

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 haven't done
a thing! I'm waiting for
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 Rhon Bong,
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 too. 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 \$50.00 which I needed.
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.

Since I had to be duty officer last night, I didn't get up until early this afternoon. I also didn't get any mail. Tomorrow is a mountainous down day so it don't fly.
Love 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 such a mess I can't believe it. There are cans all over the floor and junk 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 Nhat. 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 Dalat 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~~ French people live up there. Years ago Dalat was the hunting capital of Indochina. 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,

Today 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 Leanne,

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

The little kids at Bao Lo are leggy 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 Leanne

MAY 28 1969

Dear Leanne,

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

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

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

God Bless Leanne

MAY 29 1969

Dear Jeanne,
Today was 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 Jeanne a sheer night
gown which she should
really look good in. I
also got a card from
Jeanne tonight.

God Bless Jeanne.

MAY 30 1969

Dear Jeanne,
Today is another
maintenance down day.
All I've done today
is put around and
talked with all the
guys.

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

God Bless Jeanne
and our Baby.

MAY 31 1969

Dear Jeanne,
I was on standby all day today. This afternoon we were called out into the H.O. We got a report from a bird-dog pilot that he had spotted two trucks. We went over there and totally destroyed both of them. They both were the tractor-trailer type. I also got 5 letters today. Two from Jeanne and 1 from my Dad.

God Bless Jeanne and our Baby.

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

JUNE 1 1969

Dear Jeanne,
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 18 rounds in his ship. Do we know there's people in there. I wrote a letter to my parents and one to Jeanne today. God Bless Jeanne and our Baby.

JUNE 2 1969

Dear Jeanne,
I flew this morning
for about 4 1/2 hours and
we didn't find a thing.
About all I did was
take spot reports on a
map. I flew O28, and
boy is it ever hard to
control.

I even suggested to
fly this afternoon but
Major (who is a Pentist)
had never been in a
Cobra before and wanted
to take my place. I
let him gladly.

God Bless Jeanne
and our Baby.

JUNE 3 1969

Dear Jeanne,
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 Jeanne.

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 Jeanne
and our Baby.

JUNE 4 1969

Dear Jeanne,
I didn't fly again
today. This is the 2nd
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 Jeanne.

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
drier.

God Bless Jeanne
and the Baby.

JUNE 5 1969

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

Didn't fly today -
Mountain Range down here.
Drooped off all day.

God Bless Jeanne
and the Baby.

JUNE 6 1969

Dear Jeanne,

This morning we were
woken up at about six
by incoming mortar rounds.
None of the hit close to
our area though. They
hit an L-19 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 doing a
route recon on Highway 1.
We were on alert the
rest of the day.

God Bless Jeanne & Baby

JUNE 7 1969

Dear Jeanne,

I flew again today
and we went up to
Baig Tac. As usual -
nothing. Mr. Jami had
me flying the ship
more than usual today.
He also explained a
complete zero-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 this
morning because later I'll
be drunk!

God Bless Jeanne & Baby

JUNE 8 1969

Dear Jeanne,
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 steaks 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 Jeanne and
the Baby.

JUNE 9 1969

Dear Jeanne,
I flew 10½ hrs
today and boy am I tired!
I spotted 2 people -
male about 25 yrs, whom
we captured as V C
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 kills. We sent troops
in the area and they
found 8 sacks.
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 Jeanne,
I flew the Commanche &
control ship today with
Capt. Smith. It was the
first time I flew a Huey
in Viet Nam. About all
we did today was, search
a couple of tin phut.
It rained real hard
on the way back in tonight
I could see lightning bolts
striking the ground! When
we got back everyone's
lunch was wet but
mine. No mail call again
tonight. I sure do miss
my wife tonight! Can't
signify until Hawaii!!
God Bless Jeanne and
our Baby.

JUNE 11 1969

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

JUNE 12

1969

Dear Jeanne,
 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'm thinking about
 getting drunk tonight!
 I didn't get any
 mail tonight but I probably
 will tomorrow. I'm trying
 to write a letter to Jeanne
 but I can't hardly think
 of anything to write.

God Bless Jeanne and
 Our Baby.

JUNE 13

1969

Dear Jeanne.
 Today is Friday the
 13th so we are having
 a maintenance down day.
 This afternoon we went
 out and fired our weapons.
 My HS jammed a little
 but I think I've got
 it fixed now. Willy
 Briggschaw 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
 Jeanne tonight and that
 was all.

God Bless Jeanne and
 our Baby.

JUNE 14 1964

Dear Jeanne,
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 hour on the
UH-1H helicopter today
and it was real lazy.
No mail again today
but that's getting to be
a usual happening! Guess
I'll go to the movie
tonight. Last night they showed
Rosemary's Baby and most of
the good parts were cut
out!

God Bless Jeanne and
our Baby.

JUNE 15 1964

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

God Bless Jeanne
and our Baby.

(only two weeks until
the baby is due)

Actually it's less than
That!

JUNE 16 1964

Dear Jeanne,

As usual I didn't
fly again today. I got
up about ten and got
lazed 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 underwear.
They find them quick
I'll be in a hurry!

God Bless Jeanne
and Our Baby.

JUNE 17 1964

Dear Jeanne,

I flew today and
we had contact with the
enemy. First this morning
we went up to a civilian
airfield near Bnat. 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
NVF. 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 NVF. Our team
was credited with 9 kills.
God Bless Jeanne and Baby.

JUNE 18 1969

Dear Sweetie,
Today we had contact
with the enemy again.
First of all this morning
we went up to Pham Rhung.
Our LOHs burned a bunch
of huts way out in the
mountains. While at Pham Rhung
FFB I saw a B-57 get crashed
land. He must have had bad
landing gear. Both pilots were OK.
In afternoon were called
to help a unit get 30 VC.
They had spotted. One of
our LOHs was shot at
so we put rockets on
the scene. Think we killed
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 poisonous type snake
down by the officer's
hut. I tried to
kill him but he got
away.

God Bless Jeanne
and Our Baby.

JUNE 20

Dear Leanne,
Today was another
day off so as usual I
didn't do much.
I went up to the
PX this afternoon and
over to the Vietnamese
grocery shop. I bought
some silk for
only 80¢ a yard.

I also and I tried
to get a transfer to a
Medical Evacuation Unit
this afternoon but our
company commander wouldn't
approve it.

Love Bless Leanne
and our Baby

JUNE 21

Dear Leanne,
Today we had
one of the observers
in our LCH 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 kills. My target
was working real well
and I was able to
put out some real
good firepower.

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

JUNE 22 1969

Dear Jeanne,

Today was a maintenance
down day so as usual
a good off day. I was
on stump by but my
didn't have to go out.

I got a couple of
letters from Jeanne today.

Tonight I have to grill
Duty Officer so that
means I'll be up all
night. I'm going to try
and call my wife tonight.

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

JUNE 23 1969

Dear Jeanne,

I had Duty Officer
last night and caught
some pretty funny his
.45 out by the commo
shack. I hope he gets
busted, he deserves it.

I also got to call
Jeanne early this morning.
We still haven't decided
on a name if we have
a 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! Jeanne is
due on the 27th or 28th.

God Bless Jeanne and
our Baby.

JUNE 24

Dear Jeanne,
I flew today and
didn't see much action.
Our ground troops
killed a woman in
the AO 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. We'll
be moving to Pleiku
around July 1st.

God Bless Jeanne and
our Baby.

JUNE 25 1969

Dear Jeanne,
Today was another
day that I flew. We
had a little action
today. Our LOHs found
some enemy bunkers and
the colonel put rockets
on them. As usual
my guns 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 Jeanne &
the Baby.

P.S. Got my first food package
from Jeanne today.

JUNE 26 1969

Dear Jeanne,
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
rockets on enemy positions.
Our LOH spotted a man
running and dropped grenades
on him when he ran into
a clump of trees. He got away.
My guns didn't work again
today. At Pleiku will get
better maintenance on them. I hope.
Our Baby is due tomorrow.
I hope he/she is right on time.
God Bless Jeanne and
our (almost here) Baby.

JUNE 27 1969

Dear Jeanne,
Today we saw some
more action. Our LOH
pilots killed five VC.
We had about another
30 in bunkers trapped
in a valley. We called
in an air strike on them
but we had to leave
because of bad weather
& fog. I hope we could
find the rest of the
my wife should have
the Baby pretty soon.
I hope it's tonight. I
can wait to see if it
will be a boy or girl.
God Bless my wife
and our Baby.

JUNE 28 1969

Dear Jeanne,
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 air medals and I'm working on the fourth. Last night I called Jeanne and talked about 4 minutes. It was a real good connection and her voice sure sounded good. We've decided on a girl's name at last. Simone Anne. God bless Jeanne & the Baby.

JUNE 29 1969

Dear Jeanne,
I flew again today, with a captain from the unit that is supposed to replace us when we move to Pleiku. Two of the new units LOH 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, if he doesn't bleed to death the tigers will probably eat him. God Bless Jeanne and our Baby.

JUNE 30 1969

Dear Jeanne,
I didn't fly today
so I managed to get a
few things done. I went
to the post office this
morning and mailed a pair
of slippers that I bought
two days ago to Jeanne.
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 real
bad. Today was supposed
to be Pay Day but it wasn't.
God Bless Jeanne & Baby.

JULY 1 1969

Dear Jeanne,
I flew today and
we went up to a place
called Bow Loc. Our LCH
pilots were shot at twice
and we rolled in on the
enemy positions each time.
My guns were working
perfectly! We didn't get a
chance to see if we killed
anyone because the weather
got so 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 Jeanne
and our Baby.

JULY 2 1969

Dear Jeanne,
After having Duty Officer
last night I slept until
three this afternoon! When
I got up I was holy.
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 Jeanne and
Our Baby.

JULY 3 1969

Dear Jeanne,
Today we made our
big move from Phan Thiet
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
room with three other Warrantes.
Their names are Stans,
Peterson, and Christ.

God Bless Jeanne &
Baby.

JULY 4 1969 *

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

God Bless Jeanne &
our Baby.

JULY 5 1969

Dear Jeanne,
I didn't have to fly
today so all I did was
take it easy. I went
for an aerobics presentation
ride 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 two
letters today, one to Jeanne
and one to my parents.

We have been playing
a game called chess all
evening. We are making plans
tonight to fix up our
room.

God Bless Jeanne and
our Baby.

JULY 6 1969

Dear Jeanne,
Today we have been
working in our room. We
have added bunk beds
plus a bar. Now we
have a lot more room
than before.

It's been raining off
and on all day. Working
is slowing so our watch
man has 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 Jeanne and
our Baby.

JULY 7 1969

Dear Jeanne,
We have been
working in our room
again today. Stairs and
I painted a couple
of the walls and the
place looks a lot better.
We were hanging up
some pictures behind the
bar to give the place
some class.

No mail from Jeanne
again today and I'm
even more worried. If
I don't get my tomorrow
I'm going to try and
give her a call. Letter
from Jim tells says he
is going into WOL program.
God Bless Jeanne & Baby.

JULY 8 1969

Dear Jeannie,
I didn't have to
fly again today so all I
did was go off. Peter and
Christ, and I went looking for
a refrigerator today but
didn't find one. We looked
all over Pleiku, Camp Hallway
and Camp Schuyler. We
goes off with the Vietnam
ese today too. Boy 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 Anhe and had another
boring day. The LOHs were
finding a lot of stuff
but no people. I also had
to take spot reports in
the C & C ship.
We must 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,
I flew in the Cobra
today with Peterson, we
didn't see any action though.
Good news tonight! My
wife had her Baby. I now
have a daughter named Diamond
Aimee. 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 Diamond.
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 Enari.
Today I finally got
some mail. I got two
letters and a card from
my sweetie. I love her
so much it's unreal! She
writes the best letters in
the world. Have to fly
tomorrow - hopes we get
rained out again!
God Bless Jeannie and Mimi

JULY 12 1969

Dear Jeanne

I flew again today and
met too much happenment. We
shot at about 20 NVF but
I don't know if we killed
any because the terrain was
too rough to find any
bodies. Both of my mini-guns
worked so I feel might
have got a few probes!

No mail from Jeanne
today but I got a letter
from my Aunt mailed on
July 5th. 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 Jeanne and Momi.

JULY 13 1969

Dear Jeanne

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
dragged off it was under
attack. Three americans were
killed there. Two of our
LOHs got shot up, but
no one was hurt.

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

God Bless Jeanne and
our daughter Momi.

JULY 14 1969

Dear Jeanne,
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 man killed and at
least five wounded. A friend
of mine, Captain Murphy, got shrapnel
wounds 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
put more rockets in. Then two
more Air Force planes rolled in.

Love Bless Jeanne and Momi.

JULY 15 1969

Dear Jeanne,

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 have up until about
one in the morning. I
let them wait even have
the damn inspection.

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

Love Bless Jeanne and
Momi.

JULY 16

1969

Dear Leanne,

I was up early again today. We didn't have to fly so we worked on the ammo. lumber all morning. We piled sand bags all over the sides and on the roof.

I kind of took it easy all afternoon but in the late afternoon I had to help Peterson cut grass around the ammo lumber.

