

Dear Jeannie,
I didn't have to
fly today because it was a
down day. We are supposed
to have the next three days
down so we can get our
stuff moved over to Holloway.
I didn't do much all
day. I went down and
looked at the beach and
then stopped at Chop Town
on the way back. Chop Town
is a small town about 2
miles from the Air Base.
There was nothing in Chop
Town so I came back
to the base and got drunk.
I am also broke due to
the good living here.
God Bless Jeannie and Mimi

MARCH 21 1970

Dear Jeannie,
Today was another
down day so I didn't do
anything all day! I
waited until about noon
today. I don't think it
is the beginning of the
monsoon yet, it was probably
just a show off of the
ocean.

I went over to the
Air Force Club tonight and
had a good dinner for
only 50¢. The place is
beautiful and the food is
really cheap. I sure wish
the Army had a few
places like that!

God Bless Jeannie and Mimi

MARCH 22 1970

Dear Jeannie,
Today and I had to fly
up to Phuoc. Not a
thing happened all day. I
had a new job at St. and
my co-pilot. I don't know
what to think of the new
pilot we got these days.
Most of them are so
shaky that he can
barely fly. I sure am
glad that I'll be leaving
soon. I don't want to
spend much more time
flying there, when trying
to kill me.
Boy do I ever miss
you!
God bless Jeannie and Mom.

MARCH 23 1970

Dear Jeannie,
Today and we went back
up to Phuoc. We didn't
do a thing all day
except sit around and
swat flies. There are so
many flies here it's
unbelievable! It's impossible
for me to sit in our
ships because of the flies.
I just can't wait to
get out of Viet Nam! I'm
getting so tired of hearing
war stories and people talk
about the war that I
could scream! I don't mind
Viet Nam so much if the
idiots that work here!
God bless Jeannie and Mom.

MARCH 24 1970

Dear Jeannine,
today and I flew again
do an insertion of our
blues. We just then got
to see if they could
find some buried weapons.
As it turned out the
so called buried weapons
we just some old filled
in fox holes! It was
good practice for everyone
though I had O.K. with
Smith and we had no
problems. We had a good
LZ and PZ though no
help in out. These ships
are to weak for any
tight LZ.
Good Flies Jeannine and Mom

MARCH 25 1970

Dear Jeannine,
I flew six to
Palat again today and we
did another insertion. I had
a weak ship (849) but
everything came off O.K.!
We have really been getting
some good LZ's lately. If
we had to go into a
tight LZ I don't think
we would make it because
our ships are so weak.
I went over to the
officer club tonight and
really got drunk. As a
matter of fact I got
drunk just about every
night anymore. The only
way to stay sane
is to sleep and drink.

MARCH 26 1970

Dear Jeannie,
and I flew again today
and I was the lead
aircraft. I was never bad from
last without the captain
until today. Everything went
OK. I don't really
like to. My are lead
the two much responsibility
for me. I guess I am
more of the follower type
than I buyer!
I can't wait until I
get out of New York. I got
about ⁱⁿ millions things I
want to do and I got
back to the States. I can't
wait to see my daughter.
God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

MARCH 27 1970

Dear Jeannie,
I flew again
today and an unusual and
wind up to Pekin. We
didn't do a thing all
day except sit around
and talk to each other.
I guess we will be
going home soon. I don't
really mean home I mean
back to Pekin! I am really
tired staying down here
at Pekin. Now even though
I spent a lot of money
Pekin is real dirty and
dusty. Now here is
nice and clean because of
the sand.
God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

MARCH 28 1970

Dear Jeannie,
I didn't have
time today because we
are getting ready to move
back to Pleiku. We were
supposed to leave today but
I have been called
off until tomorrow. I
have enjoyed staying
down here at Phan Rang.
We had a going-away
party for Maj. Browning brought
beer and everyone
had a good time. After
the party we went to a
show at the Air Force Club
and someone brought no match
champagne and all got drunk.
God Bless Jeannie and Mori.