This evening we had a mass service for the many who were killed on the 14th. I hope we don't lose any more people.

God Bless Leanne and Mom.

JULY 17

1969

Dear Leanne,

This morning I worked in the ammo room to get it ready for the inspection. After that I went over 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 whiskey and got drunk. We finally went to bed about two. Still no receipt mail from Leanne. God Bless Leanne and Mom.

JULY 18

1969

Dear Jeanne,

Today was another mountain down 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 \$4 to my name! Stamer, Rich and Peterson got screwed 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 gook for trying to go to the bathroom on him. I don't blame the GI, those kids were really mean. Still no mail telling about Marie's birth. God Bless Jeanne and Marie.

JULY 19 1969

Dear Jeanne,

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 one hour after dark. Boy was I ever tired! I'm going to try and call Jeanne 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 Jeanne and Marie.

JULY 20 1969

Dear Jeanne,
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.

Didn't fly today, nothing
much else happened.

God Bless Jeanne and Momi.

JULY 21 1969

Dear Jeanne,
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 guess old Charlie was too
well 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 Jeanne, and Momi.

JULY 22 1969

Dear Jeanne,

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, that three days in a row!

I finally got some mail today. I got a letter from Jeanne that she wrote the night she started labor. Boy is she ~~too~~ 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 Jeanne and Mimi.

JULY 23 1969

Dear Jeanne,

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 so damn mad I wrote to the Brooklyn Postmaster and complained about it. The post that makes me the maddest is that Stacey got a letter from Carol and it told more about Mimi than anything I've gotten so far and I'm her father. I love my wife very much today.

God Bless Jeanne and Mimi.

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 so cold.

Today Peterson built a chest in our room to keep some of our junk in. We also had a couple of really meetings.

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 whiskey.

God Bless Jeanne and Mari.

JULY 25 1969

Dear Jeanne,

Today for once it didn't rain and we got to fly! We went to Anthe 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 Mari.

JULY 26 1969

Dear Jeanne,
I had to fly C+C
today and boy was that ever
bad. 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 ran over a mine
in his truck and needed medical
aid for himself and his passengers.
It took us about a half hour
to find him and by that time
a Malayan helicopter was already
there. I got a letter from
Jeanne today and the first pictures
of Mimi. Boy is she ever cute!
God Bless Jeanne and Mimi.

JULY 27 1969

Dear Jeanne,
We were rained out
again today! That's 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.
My mail again today
damn it. Maybe I'll get
some tomorrow!

God Bless Jeanne and
Mimi and take good care
of them both. I love them
both very much.

JULY 28 | 1969

Dear Jeanne,

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

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

We had to go to several meetings today which I think were a waste of time. It's almost worth it to fly to get out of those meetings!

God Bless Jeanne and Mini.
I love them both much!

JULY 29 | 1969

Dear Jeanne,

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!

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 Mini'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 Jeanne and Mini

JULY 30 1969

Dear Leanne,

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

I got mail from Leanne 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's only five days ago!

God Bless my sweet wife and daughter.

JULY 31 1969

Dear Leanne,

I didn't fly again today but our trip finally got to go out in a mission. I supposed to fly tomorrow. We got a T.V. for our room today. Now we are really coming up in the world!

I went to finance today and finally got my security straightened out! They still owe me \$100.00 for this month. I bought Leanne a cashmere sweater today in Pleiku for only eight dollars.

God Bless Leanne and Mom.

AUGUST 1 | 1969

Dear Lemme,
I flew today for the
first time in almost a week!
We didn't find a glimmer thing
out there! I think the war
must be over. I'm supposed
to fly again tomorrow but I
doubt if I'll be able to
because the weather has took
a turn for the worse again.
I didn't get my mail
from Lemme 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 Lemme and Mimi.

AUGUST 2 | 1969

Dear Lemme,
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 my 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 pop is writing to
me at least twice a day.
God Bless Lemme and Mimi.

AUGUST 3 1969

Dear Jeanne,

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

I saw a movie last
night called "The Stalking Man".
It was really a good flick.
I didn't get much sleep today.
I should get some tomorrow
though, or at least I hope
I do!

Played cards this evening
with my roommates, and thank
it for today.

God Bless Jeanne and Moni.

AUGUST 4 1969

Dear Jeanne,

I didn't have to fly
today so I managed to get
a few things done. I went over
to George Schmidt and got paid
100. 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
pyjama set for \$30.00.

We fixed up our room
today. It looks real nice now.
Today Steve bought a monkey.
We named him Melvin William
after a friend, Capt. Coates. Capt.
Coates nickname is Melvin William.

God Bless Jeanne and our
daughter Moni.

AUGUST 5 1969

Dear Jeanne,
I flew today and for
once we found something. Our
204th found about twenty IVVH
hatchers and seeing the enemy
was still in the area. We
called in two Air Strikers and
they mowed out the village.
I don't know how many they
killed though.

I got 19 letters today.
Boy what a haul! I also
sent Jeanne a voice tape
today. I hope the voice tape
idea works out OK. I also
got three pictures of Mimi
today.

God Bless Jeanne and Mimi.
P.S. Stuart got rid of the monkey already.

AUGUST 6 1969

Dear Jeanne,
Well we saw some action
today! The Cobra that was flying
as our team lead crashed right
into the middle of enemy territory!
Both pilots were OK. We put
in our troops to guard the aircraft
and put in a reaction force to
look for the enemy. Five 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 ~~to~~ left ships
were mortared as they pushed up
the last of the ground troops. One
one was hurt though.
God Bless Jeanne and our baby.

AUGUST 7 1969

Dear Jeannie,

I didn't fly today or 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 Schmitt to get it done.

We bought a refrigerator for our room today. It cost us \$82.00 and was really worth it! Now we can have cold drinks all the time. We played a few hands 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. Just as we were getting to our FO this morning one of the 204s lost its tail rotor. He radioed 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 Vance and WO1 Martin. The Air Force 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 were buried beyond recognition. God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

AUGUST 9 1964

Dear Jeanne,
I didn't fly today so
I just sat around all day.
Steen and I went up to
the craft shop they have over
here and checked out the
prices of 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 Jeanne and Momi.

P.S. Today is my daughter's one
month birthday.

AUGUST 10 1964

Dear Jeanne,
I suppose it appeared 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 HO
today. We also went up to
a place called Poh Kheng
today. We had to pull a
night vision beam of the
area around Camp Evans. Boy
is that ever dangerous because
at night you can't see a
thing around here. I didn't
get back in until 20:30 tonight.

God Bless Jeanne and Momi.

AUGUST 11 / 1969

Dear Jeanne,
I flew today and we went up to a place called the Phung Trap which is only a few hundred yards from Cambodia. Boy did we ever find a lot of scattered birds. The IVVIF 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 get a B-52 strike up there tonight. We didn't get back until late, which is getting to be a common occurrence.

God Bless Jeanne and Mari.

AUGUST 12 / 1969

Dear Jeanne,
Today was a pretty exciting day. When we first got to the F70 (near on Khe) our LOHs 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 visor 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 NVN out there. As usual my guns jammed! God Bless Jeanne and our daughter.

AUGUST 13 | 1969

Dear Leanne,
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 XE and then because of fuel contamination and bad weather we went up to Kinton.

Up at Kinton 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. After had to fly back to Pleiku after dark.

God Bless Leanne and Mami.

AUGUST 14 1969

Dear Leanne,
I finally got a long sleep day! All I did was get a mail all day! I went up to the Arts and Crafts shop today and bought a model airplane. Stacey and I went in later on it and are going to try and build it. Peterson is developing some film and I hope it turns out. 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 Leanne today and it took only five days to get here!

God Bless Leanne and Mami.

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Dear Jeanne,
I had to fly tomorrow
I sure am glad to say! I
here tonight. We fly Peterson
with three Cobras. Tomorrow morning
and now we don't have a
single flyable Cobra! The ship
I was in had a bad fuel
rotor and we had to keep doing
hoovering adjustments to keep from
crashing. The pilot I had was
Capt. Rogers and boy is he
ever a loosey 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 me!
God Bless Jeanne and Moni.

AUGUST 16 1969

Dear Jeanne,

Today is a mountainous
dooey day due to the fact
we don't have any flyable
aerobics. I went out this
morning and helped out on the
flight line to see if we could
get any gear up by tomorrow.

We had a chess 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 two
pictures. My wife really looks
great! She is very pretty and
I just love her hair!
God Bless Jeanne and Moni.

AUGUST 17 1964

Dear Jeanne
 I didn't have to fly
 today because I have to go to
 Duty Officer tonight. I reported for duty
 tonight and had to inspect
 all the guards. Everything was
 O.K. out on the bunker line.
 I got a chance to talk
 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 Jeanne and Mari.

AUGUST 18 1964

Dear Jeanne,
 I didn't have to fly again
 today because I had duty officer
 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 3/4 of a mile
 from Cambodia. The last troops
 that were in that area were
 driven 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 Jeanne and Mari.

AUGUST 19 1969

Dear Jeanne,
I flew today and we
had a pretty good day. I killed
my first VRF 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 put
in for Air Strike and afterward we
found the man with his leg off.
He was about 15 ft. from where
I first shot him. Oh a hell
of a way to fight a man!
I hope he died quick.

God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

AUGUST 20 1969

Dear Jeanne,
I had to fly again
today. Nothing much happened
at all during the day. This
evening Peterson was flying
the evening VR 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 put
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. Dangerous!
God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

AUGUST 21 1969

Dear Joanne,
I flew today again and nothing much happened. We did fly over near Cambodia and I think we flew into Cambodia 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 more land. We also stopped at a place called Plei Momy and Dak To. I saw a lot of Montagnard people chasing an army garbage truck for food. What a pitiful sight!

God Bless Joanne and Momi.
I Love Joanne

AUGUST 22 * 1969

Dear Joanne,
I didn't have to fly today so I went over to Camp Schmidt and cashed the money order my pop sent me. On the way back I stopped and I stopped at Plei Momy and a look around. The place is worse than ever! We had some kids 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 hope so anyway.

God Bless Joanne and Momi.

AUGUST 23

1964

Dear Jeanne,
 I had to fly again today. I flew C+C today and boy is that a drag! We flew so damn much. The only time we landed just to get more fuel! We helped to pull a Loop team out that was in heavy contact. The IVF practically chased them right in the left ship.

I sure do miss you a lot 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 Jeanne and Mini.

AUGUST 24

1969

Dear Jeanne,
 I flew again today and not too much happened. Our LOHs found about seven targets, some bunkers, some guys and spotted one man. We called in the air force and they bombed the hell out of the area! We gave them four KBFs (gunboat kills).

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 Jeanne and Mini

AUGUST 25

1969

Dear Jeannie,
I didn't have to
fly today so I went up
to the PX and bought some
voice tapes. I made one of
the tapes this afternoon. I also
got two letters from my wife
today. It sure is great getting
mail from her.

I have to fly that
damn C+C starting tomorrow.
What a pain! The joining
again tonight, I sure hope the
myrswom 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 Mori.

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
Oasis. We worked for
some jerks in the 21st
Division. They didn't even
know how to run their
own troops, 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

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AUGUST 28

1969

Dear Jeanne,
 I'm writing in this
 diary on Sept 1st and am
 trying to remember what all
 happened in the last few
 days. I can't remember
 what happened yesterday and
 I'm not even sure about
 this day.

I flew C & C today
 and I think we went
 over to the Ocean. Nothing
 much happened at all.
 Enemy situation was
 negative.

God Bless Jeanne and
 our daughter.

AUGUST 29 1969

Dear Jeanne,
I flew C+C today
with Capt. Rander and it
was a pretty messed up
day. One of our F-4Hs 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 color made the tragedy
spend the night in the field.
Due to bad weather I had to
spend the night in An Khe. No
chance to write Jeanne.
God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

AUGUST 30 1969

Dear Jeanne,
Here I am on Sept
3 trying to get this diary
caught up. Everything on this
page is strictly from memory.
On this day our
ground troops finally got
to the downed aircraft and
found all the weapons on it.
The strange thing about it
was that it was booby
trapped with 2-15lb bombs.
We brought in Nam men
and they disarmed the bombs.
On this night I heard
about our mine. I had
to spend the night in An
Khe again due to weather.
No chance to write again.
God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

AUGUST 31

1969

Dear Leanne,
 As soon as we got
 back from the Khe Sanh morning
 we were told we had about
 2 1/2 hours to pack our gear
 and be ready to move to
 Ban Me Thut East. I came
 down on the C+C ship and
 there was absolutely nothing here!
 We are moving into a swamp.
 The engineers brought in
 bulldozers 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 live here.
 God Bless Leanne and Baby

SEPTEMBER 1

1969

Dear Leanne,
 After a lousy night
 in this dump I'm still
 alive! I thought sure as
 hell we would get mortared
 last night but we didn't!!!
 I went out and flew
 C+C with the Major today
 and our F-4 is right on
 the Cambodian border. In fact
 we accidentally flew into
 Cambodia today!
 Everything in Base Camp
 is great! I'm so dirty I
 look like a pig! I did
 get to take a shower tonight.
 The water was cold but
 it sure felt good!
 God Bless Leanne and Mom!

SEPTEMBER 2

1969

Dear Leanne,
I didn't have to fly today so Tami and I went around trying to get some material to build a shower pit. We went to all the military posts in this area where we went into Ben Me Thant City. We didn't get much but we did manage to get a pink to wash up in built. The weather around here is really bad. It rains a lot and almost everywhere you go there is mud. The floor of our tent is nothing but a mud pit.
God Bless Leanne and Mami.

SEPTEMBER 3

1969

Dear Leanne,
Well today I finally managed to get this gear caught up! I flew today but we never got to the 70 because of bad weather. Last night 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 on aircraft but I stayed and I thought up heard someone outside the tent. We both ran out with our 45's but found nothing. I got a chance to write Leanne today.
God Bless Leanne and Mami.

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 power was off tonight and I had to write Jeannie a letter by candle light. Now the power 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 cot so I guess it will be awhile before bed time! God Bless Jeannie and Morris.

SEPTEMBER 5 1969

Dear Jeannie,
I flew today and it was another dead 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 trucks over in Cambodia and killed an estimated 4 people. We aren't supposed to do that but the NVN is so well equipped over in Cambodia that it's a big temptation! They have tanks, trucks, the tents and everything over there! I got two letters from Jeannie today. God Bless Jeannie and Morris.

SEPTEMBER 6

1969

Dear James,

I flew today and we had to spend the night at Ban Prang due to bad weather. All of us had to sleep in the aircraft to guard them. That place was pretty bad but the place where we live is worse! We ate Vietnamese LERs again in their rough room last night. They tasted awful! The big golden pipe at Ban Prang is up. I saw my that was by us a bit. I guess they have a lot of people killed by them. I sure wish I had time to write to my wife. I really hate this place. God Bless James and Mom.

SEPTEMBER 7

1969

Dear James,

After spending the night at Ban Prang, sleeping in the helicopter, staring 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 wearing these socks 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 James and Mom.

SEPTEMBER 8

1969

Dear Leanne,

I flew again today and as usual we didn't get a thing. We are looking for a couple of NY67 segments, some tanks, trucks and a bunch of other junk that supposed 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 made of 50 gal. barrel and after you take a shower you feel kind of oily! The mail today but I can't complain because the mail service has been pretty good. I sure do miss my

Wife!!!!

God Bless Leanne and Mom

SEPTEMBER 9

1969

Dear Leanne,

Today is my 21st birthday. I didn't like 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 Leanne and Mom.

SEPTEMBER 10

1969

Dear Leanne,
 I flew today and we
 didn't find much. We did
 find about 50 bunnies. We
 also saw a lot of elephants.
 Tomorrow we are going to
 insert our blues to see if
 they can find anything in the
 bunnies' complex. They'll probably
 get their eyes 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
 sure will be glad when I
 start feeling good again. I'm
 going to write and tell my
 wife how much I love her
 every day.
 God Bless Leanne and Mimi.

SEPTEMBER 11

1969

Dear Leanne,
 I flew again today and
 as usual we didn't find a
 damn thing! We inserted our
 blues to check out some
 bunnies but the results were
 negative!
 I'm trying to get out
 of the gun platoon and get
 into the light platoon. The guys
 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
 sure wish I could get the
 time to write her a good
 letter.
 God Bless Leanne and Mimi.

SEPTEMBER 12 1969

Dear Jeanne,
I had to fly again today but we got an early release because of the weather. We chose down town when we got back but we were only there for a few minutes. Steve was trying to find out where this whore girl friend of his lives! Some times 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 wiggle! I got lucky cards tonight! I guess I must be coming up in the world now that I'm 21! God Bless Jeanne and Momi.

SEPTEMBER 13 1969

Dear Jeanne,
I flew again today and we never got to the 170 because of weather. We came back to Ban Me Thout about one this afternoon and I went down town. By the way our base camp is at Ban Me Thout East. I mostly sat in the Imperial Bar and drank today. Beer costs us about 10 pipsiter a can. I had to fly in the C & C ship today to break in an enlisted man to take over the job as secretary. I got one wonderful letter from my sweetie today. God Bless Jeanne and Momi.

SEPTEMBER 14

1969

Dear Jeanne,

I flew in the C-130
ship again today. A funny
thing happened today. One of
our LOHs flew into Cambodia
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 Moni
in it. She sure is cute!
God Bless Moni and Jeanne

SEPTEMBER 15

1969

Dear Jeanne,

We were down all day
today due to bad weather in
our AO. I flew up to
Pleiku 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 junk.
I'm trying to get out
of the gun platoon and
start flying Hueys for the
lift platoon. My squad platoon
leader doesn't want me to
leave though. I kind of hate
to because I might miss a
chance to go to Cobra school.
God Bless Jeanne and Moni.

SEPTEMBER 16 1969

Dear Jeanne,
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 colonels here today. My
dad colonel left today and I
must say I'm not sorry
to see him go.

A bunch of the
guys from our platoon went
into Pan Am. I thought today to
get away, I stayed behind
and made a tape for my
wife. Sometimes I get the
urge to go but it's not
really worth it. No mail
today.

God. Bless Jeanne and Mom.

SEPTEMBER 17 1969

Dear Jeanne,
I flew today and for
once we got into our FOI
We didn't find too much
out there, we did find an
NVA mess hall and one of
the LOHs 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, I'll sure be
glad when I get into lift.

I got one letter from
Jeanne 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 Jeanne and Mom.

SEPTEMBER 18 1969

Dear Jeanne,
Well today I got out of the gun platoon and into the 1st 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 Hueys as Cobras.

I went down to the damaged 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 Jeanne and Mini.

SEPTEMBER 19 1969

Dear Jeanne
I didn't fly today, in fact you can't fly 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!

The island is really a mess! It's been raining for about the last three days and the whole place is water logged! Danger of high mud! No mail today. I miss my wife tonight!!!
God Bless Jeanne and Mini.

SEPTEMBER 20 1969

Dear Jeanne,

I didn't have to fly again today and I didn't do a thing except lay around here and waste time. I flew over to Ben Mc Hurt City in a Huey this morning and I was really surprised that I could still fly! 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 Jeanne and our baby.

SEPTEMBER 21 1969

Dear Jeanne,

I was supposed to fly today but I didn't have to after all because our 1P took my place so he could get in a couple of check rides.

I didn't do too much the rest of the day. I went downtown and blew ten dollars on junk. I'm going to do my best to stay away from Ben Mc Hurt. Everything is too damn expensive down there. No more again today! I made a tape and sent it to my wife today.

God Bless Jeanne and Mari.

SEPTEMBER 22 1969

Dear Jeanne,
 I flew for the first
 time with the Bullbeavers
 today. I must say I really
 like being in the lift platform.
 We only fly when there is
 a good reason and so most
 of the flying is damn good
 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 do
 I love that girl!! She
 is the best wife in the
 whole world!
 God Bless Jeanne and Momi,

SEPTEMBER 23 1969

Dear Jeanne,
 I flew with the
 lift section again today.
 I'm still pretty rusty
 at flying a blimp but
 I'm starting to get the
 hang of it again.
 I wrote a real
 long sexy letter to my
 wife today. Sometimes I get
 so hot for her it's unreal!
 I sure do miss her a
 lot. I wish this damn
 war would end so I
 could go home to my
 wife. I love Jeanne.
 God Bless Jeanne and Momi.

SEPTEMBER 24

1969

Dear Jeanne,
Today was a maintenance
down day so I didn't have
to fly. I woke up this
morning with a bad case
of dyspepsia and I've felt
pretty bad most of the day.
I don't have to fly tomorrow
so maybe I can get well.
We must today because
the ship from Pleiku didn't
make it down. It's really
disappointing when I don't
get my mail 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 I
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 enjoying her letters.
I've been writing to my
wife everyday for a while.
I must admit that I
do write to my wife
more than anyone else around
here does to their wife.
God Bless Jeanne and Moni.

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 in on time and Dwyer had to take control and recover the aircraft. I guess what I did was a common mistake. By the way WO1 Dwyer 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 I've been in the 1st platoon. It was a 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 also didn't get any mail from my sweetie. Maybe I will tomorrow! I miss my wife an awful lot tonight. God, only knowing how bad I want to see her. God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

SEPTEMBER 28 1969

Dear Jennie,
I had to fly again today and we didn't get off until noon. We were only out at Nham 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 four wonderful letters today from my wife. I haven'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 Jennie and Mom.

SEPTEMBER 29 1969

Dear Jennie,
I flew again today and not too much luggage, we didn't get off until noon. We went out to Nham 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 sure did sound good. I wish I could get a tape every day.

The war around here has really been slow. This is supposed to be the hottest area in II Corp! Somehow I just can't believe that.
God Bless Jennie and Mom.

SEPTEMBER 30 1969

Dear Leanne,
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 the 1st Rec.
phase. Warrent can't extend for
6 mo. right now. What does
that tell you! I'll be glad
when this whole mess is over.
I've still got seven months
to go yet though!

Today was my day of
light! Finally my guy recently
has gotten straight. I made
670 clean this month.
God Bless Leanne and Mom.

OCTOBER 1 1969

Dear Leanne,
I had to fly again
today and we got ourselves
into a pretty bad weather
situation. We took off about
noon and went to Be Army.
We had to leave about 3:00
because the weather was bad.
We had to fly low level
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
plane in our flight. Most of
the time we were only 25 ft.
above the trees in ground fog
and rain. I got a good
picture of my wife today!
God Bless Leanne and Mom.

OCTOBER 2

1969

Dear Jeanne,
 Today was a mountainous
 down day so I didn't do
 too much. I went down to
 the Hospital Bar this morning
 and had a steak 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 Jeanne and Mori.

OCTOBER 3

1969

Dear Jeanne,
 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 Officer
 Club this afternoon and I
 ran into a flight school
 teacher of mine by the
 name of Jake. He flies
 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 Jeanne and Mori.

OCTOBER 4

1969

Dear Jeanne,

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

I got drunk last night and today I'm really feeling the after effects! I sure do like beer but it almost kills me every time I drink it!

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

God Bless Jeanne and Mari.

OCTOBER 5

1969

Dear Jeanne,

Today we took off on time for once! We were out in the staying area all day too! The first whole day we are being gone for the last week! We did a lot of low level flying and gave our guns a chance to work out! They don't get to fire so 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 Jeanne and Mari.

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 used for maintenance runs to Pleiku. One of our ships sling loaded an LOH back from Pleiku.

I had a good time flying today. We flew a lot of low level and our gunners really had a ball! On the way back to Ban Me Thout tonight we had to follow a LOH back that had severe vibrations in the rotor system. He made it back OK. I also saw an elephant on the way back. The mail again. God Bless Jeanne and Mini.

OCTOBER 7

1969

Dear Jeanne,

I flew today and we were on stand by at Nhon Co. We had a pretty good time this morning firing our weapons. 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 camp! When we come back tonight the weather was so bad it was almost zero here at East Field. God Bless Jeanne and Mom

OCTOBER 8

1964

Dear Jeanne,
 I had today off! We had a couple of guys come back from R+N where we got a new platoon leader, Capt. Donohue, he has more time in grade than Capt. Saum so he got it. Our old platoon leader Lt. Keally is getting almost to shoot to fly.

I went down town today and bought a huge tub so I could wash my clothes. Ben Mc Thum isn't a bad town as far as you know. I spent about 2 hrs. down there today.

God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

OCTOBER 9

1964

Dear Jeanne,
 I had to fly again today and as usual not much happened. We left the PO 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 Jeanne and Mom.

4 OCTOBER 10 1969

Dear Leanne,
I flew again today
and it wasn't too bad of
a day. Two of our Cobras
and two of our LOHs saw
a Mig-21 today near the
Cambodian border. They are really
making a big deal of it.
One of our Captains that saw
it has to go to Saigon 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 our gunner
really worked out on the ⁴⁴⁰⁰
ship LZ 11. 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 Jeanne,
I flew today and we had a pretty good time. I'm really getting to enjoy flying with the lift platform. If I had stayed in the gun platform, I could have gone to Cobra 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 hours are great and the pay is good! In short I'm satisfied!

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

OCTOBER 13

1969

Dear Jeanne,
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 Jacobson, Mr Prescott and myself went downtown and had a look around. 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 Ben Mr Thord is on grey alert.
God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

OCTOBER 14 1969

Dear Jeanne,
I didn't fly again today
so Dale Jacobs 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 lot of fun to trade
with the gooks. 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 Jeanne and Mom.

OCTOBER 15 1969

Dear Jeanne,
I had to fly today
even though I haven't had
a check ride yet. I'll sure
be glad 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.

No mail again today.
I sure wish the mail
would straighten out!

God Bless Jeanne and Mom

OCTOBER 16

1969

Dear Jeanne,
I didn't fly today because
it was a mountainous 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've just got to quit
drinking so much beer. I got
a total of 5 letters from my
wife today.
God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

OCTOBER 17

1969

Dear Jeanne,
I didn't have to fly
again today because I never
supposed to take a cheap
ride. I didn't take the
cheap ride after all! I
planned to go to Pleiku today
but I didn't get to. I gave
over Doctor (a Captain) \$37 to
get me a camera today. I
sure hope he can get the
kind I want.