Easter Sunday MARCH 29 1970

Dear Jeannie,
This morning
we left for Pleiku. I
think everyone on the
flight had a hangover
from last night after a
hell of a day to spend
Easter Sunday! The only
church service I saw
was one that I flew
over after we stopped
to refuel!
We arrived at Long
Tollbury after a three hour
flight and what a drab
hole this is. I do have
a pretty nice room though.
I hope we stay here
only I leave.
God Bless Jeannie and Mori.

MARCH 30 1970

Dear friends,
I didn't have to
fly today so I spent
most of the day getting
my room organized. The
weather was fine at Plym
so really hot now and
during the day I don't
feel like doing anything
so I went to the club
this evening and boy, is
that place ever sorry! The
drinks are real small and
cost more than at George
Emani. The beer is the
same price but is real
weak. I guess we will
just have to build our
own club!

God bless friends and Mom.

MARCH 31 1970

Dear friends,
I didn't have to
fly again today so all
I did was sleep! I'm
supposed to have duty officer
tonight so I'll need all
the sleep I can get. I
set off for my stereo
speaker and turntable I
hope the get to the
States in good shape.
The weather this
evening is cloudy and it
looks like rain. I sure
hope it doesn't rain because
it will make my job
tough as hell tonight. I
hope we don't get hit!
God bless friends and Mom.

APRIL 1

1970

Dear Jeanne,
 I had duty off yesterday and got about one thirty in the morning and went on red alert. The Air Base next to us was taking on company visitors round and we took a couple here. No one was hurt though. I think they must have hit something over at the Air Base because I saw a buzz first. I sure hope they don't start hitting us on a regular basis. We are living in a congested area and someone might get hurt!
 Good Bles Morn and Jeanne.

APRIL 2

1970

Dear Jeanne,
 We were supposed to fly today but we never did get a mission. I went over to Camp Schmitt this morning and went ~~up~~ for orbits. We were working on our number this afternoon and Col. Mitchell and I went off to buy some singl bags. The vendor only charged a penny to fill them which pretty damn cheap. Little girl about 1/4 of most of the work and they only charged me 50¢ to load 250 bags in our truck. Thank god and really much bound!
 Good Bles Jeanne and Morn.

APRIL 3 1970

Dear Jeann,

We flew up to Dak To (Top) today and about 2100 hours! We were there for about two hours and then the enemy dropped 122 rockets on us. They were hitting so close that I almost went for the bunker! About 20 seconds after we took off some rockets hit where we had been sitting! It also was a near shot out back at Kontum between VC and the PAVN. It was almost like watching TV! The PAVN were who killed two snakes one long one and one small one!

God bless Jeann and Mrs.

APRIL 4 1970

Dear Jeann,

I flew again today and all hell broke loose. We were scrambled to rescue the crew of a plane that had been shot down by a S. C. M. machine gun and the aircraft behind me took his pack off on a piece of metal runway (PSR). We never did make because one of the 204s punched up the engine. The gunner with no shield had to fly back to Plei Me and land on sand bags! The ship was our first ship and cost \$49. God bless Jeann and Mrs.

APRIL 5 1970

Dear Jeanne,

today and I flew again
Kontom. I we went up to
but didn't have to go to
Dak To! Now Kontom isn't
even safe! They just have
rockets in the middle of
the compound at Kontom.
We took off from that
place and record breaking
time! I'm really starting to
get scared now I am only
get a month to go and
every time I run around
they try to kill me. I
sure hope I make it
in 30 days!

God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

APRIL 6 1970

Dear Jeanne,

in usual I
flew again today. We first
staged out of Kontom but
later we moved back up
to Dak To. We were
all expecting to get rocketed
again but we didn't.

Our C-47 took
a 50 cal round then the
tail rotor servo and he
lost both hydrotic and
tail rotor control. WO Stover
made the landing and
did a great job. I
got quite a bit of
flight time flying back
and forth to Plei Me.

God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

APRIL 7 1970

Dear Jeannie, flew again today and my wet pack up to Nak To. This morning we were at Nak To and we got passed out by a rocket attack. The closest one was about 100 meters which isn't bad. We went back to Konton for fuel and then went out to Nak To. We were there for about two hours and were run out by another rocket attack. Boy this place is really getting to be dangerous. I'll sure be glad when I can leave! But Blew Jeannie and Mrs.