I didn't do a damn
thing all day. I read a
few "Captain Marmel" and "John
Mam" comic books. What
an exciting day! No mail
came in today.

God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

OCTOBER 18

1969

Dear Jeanne,
 I didn't fly again today.
 I'm still waiting for my deposit
 check ride. 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 our interpreter. He took
 us all over town and showed
 us what to buy. I felt sorry
 for him so I gave him
 10 dong (8¢) and then took him
 to a bakery and bought him
 some candy and cookies.
 I got two letters from Jeanne
 and one from my Dad today.
 God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

OCTOBER 19

1969

Dear Jeanne,
 I didn't fly again today.
 No check ride!! As usual
 I went down town again
 today. Not much ~~was~~ was
 going on down there. I
 met three Air Force sergeants
 in a bar and found out
 there was a Muns Station
 down at City Field.
 I also got my 707
 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 Jeanne and Mom.

OCTOBER 20 1969

Dear Jeanne,
I didn't have to
fly again today! I did
get my check ride today
though. I guess I jumped
it. OK because the check
pilot didn't say anything.
It was really hot today
on days that it gets this hot
I just about can't stand
it in this 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 Jeanne and Muri.

OCTOBER 21 1969

Dear Jeanne,
I flew out to the
170 today for the first time
in quite a while. This
morning I left and I flew
up to Pleiku and picked
up the major. Then we
took a load of Blues out
to Ban Prung. I also mentioned
having people report 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 Jeanne and Muri.

OCTOBER 22 1969

Dear Jeanne,
I didn't have to fly
again today. I got a chance
to go to Pleiku so I
went. I gave the Porter 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
some day we'll move back there.
My old Dutch maid, Len, gave
me a picture of her. My
wife will probably blow a fuse
when she sees her picture in
my wallet. I came back to
Pleiku Ban Me Thout this afternoon.
God Bless Jeanne and Morris.

OCTOBER 23 1969

Dear Jeanne,
I had to fly the
major up to Pleiku this
afternoon so he could attend
a briefing. Before I took
the major up to Pleiku
I had to fly a VC. We
took a couple of captains
and an enlisted man about
3 kilometers east of here to
check out some routes. 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 Pleiku tonight and
we had a show at the club.
Everyone got down, even the Major.
God Bless Jeanne and Morris.

OCTOBER 24 1969

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

I took the Major back
to Bug Me Thout this afternoon
but when we got there we had
to turn around and come back
to Pleiku. I guess our unit
is in trouble for shooting up
Cambodians. The U.N. says we didn't!
God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

OCTOBER 25 1969

Dear Jeanne,
Today was another hectic
day. Right now I'm down at
Bug Me Thout, this is the
third time I've been down
here today. First I had to
bring the Major down, then
I had to take some people
back up to Pleiku 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 land of
a time landing though.
I got seven letters from
my wife today.

God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

OCTOBER 26

1969

Dear Leanne,

I flew in the PO for a change today! It's 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 9:00 to begin 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's just all of the sitting around doing nothing that gets me. I'll sure be glad when I go on ROK. I need a break!

God Bless Leanne and Muri.

OCTOBER 27

1969

Dear Leanne,

I had today off so as usual I went down town and did nothing. I did get a chance to smoke some pot today. To tell the truth I didn't do a thing for me. I'm going to try it again tomorrow just 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 Leanne and Muri.

OCTOBER 28 1969

Dear Jeanne,
I didn't have to fly
today as usual! So I did
nothing again today. I went
down to the PX today and
looked for some clothes to
wear on R&R but I didn't
find anything I wanted.
I tried smoking pot
again today. I smoked two
joints but they didn't do a
thing for me. I guess I'll
just never be able to groove
on pot! It was a good
experiment though anyway!
I didn't get any mail
again today. Nothing up R&R!!
God Bless Jeanne and Mami.

OCTOBER 29 1969

Dear Jeanne,
I had to fly today
and for once it was a
pretty exciting day. The NVF
have been mortaring two of
the fire bases around Ben
Prong and today they mortared
Ben Prong while we were
there! We had one hell of a
time getting airborne we
started. One of our ships
sage gone so we had to
take 3 loads of troops in 2
ships. The worst part was
going out through all of the
frimly ground fire! No
one was hurt in our
platoon lucky!
God Bless Jeanne and Mami.

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 Pring. I also had to Mail Eve a wounded soldier back to BMT. Our platoon spent most of the day pulling out bodies from around fire base Kate. A C-model crashed up there and everyone was killed on board. This morning, just as our sticks left Due Lap, it was mortared. Last night and today Ben Pring, Due Lap and when we were mortared, I have to fly resupply again tomorrow morning. No mortars, Please!!
God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

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 Pellis, 1.4 lens and it cost me about \$144.⁰⁰
We have been playing a lot of ~~snooker~~ ^{pool} around here today. ~~Wol~~ ^{Wol} ~~factor~~ ^{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 Mom.

NOVEMBER 1 | 1969

Dear Jeanne,
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 Mac-V today but I didn't buy anything.

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

God Bless Jeanne and Mom

NOVEMBER 2 | 1969

Dear Jeanne,

Today was a bad day. Three of our helicopters shot down. 2 LOHs 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. 1 man escaped. (Lt. Curran) We inserted our troops and chewed fire. There were so many NVA 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 I was low on fuel (75 lbs). After getting fuel we chewed 50 cal fire coming out of the top. I pray our men get out alive, 3 are known to be alive still. Think Peterson died. God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

NOVEMBER 3 1969

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

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

God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

NOVEMBER 4 1969

Dear Jeanne,
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
1FR. We got lost and we
couldn't even get a radar vector.
We ended up FM heading
back to Ban Me Thout. 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 Cobra pilots.
The troops have been found of
the others.

God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

NOVEMBER 5 / 1969

Dear James, I hope I have told
you again today. I am a whole
lot more than able to take
off because of high winds.
The spirit most of the
day just sitting around
waiting for the weather to
get better. The weather around
here is really tough. It just
won't let the wind go
blowing in and it looks
like a dark storm outside!
I'll sure be glad when I
go on the 20th as I can
get the hell out of this
place! I miss my wife
very, very much.

Love Dan James and Mom

NOVEMBER 6 / 1969

Dear James, I hope I have
told you again. The wind is
still blowing like hell outside!
I think the weather is getting
worse instead of better around
here.

We played touch football
today with the maintenance
people. We beat them 28-0!
We have some guys in
our school that can really
play football. I'm hoping
we can get a college scholarship to
play football.
I've been getting mail
quite often lately. I am glad
to hear you are well. I can talk to
my wife instead of writing!
Love Dan James and Mom

NOVEMBER 7 1969

Dear Sammie,
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 Brumby and pick up some
troops. It was pretty spooky
flying out around Ben Brumby. We
were shot at when we flew
over the fire base. 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 I'll be a
nervous wreck!

I saw some all over during
yesterday's touch football game.
God Bless Sammie and Mom.

NOVEMBER 8 1969

Dear Sammie,
I flew again today.
We went out to them in
today. We were supposed to
go to Ben Brumby but it
was under attack. Our Cobra
trapped a company of NVN
in a big clump of trees
surrounded by open fields and
a friendly unit surrounded
the area. The Cobra sent
200 rockets in there but
were forced to leave when
they each took a receipt.
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 however. Aghast?
God Bless Sammie and Mom.

NOVEMBER 9 | 1969

Dear Jeanne,
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 area out around
Ben Prong is so hot, it's
unbelievable! I just hope the
time flies between now and
N+N. Time got such a good
rip and I just have to
see her at least one more
time. The more I think about
combat the less I like it.
I guess I'm not the phony
type. I hope I don't have to
fly again tomorrow.
Love Bob Jeanne and Mom.

NOVEMBER 10 | 1969

Dear Jeanne,
I had to fly
today. The FC volunteered us
to fly some things out to
Ben Prong. Damn! The way
we got into Ben Prong was
so literally dirt in! The whole
place is surrounded by NVF
and several SO calls! While
we were there we thought
we got mortared so we left
as quick as we could. I'm
not sure if it was anything
or not but when we got back
there a Mike Stok photo been
killed. I think he blew
himself up with a grenade.
Probably suicide.
God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

NOVEMBER 11 1964

Dear Jeanne,
I had to fly again today and as usual it at the hell scared out of me! We had to fly low level out to Rhon Co because the weather was so bad. While enroute we heard one of our headquarters ships call mayday. They were hit by 51 Cal fire miles out of the Prong 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 camp we tried to go VFR on top and went IFR for a few min. Luckily the ATC pulled us out OK. I damn near panicked!
God Bless Jeanne and Mom!

NOVEMBER 12 1964

Dear Jeanne,
I had today off! Thank God! Our pilotage didn't have to fly today at all. I went down to the hospital. But this afternoon and had a few being anymore I'm an alcoholic!
Today is my wife's birth day. She is 20 years old. I sure wish I could be with her. Sometimes anymore I wonder if I'll last long enough to go on R+N. I sure hope I do.
Not much action today, I met a guy from my flight class today at 155th C. I didn't even remember him!
God Bless Jeanne and Mom!

NOVEMBER 13 1969

Dear James,
I was scheduled to fly today but we never did go out on a mission. We spent the whole day being Smokey champions! WO1 Teall and myself had to fly the VR tonight and it turned into a real RFI! We had to go out and push up some cadet at five base tonight. It was dark by the time we found the place (and it was hell 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!
Love Bless James and Mom.

NOVEMBER 15 1969

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

NOVEMBER 14 1969

Dear Leanne,
I got messed up
with this diary and wrote
today's happenings on yesterday's
page so I'll write yesterday's
in today's page.

Nothing at all happened
today. I was scheduled to
fly but we were in stand-
by here at Ben Me Thot
so I never got off of
the ground. The place is
really getting to be a drag,
I can't wait until R&K.
We mail again today, I
guess the people at Pleiku
are too lazy to send it
down.

God Bless Leanne and Mom

NOVEMBER 16 1969

Dear Leanne,
We were on standby
all day again today as
usual. I got over like
a fat rat! I really like
staying out of Ben Me
Thot East, no more worries
about SI and mortar
rounds! I might not get
much flight time but at
least I'll have to tell
about it.

Ben Prung is still
under heavy attack. This
morning all artillery from Cambodia
knocked out all of Ben Prung's
artillery. There have also been
several tanks and truck types
scattered in the area.
God Bless Leanne and Mom.

NOVEMBER 17 1969

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

We went down to the 155th officers club this afternoon and got drunk. I don't and I even set games in a row of sundays as the undertaker had to buy us drinks. By the time we left we were feeling pretty good. We drank most of the evening and finally went to bed about one.

God Bless Jeanne and Mimi.

NOVEMBER 18 1969

Dear Jeanne,
I had to fly today but we were in stand by here at Base we short and never got off of the ground. We've been having sundays games all day today. In case I forget, Sunday sundays is a type of card game.

I didn't get my 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, sent it after R&R. I sure hope nothing happens to spoil my R&R.

God Bless Jeanne and Mimi.

NOVEMBER 19 | 1969

Dear Leanne,
I had to fly today
and nothing happened! We went
out to Nhon Co and the
only bad part was when
we had to go slow level
for about 20 miles. I'm
still pretty shaky out in
the AO 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+R. I may
that my nerves will settle
while I'm on N+R so I
can do a good job when
I get back.

God Bless Leanne and Monica

NOVEMBER 20 | 1969

Dear Leanne,
I flew again today
for the last time before I
go on N+R. The flight
was a pretty good one.
No IFR and no queuing!
I sure will be glad
when I leave for N+R.
I'm about half it with
this drunk! I'm tired of
hearing someone and saying
you're fine. Tomorrow should
really be a ~~real~~ relief
for me. I didn't get any
mail today but that's OK
because I'm not writing
anyone myself.

God Bless Leanne and Monica

NOVEMBER 21 1969

Dear Leanne,
 I didn't have to
 fly today so I spent the
 whole day getting ready
 to leave for my NFR. I
 flew up to Wichita this
 evening in the back of
 a LOH. It was pretty
 crowded because we had
 four people on board includ-
 ing the purser. We had to
 fly real high and it
 about froze because the
 LOH didn't have any de-
 I spent the rest of the
 evening getting drunk in
 the club and watching a
 movie called "Smith".

God Bless Leanne and Mimi.

1 NOVEMBER 22 1969

Dear Leanne,
 I'm still up
 here at Camp Egan taking
 life easy! I had to go
 and be interviewed today by
 the Colonel new pilot.
 I didn't really want the
 job but if I get it
 I won't complain. I like
 being in the left column
 but if I start flying
 the Colonel argued it will
 get more hours plus it
 a hell of a lot better!
 I went to the club
 again tonight and as usual
 I got drunk! While I
 was there I watched a
 Brightly Bright movie.
 God Bless Leanne and Mimi.

NOVEMBER 23 / 1969

Dear Jeanne, spent the day
gathering up the final stuff
I need for NOK. I had
to go with the way given by
Camp Schmidt just for fuel.
A pair of pants of fabric
that they would get but they
were the closest to my size.
As it turned out they fit
real well. I sat in the club
most of the evening and
played cards. It was much
quicker - but of course. The
movie was "North Man" and
I thought it was real good.
I have been tomorrow.
God Bless Jeanne and Mimi

NOVEMBER 24 / 1969

Dear Jeanne, Today I left Hobbs
for Com North Range. Our plane
was supposed to leave at
9 o'clock but we ended
up getting out at 12:30!
I got to inside my flight
in the C-130 and they
were that sure good. They
were flying 1500 and the
gale was just relaxing!
We did some rough air
over and the pilot was
for the altitude! By the
day we got fuel and I
got a bit of work done
the morning I came down
with Pop Johnson who in
your name
God Bless Jeanne and Mimi

NOVEMBER 25 1969

Dear James, I slept most of this morning and didn't get up until lunch time. I tried to check my baggage but they told me I 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 high school buddies. I also got loaded!

God Bless James and Mom!

NOVEMBER 26 1969

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

I'll be leaving here tomorrow afternoon, the flight will take about 12 hours plus a one hour layover in Guam. I sure am glad Uncle Sam is paying for this trip!

God Bless James and Mom!

NOVEMBER 27 1969

Dear Leanne,
Today I finally
got to Hawaii! after a
13 hour flight I got here
4 hours before I left!
My wife sure looked
good, at first I didn't
know what to say! We found
a room at the Reef Hotel
that is pretty nice. Tonight
we went out to the Queens
Spot for dinner and saw a
native show afterward. Then
we went to the Cocks Roost
and watched another bird
show. My wife and I had
a drink called Blue Hawaiian
and we both liked it real
well. He was having a great time.
God Bless Leanne and Momi.

NOVEMBER 28 1969

Dear Leanne,
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. I don't like
the beaches here in 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 danced for a
while. The band was real
good and played like
Rock & Roll.
God Bless Leanne & Momi

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 bit of pictures of the native huts and of the natives. We came back through the mountains and it was real scenic. Then perching me, ate at the Royal Inn restaurant. After that we went to the Outrigger Hotel and saw "The Checkmates" in the main showroom. Also went to Mamma Mia's Pizzeria! God Bless Leanne and Mimi.

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 here is real nice and has a window that lets people in the Pavy have better bar watch you swim. We ate at the "Green Turtle" tonight, the food was pretty good. We also went to the Thrift Shop and saw "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid". God Bless Leanne and Mimi.

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 Pali Drive and got some beautiful shots! We took the road around Diamond Head on the way back and stopped and got some beautiful shots of the sea.

Tonight we went to "La Rhonda", the new restaurant and had a beautiful meal. After that we went to a nightclub and saw a good Latin American band. Good Bless Jeanne and Mom.

DECEMBER 2 1969

Dear Jeanne,

This morning we got up early and tried to find a beach. We ended up finding a good place to swim about noon! 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 life, it had some old kind of ship! After that we went back to the hotel and watched a band in the bar downstairs. Good Bless Jeanne and Mom.

DECEMBER 3

1969

Dear Jeanne,
Today is the day
that I had to leave Hawaii.
I left it about eight this
morning. Boy I sure did
have to leave my wife. It
seems like every time we turn
around we are saying each
other goodbyes. I'll sure be
glad when my year's over
here. I'll see you I can
go home and be with my
wife for good. I love 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 Jeanne and Mom.

DECEMBER 4

1969

Dear Jeanne,

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

God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

DECEMBER 5

1964

Dear Jeanne,
 I spent most of
 the day today trying to get
 out of Com Nam 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 I
 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 OIC guy but a big bragger!
 I went to bed at about
 10:30 pm after about eight
 sleep - seven!
 God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

DECEMBER 6

1964

Dear Jeanne,
 I finally got out
 of Com Nam Bay today!
 I left at about eleven
 this morning and got
 back to Camp Ennis around
 two this afternoon. We
 started to get better around
 here now.
 This evening the band
 was 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
 "Planet of the Apes". I've
 already seen it but it was still OK.
 God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

DECEMBER 7 1964

Dear Jeanne,

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 ice 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 ~~see~~ saw "The Poine of Miss Jean Brodie" a kind of house flick! I also got feeling pretty good! I sure do miss Jeanne.
God Bless Jeanne and Mom

DECEMBER 8 1969

Dear Jeanne,

Today I went over to finance and got payed of \$26.00 my wife got you allotment 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 Ben Me Thurt today but the helicopter was too full to take me.

I went up to the club again tonight and played cards and drank whiskey. I also saw a movie called "18 to Tuesday" this must be Belgium. It was pretty funny.
God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

DECEMBER 9 1969

Dear Jeanne,
Today I finally got down to Ben the Throat! I had to go over to Hensel Field and hitch a ride. The weather down here is really cold! It's about half frozen! It must get down into the 40s at night.

Tonight we went over to the ISS Office 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 out of the end were at the beginning and the middle at the end! A complete waste of time!

God Bless Jeanne and Mimi.

DECEMBER 10 1969

Dear Jeanne,
Today was the first day that it's flown in about 18 days! Sawyer and I went out to the base twice 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. The top has cooled off now and it's pretty safe to go in and out of there.

We played cards this evening and we about froze to death. Boy is it ever cold around here! God Bless Jeanne and Mimi.

DECEMBER 11 / 1969

Dear Jeanne,

I had to fly again today and we went out to New York and were in stand by all day. Nothing happened at all today. I gave New York and Ben Prange and both pretty quiet now.

This evening we played cards until about eleven thirty. I also found out today that my friend Peter is alive. He was rescued along with a guy named Schuppert about a mile from where he crashed. I hope we can find out more about him later on. The still damn cold around here! God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

DECEMBER 12 / 1969

Dear Jeanne,

I had to fly again today and we went to a new place called Ben Town. It's really a pretty little place. We went and explored a Montserrat grave yard and temple. They even threw of my new ones injected into an old again's man here and we chanced ride some all afternoon. It's pretty good stuff but most people wouldn't drink it if they saw how it was made! I really learned a lot about the Montserrat this afternoon. I was surprised at how clean their houses are. It still cold! God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

DECEMBER 13 / 1969

Dear Jennie,

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 things sewn
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 "Geyons
Bluff" with Clint Eastwood.
It was a great movie.
Boy did I ever get drunk
tomorrow in a down day
so it was a good excuse
to get loaded! Boy I'll
ever miss my wife. Help!
Love Bless Jennie and Mini.

DECEMBER 14 / 1969

Dear Jennie,

Today was a
maintenance down day and
boy was I glad! I might
see this morning and boy
did I feel good. I swear
I'm going to hang to out
down on my thinking or I'll
stop. 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.
Love Bless Jennie and Mini.

DECEMBER 15 1964

Dear Jennie,

We flew out to
Mary Ann again today and
took along a bunch of
candy, soap and tobacco for
the indigenous and their folk.
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 dolls 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.
Love Bless Jennie and Mimi.

DECEMBER 16 1964

Dear Jennie,

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

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

DECEMBER 17 1969

New Penna. We didn't fly
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 punch liner to sleep
under and at night
about freeze to death.
Tonight that I fell asleep
and didn't wake up until
this in the morning.
I'm too tired to write to
my wife. But will I fly
glad to get back and see
with my wife. I love her!
God Bless Penna and Mom.

DECEMBER 18 1969

New Penna. I was scheduled
to fly today but we never
got 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 is blowing so hard
around here that the
tent is almost fully down!
When the wind blows
it's full of dust and
sand, it's like being
in a sand storm around
here. The temp is still
very cold. I think I'm
getting a cold due to
it.
God Bless Penna and Mom.

DECEMBER 19 1969

Dear Jeanne,
I didn't have
to fly today so I decided
to go down to Mac-V. But
the place burned down today.
Mac-V is (was) built in an
old hunting lodge that was
really beautiful. It 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. Still he glad
when I can leave this
dark land! I need my
family not a war.
God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

DECEMBER 20 1969

Dear Jeanne,
I had to fly today
and my seat out to Ben
Don. I took a walk thru
the village and saw a
few neat things. Some
of the Vietnamese store
owners have got parrots
and geese. Those geese
are really beautiful birds.
I also saw some Montagnard
women wearing sun
umbrellas and
making real colorful cloth.
At night, take several
minutes to make a shirt
the way they do it.
The weather out at Ben
Don is nice but the
weather here is cold.
God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

DECEMBER 21 1969

Dear Jeanne, I had to fly again today and we went back out to Ben Mon. 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 things back to Ben Mon Thot. Sometimes our aircraft get so bad as for our maintenance men that I'm afraid to fly them!

I got some letters and a couple of X-mas cards. I wish I could be with my wife for Christmas. God Bless Jeanne and Moni.

DECEMBER 22 1969

Dear Jeanne, I had to fly again today and again we went out to Ben Mon. I was a good day until the trip back. We had dropped off our things, 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 Governor started autorotation. We landed safely and no one was hurt. Then the second time, old 248 tried to kill me! God Bless Jeanne and Moni.

DECEMBER 23 1969

Dear Jennie,

~~I had to fly
again today and we went
out to Pan Pass. Mistake!~~

Today we went out to the
crash site and recovered
what we believe to be George
Gregg'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 damaged Coloss. It
was really full of bullet
holes and was a sight
down. I don't see how they
got out of that crash!
Most of the bullet holes were
right in the cockpit.
Love Bless Jennie and Momi

DECEMBER 24
Christmas Eve

Dear Jennie,

This evening we
all got plastered! All of
the officers and EM had a
big party together. Almost
everyone in the whole
troop was drunk. We tore
down all of our Christmas
trees and started beating
each other over the head
with them! I threw Nick
Gervais' lunch and all right
out of the tent, boy
was that ever funny. We
opened all of our presents
and I got enough food
to last me a life time.
I sure wish I could
have been with my wife.
Love Bless Jennie and Momi.

DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day

Dear Jeanne,
 Boy did I feel
 bad when I woke up this
 morning! Gerente 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 Bar 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, my wife
 and I were home.
 God Bless Jeanne and Mini

DECEMBER 26 1969

Dear Jeanne,
 I had to fly
 today and we went out
 to Ban Thon again. It was
 kind of a touchy situation
 out there today because
 yesterday a South Vietnamese
 troop threw a C5 grenade
 into the middle of a
 Montagnard Christmas party.
 It made the Montagnards so
 mad they chased the guy
 down and killed him. Then
 they took over the compound
 and burned the communists.
 They also took the American
 advisors weapons away. They
 didn't bother us though!
 I want to go home!
 God Bless Jeanne and Mini.

DECEMBER 27 1969

Dear Leanne,
How again today
and we went out to Bon
Don. That place is really
dead out there. I sure
hope we move within
the next few days. I'm
really getting sick of all
the dirt and dust at
Bon Me Thut. I haven't
been clean since I left
Hawaii!

Rumors are going around
that we will be leaving for
Pleiku within the next few days.
I like Bon Me Thut in some
ways but Pleiku will be a
hell of a lot better.
God Bless Leanne and Mom.

DECEMBER 28 1969

Dear Leanne,
I didn't have
to fly with the left
jetstream today but I did
fly with the mountainous
turbulence was so bad that
I was doing everything I
could to keep the aircraft
under control. When we landed
at Pleiku the winds were
30 knots gusting to 38! That
what I call a strong surface
wind! It was so bad I
ended up having to stay
up here in Pleiku! For
sure we will be moving
tomorrow. I'm so dirty now
I look like a sand bag.
God Bless Leanne and Mom.

DECEMBER 29 1969

Dear James,
I flew back down
from Pleiku to Ban Me
Thout 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 Thout for the last
time today. I'm going to
move this place, even though
it is a dump! I also
took a steam bath this
afternoon. It sure felt good
to be clean! I wish I
was moving here instead of to Pleiku.
God Bless James and Mom.

DECEMBER 30 1969

Dear James,
This morning we
got up at four and tore
down our tent. By seven every
thing in the whole area
was either packed up or torn
down. We threw grenades in
a couple of bunkers to see
if they would come in. In
one bunker we got 5,000
rounds of ammo, 15 WP grenades,
500 lbs of wood, and 14 frag grenades
before it came in! Boy did
we have fun throwing those
grenades!
I kind of hate to
leave this old place, it wasn't
much but it was home for
about four months.
God Bless James and Mom.

New Years

DECEMBER 31

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Dear Joanne,

Well tonight was
the big night! I didn't
turn out as well as I
thought it would, but it
was still OK. St. Guy's
and I didn't go to
the club until about 11:30.
We watched some old movies
and really got drunk. Myself
and another woman climbed
up on the gymnasium roof
and soaked them down with
a few extinguishers. Boys were
they mad! I quit here
run about a half mile to
get away from them. After
that we all got so drunk
I don't know how I got to my room
and Glen, Joanne and Muri.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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JANUARY 1 1970

Dear Jennie,

Well here it is
the first day of a new year!
I've been in Viet Nam for
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 too many
people die during that year.
I all year 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 Jennie and Mom

JANUARY 2 1970

Dear Jeanne, I didn't have to fly again today so all I did was lay around all day. Today is my Dad's birthday. I think he is 44 now. I wish I could have sent a present for I was busy just to send a card.