APRIL 8 1970

Dear Jeannie, flew again today and not much happened. Thank God! We were at Nak To all morning and moved back to Konton in the afternoon due to lack of fuel at Nak To. It's really hot around here now. It gets so hot that all your clothes get soaked. I can't go outside about the heat though because it's better than the monsoon season!

But Blew Jeannie and Mrs.

APRIL 9 1970

Dear Jeannie,

As usual I flew again today and went back over to Noh To. I was really surprised that we didn't get reported today. I hope that the enemy is tired of messin' around with us and will leave us alone! Every time we get contacted Cobras, C-model gunships and jets shoot the place where they come from. I hope the enemy has learned a lesson. about hitting us during the day.

God bless Jeannie and Morris

APRIL 10 1970

Dear Jeannie,

Today was a漫漫的 day so I just took it easy all day. It sure felt good just to lay around and not do a thing! We all got drunk last night and I needed today to rest up.

Tonight at about nine o'clock we got hit by rockets. Only had three come in and only one landed close, everyone ran into the bunker and no one was hit. I hope they don't grape a bomb during this.

God bless Jeannie and Morris

APRIL 11

1970

Dear Leanne,

Today and I flew again
happened. We went out
to Koh Tao again and
about an hour after we
landed we heard some
explosion down at the
end of the runway. Needless
to say we crashed again!
Or it turned out it was
only artillery shells going
off. They just got to
show how jumpy they
are. I'll wait until
when I get to base,
my nerves are shot!

God Bless Leanne and Mimi.

Mark CW APRIL 12 1970

Dear Leanne,

Today B two
got one of their 20mm
shells down. B two went
to the rescue and started
hawking them out to the
two to insert. We were
going to insert into an
area of intense ground to
air fire. As it turned
out the mission was cancelled
because the jets were
trying to blow us up L-2
and we receiving intense fire.
I guess the belief that
two men die rather than
AO. I was sure relieved
when they called the mission
off. I'll pray for the two out there
and God Bless Leanne and Mimi.

APRIL 13 1970

Dear Jeannie,

I had today off!
This is the first day off
in a long time (other than
down days). I filled a couple
of hours with hot today
because we are expecting an
attack. I also made sure
we got some beer.

David just threw
a C5 grenade in front of
the hospital last night and
got almost everyone but me.
We were hit real late
last night but none of the
rounds hit close. I also
made CW2 last night. We
had a small ceremony in
our hostile day room.

God Bless Jeannie and Me.

APRIL 14

1970

Dear Jeannie,

Now today
and we went back to Rob
Zo to stand by later
in the afternoon we went
up to Ben Het to stand
by while Pops pulled the
body of one of the zilots
of the 20th that went down.
The head was blown off!
They could find no trace
of the observer.

We were chased out
of Rob Zo later today by
friendly artillery. It hit
so close that we thought
it was rocket. They kept
firing all day and we could
not and just watched!
God Bless Jeannie and Me.

APRIL 15 / 970

Dear Jeannine,

On second I flew again today. We went back up to Phu Tu and not much happened. A boy lost another LOH today. The observer gunner killed and the pilot had a broken leg. They were rescued by a Med-Q. Van. The Air Force had a "Dolly Oregon Giant" shot down today also. Everyone was rescued but the pilot. The General that rescued them also took fire and one of the crew was wounded. In that's the news for today!

God Bless Jeannine and Moni.

APRIL 16 1970

Dear Jeannine,

Today and I flew again and we inserted the 2nd our Blue out the side of a hill that was covered with brush. It was the second LZ I've ever seen. I got a severe black strike and so did one of the other pilots. I wasn't in on the second extraction because of the shape of my aircraft. I even had today and if made one feel bad to but up two men. Our Blue got into contact and captured one POW. They also captured his rifle and stuff. God Bless Jeannine and Moni.

APRIL 17 1970

Bren Jerning, I flew up land again today and we were very busy. Our Cuban and Lofta didn't find much at all today. On the way back tonight they went out and looked for a 37mm position that has been shooting at aircraft. We had to go low level to keep from getting shot down!