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

I sure do wish I were home with my wife and baby. I really miss them. Love Mom Jeanne and Minnie.

JANUARY 3 1970

Dear Jeanne, 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 I'll be working part of the day again. The only bad thing about that area in the mountains. I went up to the club tonight and saw a real good movie. I can't remember the name but it was really great. I'm going to try to stop drinking. It's making me a nervous wreck and is affecting my flying. It's time to quit! Love Mom Jeanne and Minnie.

JANUARY 4 1970

Dear Jeannie,
I flew today and we went up to Abu Khe. We were there for about an hour and we got mortar! They dropped in about eight mortars 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 NVF soldier, and his weapon, an HK-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 Main Yang pass, a place where 2,000 French had fought the Viet Minh. God Bless Jeannie and Moni.

JANUARY 5 1970

Dear Jeannie,
I had to fly again today and we went back up to Abu Khe. It was real quiet up there today. The weather was pretty bad so not much was going on. We got the leave for Pleiku early because we were afraid we might have to spend 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 first one in three days! What a record!! I love Jeannie. God Bless Jeannie and Moni.

JANUARY 6 1970

Dear Jeanne, I didn't have to fly today. This morning H. Engstrom and I both woke up hungry. We decided to go up to the snack bar beside the P.C. and when we got there it was closed. What a thing to have happen. We both wanted a steak so had our mouths were watering!

Tonight at the club H. Engstrom and I got beat as hard as Smudge it was embarrassing! We were winning for about a week and then our luck went bad. Boy I sure do miss my wife, 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. Engstrom and I woke 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 love steak! 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 name 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
Blackburn, a type of fire
base near a Montserrat village.
A Montserrat man told
Capt. Watson two wooden
models of helicopters. They
were the most well made
I've ever seen I got
in Viet Nam.

I sure do miss my
wife a lot tonight. I sure
hope there 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 K. We
had to insert our ground
troops today and on the way
in we received heavy auto-
matic weapons fire. I didn't
see any of the rounds but
I sure did hear them! Luckily
none of our ships were hit!
Those guys must really be
badly shot! 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
spun me or what that scared me!
God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

JANUARY 10 1970

Dear James, I had duty officer
last night so I got lucky
if nothing much happened
last night about the only
thing I did was go and
pick up one of our soldiers
that had been arrested by
the MPs for being drunk.
I brought him back to
the troop and he didn't
give me any trouble at all.
I slept until about noon
and didn't do a thing
the rest of the day. We
aren't having any visitors or
phone at the club anymore
because of the enemy situation
around here.
Love Bless James and Mom.

JANUARY 11 1970

Dear Jimmy I didn't fly
again today because it was
a mountainous down day.
Today was a hell Sunday.
H. Gorman and I tried
to buy a steak today
but everything was closed
for inventory. It seems
that everything I get hungry
the place is closed!
We are in a kind of
alert around here. All of
our floor 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 mortared!
Love Bless James and Mom.

JANUARY 12 1970

Dear Joanne,
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 drop 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 drag.
I'll sure be glad when
Pleiku goes back on time.
Love Bless Joanne and Mom.

JANUARY 13 1970

Dear Joanne,
I flew today for
the first time in about four
days. I was supposed
to take an F/C check ride
today but the station leader
told the check pilot not
to, said 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 fact its hot!
Love Bless Joanne and Mom.

JANUARY 14 1970

Dear Joanne,
I didn't fly again today, I swear I have more bugs that I don't fly than I have ones that I do! I think I'm even gaining weight up here at Bleiker. What - hard life! When I leave this place I should have about enough flight time to get a good tech job! 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 Joanne and Mimi.

JANUARY 15 1970

Dear Joanne,
I had to fly again today and again, we went to Abu Dhabi. I kind of getting tired of that place! We have to fly through the Musy Yang pass to get there and the wind is so strong it almost tears the helicopter apart. I'll sure be glad to get back to the States and fly in some half way decent weather! This place is cold and windy and is enough to drive me crazy! Help!

God Bless Joanne and Mimi

JANUARY 16 1970

Dear Jeanne,
I was supposed to fly today but the wind was so strong that we couldn't fly! There's sure is some thing else! Today the winds were gusting to 37 knots and holding a steady 20 knots for hours! We weren't supposed to fly if the wind is over 30 kts or the gust spread is greater than 15 kts.

I mostly slept all day. Then 06:30 wake up for the birds! A couple of days of rest and I'm about back to the mail again today.
God Bless Jeanne and Morris.

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 geeks have really built up around that area. I'm afraid if we keep flying that way someone will get shot down. Every morning we see more and more signs of Charles in that area. He has all kinds of fields cleared, finger built, animal pens and lots of hooters. It doesn't look like the way things look down in that area.
God Bless Jeanne and Morris.

JANUARY 18 1970

Dear Leanne,
I had to fly
again today. I was told
that I had to fly
today so I got up early.
I had to find out I didn't
have to fly. I was so
mad I went ahead and
flew anyway. Once I got out
of bed I might as well
stay up because the worst
shock is over!
I got two letters
and two calls today. Boy it
sure is good to hear from
my wife. I also went to a
safety meeting tonight. Boy are
those things dull!
God Bless Leanne and Moni.

JANUARY 19 1970

Dear Leanne,
I 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
Hoffmeyer in our joppy
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 Leanne and Moni.

2 yr Anniversary

JANUARY 20 1970

Dear Seamus,

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 sing-elevator and one that went through his tail rotor control cable. If that cable would have broke he would have been in a world of trouble.

I went up to the club tonight and had a few beers. Yesterday seven new guys came into squadron and we got three in B Troop.
God Bless Seamus and Maria.

JANUARY 21 1970

Dear Seamus,

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 captured, the death and had their testicles cut out. I know for sure now that if I ever go down around An Khe I am 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 Seamus and Maria.

JANUARY 22 | 1970

Dear Jeannie,
I had to fly
again today and we went
out to a place called
LZ Hound Tamer. The place
is in a valley surrounded by
red high mountains. Total elevation
is only 300 ft. We also
inserted our Blues today on
the top of a mountain to
recover two bodies. They
were unable 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 American GIs because they
were tied down with American
mine wires.
God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

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. Lopez of
A 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-6 aircraft. He
was the Officers Club manager.
God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

JANUARY 24 | 1970

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

God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

JANUARY 25 | 1970

Dear Jeannie,
I didn't have to fly again today! We have so damn many jobs now that it's really hard to get any flight time. I don't like to fly every day but then again I don't want every day off! I need the practice so I can make F.C.

The days are getting longer and better now. I'm sure that the monsoons are over now. I like the cool weather that we were having but I hated all of the turbulence and bad weather.

God Bless Jeannie and Mom.

JANUARY 26 1970

Dear Leanne,
I had to fly
again today and we went
back over to LZ Hanoi Times.
It was pretty hot over
there today Hanoi Times is
in a beautiful Valley that
runs 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 housey PX
gets some cameras soon
or I may end my
tour without any pictures!
God Bless Leanne and Mami.

JANUARY 27 1970

Dear Leanne,
I didn't get
to fly today. I volunteer
to fly almost every day
but I never get 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 PFC or not. I hope
like 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 Leanne and Mami.

JANUARY 28 | 1970

Dear Jeanne, I didn't have
to fly today and I didn't
do anything all day! I'm
really getting tired of not
flying. I even suggested to
fly today but at the last
minute they changed the
schedule! I had to go to
the motor pool this morning
and supervised two of our
door gunners that were working
on a truck. That motor
pool is 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 Mari.

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 pretty soon 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. All they
have over there. The food
is about the best I've
ever had in Viet Nam. Also
a guy from Facham lives
over at An Khe. His name
is Bub Racer.
God Bless Jeanne and Mari.

JANUARY 30 / 1970

Dear Pennie,
I flew again today
and we went out to LZ Hand
Times. We were supposed to
insert our Blues today to pick
up some stuff off of fire IVVIF
that the LOHs killed but the
weather got too bad up in
that area. Our gun relations
today shot up friendly troops
for the first time since the
army came to Viet Nam. They
killed one and wounded five
Americans all together. Most of
the gun units in Viet Nam
have shot up friendly troops
several times. The weather is
cold again here at Pleiku. I'll
be glad when it gets warm!
God Bless Pennie and Mom.

JANUARY 31 / 1970

Dear Pennie, 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 was so mad I
finally stopped at Camp
Schmitt 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!
God Bless Pennie 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 almost
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 crash an aircraft or
land anyone in harm or I
fly.

I got three letters
from Jeanne today. Boy do
I love that girl!
Love Jeanne and Mom.

FEBRUARY 2 1970

Dear Jeanne, I flew in an
aircraft commander for the
first time today. Everything
went well considering the
co-pilot I had. He is
a captain and is a real
idiot. 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 a real jerk!
I find that flying in
on 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.
Love Jeanne and Mom.

FEBRUARY 3 | 1970

Dear Leanne,
 I left the
 today. I got home I found
 last night to celebrate being
 on PC 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 Cav up at Eder
 Tex. He named a whole
 bunch of guys I know
 who are in his unit. It
 good to see old flight school
 buddies. It makes me think
 of how fast the time has
 gone since we graduated!
 God Bless Leanne and Mom.

FEBRUARY 4 | 1970

Dear Leanne,
 I had to fly
 today and it went pretty
 good. We went down to
 a place called LZ English.
 LZ English is north of
 Qui Nhon along the South
 China Sea. For once 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 Leanne and Mom.

FEBRUARY 5 1970

Dear James,
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 controls freeze up! I turned around and landed at FB Blackhawk to check out the aircraft. I found nothing wrong but I decided to return to Pleiku anyway to fear it spiked 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 James and Mom.

FEBRUARY 6 1970

Dear James, I had today off because it was a maintenance down day. We would not have flown anyway because today is the time for Tet (the oriented New Year). We expect to get mortared tonight by the NVF as 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 James!!!
God Bless James and Mom.

FEBRUARY 7 / 1970

Dear Jeanne

I flew today and we just went over to Am Khe. I flew with a New guy named Death and I thought he was going to zero out our airspace in 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 in the verge of stalling out. The wind is still strong but not as bad as it was. I hope the weather gets better around here soon.
God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

FEBRUARY 8 / 1970

Dear Jeanne

I didn't fly today but I still had a pretty good day. I went up to the P.O. today and for once they had some cameras. I bought a Minolta SRT 101 for \$126.⁰⁰ which is a real steal. They cost \$289.⁰⁰ back in the States. Now I can finally start taking some 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 wish again! I love her.
God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

FEBRUARY 9 | 1970

Dear Sammie,
I flew today
and again we went up
to Am 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
so time we go by fast
but even that doesn't seem
to do anything any more.
Weather is still cool and
windy around here.

God Bless Sammie and Mom.

FEBRUARY 10 | 1970

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

God Bless Sammie & Mom.

FEBRUARY 11 / 1970

Dear Sammie,
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 An Xie
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 23
in the club rule! I'll be
glad when this damn grey
alert is over!
God Bless Sammie and Mimi.

FEBRUARY 12 / 1970

Dear Sammie,
I flew today
and we went up to Konton.
This was the first time
I've been there since we
moved back from Ben Me
Thant. The place where we
stand by (the LOC) has changed
a bit. Our colon and 204
got a total of 14 hills
today. As usual the left
guy 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 diary the day after
something happens. Example - I'm
writing this on the 13th.
God Bless Sammie and Mimi.

Friday the 13th FEBRUARY 13 | 1970

Dear Jeanne, 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 place is really getting to be boring. I've only got eighty some days left to go over here and the time is really dragging! I'd sure be glad when I can get the hell out of here! Here at Pleiku there is no where to go and nothing to do!

Love Mom, Jeanne and Marie.

FEBRUARY 14 | 1970

Dear Jeanne, Today I flew and we went back up to Kontum. Not a thing happened all day. The LOHs and Cobras have been getting a lot of hits but so far we haven't done a thing!

We went out and shot our practice and prizes 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 it was with my Valentine today, I love her the most! Love Mom and Jeanne.

FEBRUARY 15 / 1970

Dear Seamus, flew again today and we went up to Kronton again. I went up the afternoon and shot a GCH but that's about the most exciting thing I did all day. We went out and ~~the~~ fired our weapons 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 Kronton but it's still kind of cold here at Bleiburg. I'll be glad when the wind settles down a bit and the weather gets warmer. God Bless Seamus and Mom.

FEBRUARY 16 / 1970

Dear Seamus, had to fly again today and we went back to An Khe. 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 get the place in at least once a week so we could stay in practice. Maybe when we get our new CO he will want to insert more. Maj. Bowling is a great guy but he never inserts us.

God Bless Seamus and Mom.

FEBRUARY 17/1970

Dear Jeanne,
I had to fly
again today, and again we
went up to our kite. It's
the same old story. Fly
over to our kite, 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
and visit Mom 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
his ship shot up. He took
three rounds in the cockpit,
two thru the windshield and
one in the window of his dog.
Mr. Stuber got Champagne cork
all over his face. He was
lucky he didn't lose his
eye sight! They also took
a fourth round in the tailboom.
God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

FEBRUARY 19 / 1970

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

I went over to Camp Holloway this afternoon and took a look at our new rooms. I hate to move but at least it's a good place. I was just getting used to Camp Ennis and now we leave. Well that's the way I guess!
God Bless Jeanne and Simone.