I am sure with I could stop flying. I am getting to short to be out here messin' around. I can't afford to get killed now!

God Bless Jerning and Mori.

My Last Flying APRIL 18 1970

Bren Jerning, I flew up land again today and we were very busy enough not to have anything happen. I've been flying in Brazil now 1969 until today for the last two days (1970). This is the aircraft we used. It will probably be the most dangerous I will ever fly. I don't expect much on the way to good television back in the States.

I hope that today was my last flying. I am getting to short to be going out there!

God Bless Jerning and Mori.

APRIL 19 1970

Dear Jeannie,

Today was a
mountainous down day, but
we had to work harder
than on a regular day.
We started out by checking
out the aircraft in the
line and ended up by
building a bunker. Our
platoon leader let people
rush him around too
much and never stuck
up for his men.

I found out today
that I don't have to fly
any more Capt. Bell fixed it
so I could get on a MIA
investigation. Now my platoon
leader is foiled!

God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

APRIL 20 1970

Dear Jeannie,

I started on
the missing in action
report today. We talked
to people why were there
and decided he was missing
in action, we also got sworn
statements from them. The
guy in question was an
observer on a L-101 from
A Corp. He was shot down
and his body never found.
I personally think he is
dead but MIA in better
for his wife because she
gets full pay for 7 years
plus \$70,000 insurance benefits.
I hope you are helping her
out, and hurting her.
God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

APRIL 21 1970

Dear Jeannine,
much of all I did is do by
get up early and had
some written statements
typed up and that
about all I did. This
afternoon I took a
ride over to Camp Icheyodden
in a L04. That could
have possibly been my
last helicopter ride in
Viet Nam.

I did get very
few days left here in
Viet Nam but some how
I just don't feel sorry.
I hope I may attend
to Good News Service and more.

APRIL 22 1970

Dear Jeannine,
I didn't have
to fly again today because
of the weather. I don't
think I'll ever have to
fly again in Viet Nam.
I had a pretty good
time flying over here but
I did also almost kill
myself a few times. I
hope when I get back
to the States that I
won't have some small
aircraft or I can get
a little flight time. I
got caught bad night
and shot down a .38
into the ground!

Good News Service and more.

APRIL 23 1970

Dear Lemme,
I'm still working
on the missing in action
report. I hope I can
get it done quick as
I can stand getting ready
to leave. I'm only at
12 days right now and
and I haven't had a
thing!

We go to church again
last night. We find we
get church every night
I mean, we easier to
sleep when you church!
We don't have anything
better to do than church
though. Well pretty soon
I'll be home thank God!
God Bless Lemme and Mom.

APRIL 24 1970

Dear Lemme,
I didn't do much
at all today. I worked
on the report a little
bit but mostly I just
layed around. It sure
does feel nice to know
that I'm no longer
- Combat Aviator! I'll
probably never fly in a
Combat zone again or
at least I hope I
don't! It's rather dull
around here with every
one out flying but I
guess I'll get over it!
Well that's about it
for today!

God Bless Lemme and Mom.

APRIL 25 1970

Dear Jeanne,

Well I put together most of my report today and it was kind of hard work. I'm still not finished but all that's left is some very minor points. Besides I don't want to stop to now, I might have to fly again!

By the way just a little info I want to have: Troop Commander Maj. Hasselgoore Plt. Leader Capt. Bonhoc Pilots: WO1 Ron Cunningham, WO1 Doug Stenberg, WO1 Lucy Smith, WO1 Dick Oaxmann, Lt. Jose Fernandez. The rest are all new guys who don't count!
God Bless Jeanne and Morris
Forrest Sec. Leader Lt. Ralph Gwynn

APRIL 26 1970

Dear Jeanne,

Tony in the first day that I realized how short I am! I did only get 9 more days left here in Viet Nam. In a way I hate to leave. After spending a year here and working with all the guys you kind of get used to the place. I'm sure that when I get back and start living with my wife I'll forget all about Viet Nam. Living here is kind of like quitting a job, no one really likes to do it!
God Bless Jeanne and Morris

APRIL 27 1970

Dear Jeannine,

I'm still working on the MIA report but things are going pretty slow. It looks like I'll get it done just a couple of days before I leave. Time is kind of going fast and, slow at the same time. I've only got a few days before I leave but it seems like a long time. I guess I'm just going crazy! I can't wait to see my wife again and it won't be long now! It will seem like our first month of marriage only better! Good Bless Jeannine and Mimi.

APRIL 28

1970

Dear Jeannine,

I didn't do much at all yesterday, I mean today? Very much I ever getting composed! I'll be glad in hell to get out of this dump. I'm in really going slow for me now. I want to get out here so bad that I'm getting nervous and grumpy. I sure am. Just that this year is almost up because I'm running out of things to write about in this diary!

God Bless Jeannine and Mimi.

APRIL 29 1970

Dear Jeanne,

Another all day today. I
got up at about 6:00 a.m. and
discovered that there was
no water. So we went
over to Camp Schmidt
to get a steaming bath.
On the way back we
stopped off to check to
see if there was any water. The
place was a long so
we decided to not stay
very long. I got change
tonight and it was the most
I've ever gotten since I
got to Viet Nam 1438⁰⁰ plus
\$500 that goes to Sergeant
God Bless Jeanne and Mine.

Barry Nabon APRIL 30 1970

Dear Jeanne,

Today was a
pretty bad day for the
Cav. A good friend of
mine and his observer
were killed when their L-101
was shot down. Tony Nabon
and his observer were
covering the blues when
he spotted ten people
ahead and warned the
blues about them. The
next thing that happened
was he caught on fire
and went into the tree.
When the blues got to
the crash site an hour
later both bodies were burned
real severely.
God Bless Jeanne and Mine.

MAY 1 1970

Dear Jeanne,

Well here it
is the first of May
already! That means I've
only got four more days
to go! I'm still necessary
out and buy in it
ever a gram! I started
yesterday and I probably
won't be done until
tomorrow. I sure do
wish I had a peckesh,
it would make things a
lot easier.

I sure hope that
if anyone reads this
drawing someday that they
will be able to tell
what it says!
God Bless Jeanne and Morris.

MAY 2 1970

Dear friend,

Today I was called in and told that a few things on my M.I.T. report were incorrect. I'm trying to clean up today but I guess the report is more complicated than my cleaning. Well I worked on the report all day and I'm still got some to do tomorrow. I know I'll be working on that thing until a few minutes before I leave. Thank you for getting out of bed when you and mom.

MAY 3 1970

Dear Jeannine,

Well I finally
got my signed papers
about an hour before
I left for the U.S. I
had got away then too
soon. The flight to
Cox's Bay was early
which is a first for
the Air Force! I did
see a bit of my
freedom from my
school today. Just think
a full year ago we were
all over here wondering
if we would ever get it. Now
it looks as though we
haven't! I'm still praying
though.

God Bless Jeannine and Mom.

MAY 4 1970

Dear Jeannine,

I'm still here
at Cox's Bay waiting
to get out. It is supposed
to leave tomorrow but I
don't think I'll make
it. There is only one
flight out tomorrow and
I found out tonight
that I wouldn't be on
it. That means I will
be an Airman for
over a year.

It's really hot and
hard today. I sure hope
I get out soon or I
can cool off! I'll
probably catch a cold!
God Bless Jeannine and Mom.

MAY 5 1970

Dear Leanne, Well I didn't get to leave today but I'm pretty sure I will tomorrow. They only have one flight over again tomorrow. I have to get up at 04.30 in the morning to see if my name is on the manifest. I'm keeping a good positive attitude about so I'm almost sure I'll be leaving! It's really boring around here now. All I do is watch T.V. and dairy. I've got to get out of here soon or I'll go crazy. Good bye Leanne and Mom.

1969 MAY 6 1970

My First Day
Freedom Bird
in Viet Nam Sat. P.C.B.

Dear Leanne,

Well I finally got on the "Freedom Bird" and am on my way home. We left at 10:30 this morning and made stops at Japan and Alaska. It will take a total of 17 hours to get to Washington. We are 3 hours out of Wash. now so it looks like I'll get home at. It sure has been a long year!!! This is the end of my dairy. Good bye Leanne and Mom.