FEBRUARY 20 / 1970

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

FEBRUARY 21 / 1970

Dear Seamus,
I flew today as
co-pilot 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 down
gunners beat for their
weapons in the way back
tonight. Our ship's weapons
worked real good. In fact
~~we~~ we had to make the
gunners stop shooting!

I just do miss my
wife a lot today. It won't
be long now until I'm with
her again.
Love Helen Seamus and Moni.

FEBRUARY 22 / 1970

Dear Seamus,
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 90s 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 hotter. The
DA is up over 4,000
every day now. I
sure hope we don't lose
any ships due to the
lack of power.
Love Helen Seamus and Moni.

FEBRUARY 23 / 1970

Dear Jeanne,
 I had to fly
 day before yesterday. I almost
 messed 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
 Sunov. Motel 800 stereo amplifier.
 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 Mimi.

FEBRUARY 24 / 1970

Dear Jeanne,
 I flew again
 today and we went back
 out to LZ Hanoi Tower.
 Today we got to go down
 and swim in the river
 by Hanoi Tower. The water
 in that river is beautiful,
 clear and not too cold! One
 of the LOHs came by
 and lifted Bob ~~and~~ Jacobs
 and myself up on the
 ship. 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 Mimi.

FEBRUARY 25 | 1970

Dear Seamus,
I had to fly
again today and we went
back out to LZ Hard Times.
We got to go swimming
again today and we almost
got a guy killed. One
of the LOHs 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 LOH
started to take off and one of
the guys let go. The LOH
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 Seamus and Mom.

FEBRUARY 26 | 1970

Dear Seamus, I didn't have
to fly today because it
was a maintenance down
day. I went out to
my aircraft this morning
(B49) and messed around
for a while.

It was so hot
this afternoon that everyone
was too lazy to do any
thing. I was also too
lazy to do anything! It
really let 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 Seamus and Mom.

FEBRUARY 27 / 1970

Dear Leanne,
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 monkey golf. Enslin
beat me almost every game.
I've started to get a
sun tan now, I hope I
have a good one when I
leave. Life sure is tough
around here, it's about time
that we had it good
after living in tents for
so long. I hope I never
see a tent again.
God Bless Leanne and Mom.

FEBRUARY 28 / 1970

Dear Leanne,
I flew today
and we went out to
Hond Tover again. As usual
we went 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 LOTS get shot
down. We didn't leave until
after dark and on the way
back we went IFR over
the Mang Yang Pass. I
was really scared and
when we finally broke out
I saw An Khe and went
back there to spend the
night!
God Bless Leanne and Mom.

FEBRUARY 29

NO Leap Year

MARCH 1 1970

Dear Jeanne!

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

We took off this
morning from An Khe and
went down to LZ Hanoi 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-
thing in the place on.
I saw two good looking
Army nurses but the rest
were all ugly.
Loveless Jeanne and Mom.

MARCH 2 1970

Dear Jeanne,
I had to fly
again today and not much
happened. We went back
out to Hand Timer again
today and it was just as
hell! We didn't get a
chance to go swimming
though!! Then afterwards the
major ship got shot up
so I had to go up
and fly C-4 for him.
Not much happened while
I was out there. Of course
we were up high so we
couldn't get shot at. I don't
like to fly around in
the hell zone like the
major does!
God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

MARCH 3 1970

Dear Jeanne,
I had to fly
again today and not a
thing happened. We spent
a lot of time flying between
Hand Timer and Anthe because
of a couple more up. If
we don't start inserting
soon we aren't going to
have any girls. That
know how to insert next
month! We seem to be
just about a useless unit
now. The Cobra and LCH
do all the flying and
get all the credit while
we finally get two hours
a day!

God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

MARCH 4 | 1970

Dear Jeanne,
Today was a
maintaining down day and
I felt bad all day! Last
night I got drunk over
in Ron Tusi'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 knowing rocks at
the mine when they went
into their latrine. We also
had a water fight and our
guys got soaked!
God Bless Jeanne and Moni.

MARCH 5

Dear Jeanne,
I had today
off and I didn't do
anything all day. I got
drunk again last night
and I felt bad all
day today.
Our unit has an FTO
near here so our gelatory
doesn't even have to take
off! Most of the guys
hang around our room
and bother the hostess maid
all day. Every time one of
them goes into their latrine
they get about a million
wishes thrown on the tin
roof!

God Bless Jeanne and Moni

MARCH 6 / 1970

Dear Jeanne,
I had to fly 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 operations. I hate this kind of mission. It makes us 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 LOHs found an enemy weapons cache containing about twenty weapons and a bunch of other junk including a Viet Cong flag.

God Bless Jeanne and Mini.

MARCH 7 1970

Dear Jeanne,
I flew again today and the only flight time we got was just goof off time! We shot a GCH this morning and then went out and bagged a few farmers! Then afternoon we went out and test fired our weapons. I let the gunner fly as we-sub because the co-pilot wanted to shoot. Stikket. The gunner was an ex WOC so he can fly pretty good. He can even hover the thing which is better than any other gunner can do!
God Bless Jeanne and Mini.

MARCH 8 / 1970

Dear Jeanne,
I didn't have to
fly today because it was
a down day. We were
told early this morning that
we could expect to move
to Nalat within the next
couple of hours. However
we have got the move
stalled off for a couple of
days. I don't know why
they want us at Nalat but
I don't think it's worth
going! In a way I don't
want to move but it will
be kind of nice to go
back out on the field for
a while.
I miss my work.....
God bless Jeanne and Mom.

MARCH 9 / 1970

Dear Jeanne, I didn't fly
again today because we
had the day off to get
ready for our move. We
are going to be living
in Pham Rang and work
out of Nalat. I'm kind
of glad in a way that
we won't be living in
Nalat. Nalat is a real
nice city but the airfield
is kind of bad. One good
thing about it is that it
would save more money at
Nalat than at Pham Rang
because Pham Rang is
big airbase with lots of
clubs!
God bless Jeanne and Mom.

MARCH 10 1970

Dear Joanne

Today is the day
that we moved to Phan
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 is just
barely big enough for the
three of us! We are
having a water shortage problem.
The base itself is beautiful.
We are only a few miles
drive from the Ocean. The
place is so scenic that
they even have a railroad!
I can't wait to go over
to the Air Force Officers Club.
I hear it's beautiful!
God Bless Joanne and Mom.

MARCH 11 1970

Dear Joanne,

I flew today
and we went up to Dalat.
Dalat is a beautiful town
but it is so high up
in the mountains that
it is really hard to get
any performance out of our
aircraft. I bled down to
6,000 RPM just trying to hover!
It seems the hell out of
my co-pilot!

There is a small club
near our hotel and the guys
that run it are really nice.
They bought enough ~~shots~~
shots yesterday to feed an
army and gave them to
us for free!
God Bless Joanne and Mom.

MARCH 12 1970

New jeans,

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 ARVN's out of a good sized PZ. 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 steak again tonight when we got back. I was expecting to lose weight down here too!
Love Bless James and Mom.

Friday

MARCH 13 1970

New jeans,

I flew again today and again we went up to Dalat. We didn't do anything all day except lay around! I was flying in this that is pretty weak but I didn't have to much trouble. When I took off I ~~took~~ looked more like an airplane than a helicopter but that's OK!

We went over to the An Tour Club tonight and enjoyed hell. Three guys drank the G.M.F. and I thought they would die because the drink was so strong! 20 shots of everything!
Love Bless James and Mom.

MARCH 14 / 1970

Dear Leanne,

I had today off so I went down to Pham Nung City. The town is kind of dirty and most of the buildings were built by the French.

Tonight we went over to the Air Force Club and really had a ball! They had a good floor show outside in the patio and when I was over we were all drunk. We were invited by the 615th fighter squadron for their special bar and we had a great time. We down near town their office again, of course they helped us! We were kept spraying a bird about around! God Bless Leanne and Mom!

MARCH 15 / 1970

Dear Leanne,

I flew again today and we went back to Nalat. We got to do four insertions and extractions. Again we were hauling ARVN around. We had a lot of trouble getting out of the PZ the first time but after that everything was OK. I was flying lead with Capt. Monahan and I thought he did a real good job. He is good as a leader but he can't fly worth a damn! He let me help him at Pham Nung but I love it!

God Bless Leanne and Mom!

MARCH 16 / 1970

Dear Jeanne,
 Today we flew
 up to Nalat again and
 got to do some more
 interesting. We put in
 four lifts of ARVs a
 few miles south of Nalat.
 Again we had a good
 22 so we didn't have
 any problems. I had to O
 Murphy as my co-pilot
 and he did a good
 job. I think he is good
 enough to be an AC. We
 flew 019 which is a
 real powerful ship. It
 went over to the club
 again tonight and got
 splattered!
 Love Jeanne and Mom.

MARCH 17 / 1970

Dear Jeanne,
 today we flew again
 today and we didn't have
 to take off until 11.30!
 My old gal. I sure flew
 with me just to see
 how it is to fly
 it. models. 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. As usual I
 got splattered again tonight!
 Love Jeanne and Mom

MARCH 18 1970

Dear Leung,
We used to hear
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 ships took
off minus a blue. Once
they were on the ground
at your ship got the ship
a logging truck and see
of the people on board
were VC. As it turned out
they were friendly. We
didn't have any trouble with
them in or taking them out.

God Bless Leung and Mom.

MARCH 19 1970

Dear Leung,
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 pilots.
I hope we keep getting
a lot of insertions up
at Dalat. It makes the
day go a lot faster and
it keeps us in practice.
We got a 10 day extension
onto the time we had
supposed to stay here
so now we won't
be leaving until the
end of the month.
God Bless Leung and Mom.

MARCH 20 / 1970

Dear Jeanne,
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 house and got drunk.
I'm also broke due to
the good living here!
God bless Jeanne and Mini

MARCH 21 / 1970

Dear Jeanne,
Today was another
down day so I didn't do
a thing all day! It
rained until about noon
today. I don't think it
is the beginning of the
monsoon yet, it was probably
just a shower 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 Jeanne and Mini

MARCH 22 1970

Dear Jeanne,
I had to fly today and on my way up to Nalat, but a thing happened all day. I had a new lat. at my co-pilot. I don't know what to think of the new pilots we get these days. Most of them are so shaky that they can hardly fly. I sure am glad that I'll be leaving soon. I don't want to spend much more time being there, which is trying to kill me! Boy do I ever miss Jeanne!
Love Bob and Jeanne and Mari.

MARCH 23 1970

Dear Jeanne,
I flew again today and we went back up to Nalat. We didn't do a thing all day except sit around and wait there. There are so many flies up here it's unbearable! It's impossible for me to sit in our ship 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 at the moment that much here!
Love Bob and Jeanne and Mari.

MARCH 24 / 1970

Ben Seamus,
today and we managed to
do an insertion of our
blues. We just then ran
to see if they could
find some buried weapons.
As it turned out the
so called buried weapons
we just some old filled
in for holes! It was
good practice for everyone
though I had OI with
Smith and we had no
problems. We had a good
LZ and PZ though to
help us out. There ships
are to work for any
high LZs.
Good Ben Seamus and Mura.

MARCH 25 / 1970

Ben Seamus,
I flew sig to
Rabat again today and we
did another insertion. I found
a wreck ship (849) but
everything came off OK!
We have really been getting
some good LZs lately. I
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 the
only way to stay sane.
Good Ben Seamus and Mura.

MARCH 26 1970

Dear Jeanne,
 I flew again today
 and I was the first
 aircraft. I never had flown
 lead without the captain
 until today. Everything went
 off OK. I don't really
 like to fly or least
 it's too much responsibility
 for me. I guess I'm
 more of the follower type
 than a leader!
 I can't wait until I
 get out of Nam. I've got
 about a million things I
 want to do once I get
 back to the States. I can't
 wait to see my daughter.
 God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

MARCH 27 1970

Dear Jeanne,
 I flew again
 today and an aircraft and
 went up to Point. 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 Plehn! I'm greatly
 liked staying down here
 at Phung Remy even though
 I spent a lot of money.
 Plehn is real dirty and
 dusty. Now here it
 isn't and clean because of
 the sand.
 God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

MARCH 28 | 1970

New Leanne, didn't have
to fly today because we
are getting ready to move
back to Pleiku. We were
supposed to leave today but
I guess it's been called
off until tomorrow. I
guess I have enjoyed staying
down here at Pleiku Navy.
We had a going away
party for Maj. Brantley tonight.
We had lots of beer
and steak and everyone
had a good time. After
the party we went to a
shop at the Air Force Club
and someone brought us much
champagne we all got drunk.
God Bless Leanne and Mom.

Easter Sunday, MARCH 29 1970

New Leanne;
This morning
we left for Pleiku. I
think everyone in the
flight had a hang over
from last night after a
hell of a way to spend
Easter Sunday! The only
church service I saw
was one that I flew
over after we stopped
to refuel!
We arrived at Camp
Dillon after a three hour
flight and what a lovely
hole this is. I do have
a pretty nice room though.
I hope we stay here
until I leave.
God Bless Leanne and Mom.

MARCH 30 | 1970

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

MARCH 31 | 1970

Dear Jeanne,
I didn't have to
fly again today so all
I did was sleep! I'm
supposed to have Party Officer
tonight so I'll need all
the sleep I can get. I
sent off for my stereo
speakers and turntable I
hope they get to the
store 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
twice as hard tonight. I
hope we don't get hit!
Love ~~the~~ Jeanne and Mom.

APRIL 1

1970

Dear Jeanne,
 I had duty
 after last night and got
 about one third in the
 morning and went on real
 alert. The air base next
 to us was taking in company
 mortar rounds 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 large
 fire. I sure hope they
 don't start shitting us on
 a regular basis. We are
 living in a congested area
 and some one might get
 hurt!
 Love Mom 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 Schmidt
 this morning and worked
 off for awhile. We were
 working on our bunker
 this afternoon and Gt. Mitchell
 and I went off just to
 buy some small bags. The
 grocer only charges a penny
 apiece to fill them, that's
 pretty damn cheap. Little
 girls about 14 do most
 of the work and they
 only charged us 50¢ for
 250 bags in our truck. Those
 girls are really muscle bound!
 Love Mom, Jeanne and Mom.

APRIL 3 1970

Dear Leanne,
We flew up to
Dak To (To), today and almost
got killed! We were there for
about two hours and then
the enemy dropped 122 rockets
in 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! I also saw
a nest shot out lucky
at Kien between VC and
the ARVMS. It was almost
like watching TV! The ARVMS
was! We also killed two
snakes one large one and
one small one!
Love Glen Leanne and Mom.

APRIL 4 1970

Dear Leanne,
I flew again
today and all kinds of
things happened. We were
scrambled to rescue the
crew of a C-47 that
had been shot down by
a St. col. machine gun and
the aircraft behind me tore
his chute off in a piece
of metal runway (PSP). We
never did make because one
of the 2012s picked up
the crew. The guy with
me stuck his to the
back to Plein and landed
on sand bags! The ship was
over fire ship good old
849!
Love Glen Leanne and Mom.

APRIL 5 1970

Dear Jeanne,
I flew again today and we went up to Kanton. I was sure glad we didn't have to go to Nak To! Now Kanton said even safer! They got two rockets in the middle of the compound at Kanton. We took off from that place at record breaking time! I'm really starting to get scared now I not only get a month to go and every time I turn around they try to kill me! I sure hope I make it home in 30 days!

God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

APRIL 6 1970

Dear Jeanne,
As usual I flew again today. We first stayed out of Kanton but later were moved back up to Nak To. We were all expecting to get rocketed again but we didn't. Our CAC ship took a 50 cal round thru the tail rotor servo and he lost both hydrolic and tail rotor control. WO1 Stoper made the landing and did a great job. I got quite a bit of flight time flying back and forth to Pleiku.

God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

APRIL 7 1970

Dear Jeanne, I flew again today and my wet patch up to Nah To. This morning we were at Nah To and we got chased out by a rocket attack. The closest we were about 100 meters which isn't bad. We went back to Konton for fuel and then went out to near Nah To. We were there for about two hours and were run out by another rocket attack. Boy, their planes are really getting to be dangerous. I'll miss the place when I go home! Love Glen Jeanne and Mom

APRIL 8 1970

Dear Jeanne, I flew again today and not much happened. Thank God! We were at Nah To all morning and we moved back to Konton in the afternoon due to lack of fuel at Nah To. It's really hot around here now. All you can do is get your clothes wet. I can't complain about the heat though because it's better than the monsoon season! Love Glen Jeanne and Mom.

APRIL 9 1970

Dear Sam,
As usual I flew again today and we went back over to Nakh To. I was really surprised that we didn't get repulsed today. I hope that the enemy is tired of messing around with us and will leave us alone! Every time we get pocketed Colson, 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.

Love Glen, Sammi and Morris

APRIL 10 1970

Dear Sammi,
Today was a mountainous down 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 I shot nine or close we got hit by rockets. Only lost three cups in and only one wounded. Close, everyone run into the bunker and no one was hurt. I hope they don't make a habit of doing this.
Love Glen, Sammi and Morris.

APRIL 11 1970

Dear Leanne,
Today and night again
happened. We went out
to Boh To again and
about an hour after we
landed we heard some
explosions from at the
end of the runway. Needlen
to say we cranked up
and got ready to leave!
As it turned out it was
only artillery pieces going
off. That just got to
show how jumpy they
are. I'll just be glad
when I get to home,
my nerves are shot!

God Bless Leanne and Mini.

Mud (W) APRIL 12 1970

Dear Leanne,
Today B Troop
got one of their 201s
shot down. B Troop went
to the rescue and started
hunting troops out to take
to the ground. 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 on LZ
and we receiving intense fire.
I guess it's better that
two men die rather than
a CO. I was sure relieved
when they called the mission
off. I'll pray for the two out there.
God Bless Leanne and Mini.

APRIL 13 1970

Dear Leanne,
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 last today
because we are expecting an
attack. I also made sure
we got some beer.

Some jerk threw
a 65 grenade in front of
the hotel last night and
got almost everyone but me.
We were hit real late
last night but none of the
rooms hit close. I also
made Chr2 last night. We
had a small ceremony in
our hot tub day room.
God Bless Leanne and Muri.

APRIL 14 1970

Dear Leanne,
I had today
and we went back to work
to to stand by later
in the afternoon we went
up to Ben Fleb to stand
by while A top pulled the
body of one of the pilots
of the LOR that went down.
The head was blown off!
They could find no trace
of the observer.

We were chased out
of work to later today by
friendly artillery. It hit
so close that we thought
it was rocket. They kept
firing all day and we came
back and just watched!
God Bless Leanne and Muri.

APRIL 15 1970

Dear Seamus,
We went back
again today. We went back
up to the LZ and not
much happened. A troop
lost another LOH today. The
observer was killed, and
the pilot had a broken
leg. They were rescued
by a Med-Q. Van. The
Air Force had a "Jolly
Green Giant" shot down today
also. Everyone was rescued
but the pilot. The Ground
Force rescued them also
took fire and one of the
crew was wounded. In
short the war goes on today!

Love Bless Seamus and Muri.

APRIL 16 1970

Dear Seamus,
I flew again
today and we inserted the
troop, our Blues onto the
side of a hill that was
covered with brush. It
was the worst 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
rescue extraction because of
the shape of my aircraft.
I was dead today and
it made me feel bad to
have up two ships. Our
Blues got into contact and
captured one POW. They also
employed his rifle and stuff.
Love Bless Seamus and Muri.

APRIL 17 / 1970

Bless James, I flew on level again today and not much happened. Our Cuban and 2011a didn't find much at all today. On the way back tonight they went out and looked for a 37mm position that has been phoning at aircraft. We have to go low level to keep from getting shot down!

I sure wish I could stop flying. I'm getting so short to be out here messing around. I can't afford to get killed now. God Bless James and Mom.

My Last Flying Day APRIL 18 1970

Bless James, I flew on level again today and we were lucky enough not to have anything happen. I've been flying a brand new 1969 model Huey for the last two days (1600). Boy is that aircraft ever nice! It will probably be the nicest helicopter I will ever fly. I don't expect much in the way of good helicopter work in the States.

I hope that today was my last flying day. I'm getting so short to be going out there!

God Bless James and Mom.

APRIL 19 1970

Dear Jeanne,
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
jetson leader like people
rush him around too
much and never shake
up for his men.
I found out today
that I don't have to fly
anymore. Capt. Beth fixed it
so I could get on a MIA
investigation. Now my jetson
leader is sorted!
Love Glen Jeanne and Moni.

APRIL 20 1970

Dear Jeanne,
I started on
the Missing in Action
report today. We talked
to people who were there
and decided he was missing
in action, we also got some
statements from them. The
guy in question was an
observer on a LCH from
A type. He was shot down
and his body never found.
I personally think he is
dead but MIA is better
for his wife because she
gets full pay for 7 years
plus \$10,000 insurance bonus.
I hope we are helping her
out, not hurting her.
Love Glen Jeanne and Moni.

APRIL 21 1970

Dear Jeannie,
I didn't do by
much at all today. I
got up early and had
some written statements
typed up and that
about all I did. This
afternoon I took a
ride over to Camp Schuyler
in a LOH. That would
have possibly been my
last helicopter ride in
Viet Nam.

I've got very
few days left here in
Viet Nam but some how
I just don't feel sorry.
I hope I not attached
to the place.
Love Helen Jeannie and Mom.

APRIL 22 1970

Dear Jeannie,
I didn't have
to fly again today because
of the investigation. I don't
think I'll ever have to
fly again in Viet Nam.
I've had a pretty good
time flying over here but
I've also almost killed
myself a few times. I
hope when I get back
to the States that I'll
have some good
accidents so I can get
a little flight time. I
got drunk last night
and shot Smithy .38
into the ground!

Love Helen Jeannie and Mom.

APRIL 23 1970

Dear Lemme,
I'm still working
on the missing ch. action
report. I hope I can
get it done quick so
I can start getting ready
to leave. I'm only got
12 days until I leave
and I haven't done a
thing!

We got drunk again
last night. In fact we
got drunk every night.
It goes so easy to
sleep when you're drunk!
We don't have anything
better to do than drink
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
lazed 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! I'll rather chill
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 James,
Well I sent
together most of my
report today and it was
kind of hard work. I'm
still not finished but all
there left are some very
minor points. Besides I
don't want to stay to
work, I might have to
fly again!

By the way just a
little info I want to have:
Troop Commander Maj. Hasselgoore
Plt. Leader Capt Donohoe
Pilots: WO1 Ron Cunningham, WO1 Doug
Stenberg, WO1 Larry Smith, WO1 Dick
Oxmann, Lt. Jose Fernandez. The rest
are all new guys who don't count!
God Bless James and Mom
Forget Sec. Leader Lt. Ralph Gynn

APRIL 26 1970

Dear James,
Today is the
first day that I realized
how short I am! I've
only got 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 James and Mom

APRIL 27 1970

Dear Jeannie,
I'm still working
on the MIA report but
things are going pretty
slow. It looks like I'll
get it done just in
couple of days before
I leave. Time is kind
of going fast and slow
at the same time. It
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!
Love Bless Jeannie and Mom.

APRIL 28 1970

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

APRIL 29 / 1970

Dear Jeanne,
I didn't do
a thing all day today!
Smitty and I got
up at about eleven and
discovered that there was
no water. So we went
over to Camp Schmidt
to get a steam bath.
On the way back we
stopped off in Mealy to
have a look around. The
place is off high so
we decided to not stay
very long. I got pruned
tonight and it's the most
I've ever gotten since I
got to Viet Nam 43800 plus
\$500 that goes to Jeanne
God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

Larry Rabron APRIL 30 / 1970
Dad

Dear Jeanne,
Today was a
pretty bad day for the
Car. A good friend of
mine and his observer
were killed when their LCH
was shot down Larry Rabron
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 a fire
and went into the trees.
When the Blues got to
the crash site an hour
later both bodies were burned
real severely.
God Bless Jeanne and Mom.

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 processing
out and hang in it
even a grain! I started
yesterday and I probably
won't be done until
tomorrow. I sure do
wish I had a pecker,
it would make things a
lot easier.

I sure hope that
if anyone reads this
draw someday that they
will be able to tell
what it says!
God bless Jeanne and Mom.

MAY 2 1970

Dear Jeanne,
I was called
in today and told that
a few things on my
MIA report were incorrect.
I'm trying to clear part
today but I guess the
report is more important
than my clearing. Well
I worked on the
report all day and
I'm still got some
to do tomorrow. I
guess I'll be working
on that thing until
a few minutes before
I leave. Thank God
I'm getting out of
here!
God bless Jeanne and Mom.

MAY 3 1970

Dear Leanne,
Well I finally
got my report finished
about an hour before
I left for the airport.
I got wrong that too
bad. The flight to
Cam Rahn was early
which is a first for
the Air Force! I was
seen. A lot of my
family from Effort
school today. I think
a year ago we were
all over here working
if we would make it. Now
it looks as though we
have! I'm still musing
though!
Love Glen Leanne and Mom.

MAY 4 1970

Dear Leanne,
I'm still here
at Cam Rahn. My writing
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 in Viet Nam for
over a year.
It's really hot around
here today. I sure hope
I get sent soon so I
can cool off! I'll
probably catch a cold!
Love Glen Leanne and Mom.

MAY 5 1970

Dear James,
Well I didn't
get to leave today but
I'm pretty sure I will
tomorrow. They only have
one flight out 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
great positive attitude
about so I'm about
sure I'll be leaving!
It's really boring around
here now. All I do is
watch T.V. and drink. I've
got to get out of here
soon or I'll go nuts!
God Bless James and Mini.

1969 MAY 6 1970

My First Day in Viet Nam

"Freedom Bird"
Saturn
PC-8
Airways

Dear James,

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 Fager
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 make it.
It sure has been a
long year!!! This is the
end of my diary.
Love John James and Mini.