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- Clothing Issue -

Belts 2

Boots 2

Buckles 1

Khaki covers 1

utility covers 2

Drawers 6

chevrons 2 pr.

chevrons metal. 3 pr

Insignia left 1

shoe laces 64" 2

shoe laces 30" 2

Raincoat

short sleeves khaki shirt 2

utility shirt 3

dress shoes 1

boot socks 4
 dress socks 2
 utility Trousers 3
 Khaki Trousers 2
 undershirts 6
 Towels 2

Hold

greens 1 set
 Tropical 1 set
 neckties clasps 2
 neckties 1
Dissectors green 1

Seabag with gear we were
 NOT going to use in Viet Nam
 was packed and sent to storage
 in Okinawa for our return
 13 months from now!!

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*This is a fill-in of info
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8th left San Diego on The
Helicopter Air Craft Carrier
Iwo Jima LPH-2, Two other
ships also departed - The other
ship has beach landing craft
inside of ship - back opens and
floats inside - loaded boats and
men - exit rear. They will do a
beach landing and our ship
with helos will fly inland
farther behind enemy. We spent
5 days to reach Hawaii - Docked
Pearl Harbor - Saw Arizona Mem.
Had liberty - Went to Waikiki - drank

beer at lounges - 20 yrs age limit.
 We left Hawaii after two-three days.
 At Camp Pulgas in Calif. we started
 to activate the 26th Marines. This
 group on the three ships is the
 advance party of the 1st Battalion.
 About 1500 Marines. The other Bt^{ns}.
 will leave as they become manned.
 We crossed the International Date
 line, changed a whole day, about a
 week out of Hawaii we passed in
 review of the Island of Iwo Jima,
 famous for the Marines raising the
 flag on Mount Surabachi - During
 WWII. Not much of an island. Our
 ship is named after this island.
 Also our group - The 26th Marines
 & The 27th & 28th fought here. 7-8
 thousand men killed - wounded

Radio Relay Gear

RT-252A/TRC-27 #1224
 (Radio) #

TD101B/TRC-27 #2236
 (Multiplexers) #2370 c/26
 #970
 #741

PU-278 (Generators) #894 q/26
 #1342 q/26

We reactivated this group after
 all this time. What a feeling of
 pride of history. More days at
 sea before we reach the Philippines.
 The Naval base is located at Subic
 Bay. We docked here and after
 squeezing away things started
 liberty in the little town of Olongapo

What a place - Nothing but bars -
 Hotels - Thousands of Navy - Squids
 Marines - Jarheads - Sea going bellhops.
 And Flipos selling everything under
 the Sun, from beer to women. I did
 the San Miguel beer and cherry brandy
 but stayed away from the women.
 They made fun of some of us guys.
 Called us cherry-boys.

I don't know why I started this
 journal (we were not supposed to
 keep any notes) But am glad now.

The Three book journal starts here
 after we did an operation in VN.

I was 20 yrs. old when drafted &
 was engaged to Vera - The
 relationship ended while I was
 there. Excuse My language.

As you can see - God protected Me.

Here we take up with
 my first entry - 28 Aug 66

Aug

28th Sun - Vera's birthday - relay
 still in operation - blues on blues off -
 getting boring - very hot & dirty in room

29th Mon - closed down radio - 0715

They are starting to return to
 ship - slept most of day - trying to
 catch up on sleep.

30th Tue - day spent traveling from
 60 miles NE of Saigon back to
 Subic Bay - lounged around

31st Wed - 1130 in Subic - barges

& mike boats loading & unloading
 supplies - many guys staying here

to repair gear - Hospital ship in bay

Took our wounded to it - mail call

no mail from Vera - getting pissed off

8 letters from various people.
 growing mustash - for the past week
 looks shity -

Sept -

1st Thur - My 21st birthday - arrived in
 Merla Bay morning - help lifted hundreds
 of flippers aboard - lounged the day
 don't know if they are on field
 problem or not.

2nd Fri - lounged around all day
 played cards - dumped 180,000 gal.
 fuel over board - flung in Tanks

3rd Sat - song (dreamin') - ready
 for "libo" - 1715 goes at 0800
 stopped by Grand Island but

no boats so - no liberty til we
 return from sea dumping more
 fuel - should be back at 1700
 I remember the first operation
 Deckhouse III - bunch of scared
 guys - never been in ^{VIETNAM} (VN) before
 could tell they were really shook.

Case - I went on liberty after
 ship docked 1900 - Tried hitting
 all the bars in Town - barely made
 it back in time thru the gate.

4th Sun - worked from 0830 - 1530
 in the ship's stores hold - thousands
 of pounds of food - stole ice cream
 from freezer - heavy I went to
 Town - had section party in

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Willis' favorite bar - Hi Ball - all

The clubs are dumps - big & noisy
always a band - Trying to imitate
American songs. heavy got sick
had to drag him back.

5th Mon - Comm section had to
dig our gear out of the
hold - Then put it all back - Took
all day - Case & I went to
Town - got quite drunk - had
a good time - old Case for
some unknown reason was
going to get his throat
slit by some broad - Willis &
Moss left without working

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probably got their asses
burnt over that. Don't know
what's the matter with
Guenther - been on the rag
lately.

6th Tue - promotion formation
only from CPT to SGT - none of
our guys got promoted - Fixed
up the radios in the UHF R#1
Case & I went to Olongapo - as usual
bar hopping - butterfly They call us.
7th Wed - Early liberty - Case & I hardly
a Corporal went to PX & Spanish Gate
cafe - gun in town off of ship
USA planes sunk with Bataan prisoners
on it - where so many were

1-15

Killed by the Japs during WWII
book about the incident "Give us
This Day" Sidney Stewart - Case & I
booze it up again last night
fifth straight night -

8th Thur - Case looks kind of worse
for wear this morning - bodies
all logged down with booze, suppose
to leave today - doubt it.

Ships in dock - USS Constellation - CVA-64
USS Kearsarge CVA-33, USS O'Brien CVA-34
couple submarines - Tankers & destroyers

Case & I headed for the "ville" -
didn't do too much drinking
but saw three real good floor

1-16

shows - good looking gals went
all the way - This is the sixth
straight in a row - For the last
two-three days it has rained
50 minutes out of every hour -
don't know where all the water
goes to. Have a ball every night
we go to town. Bought a watch
Bulova 30 jewel for 20 pesos
5 bucks - mine got busted while
working on shit detail carrying
ship stores in - also bought a
knife - Type with curved irregular
blade for 8 pesos, everyone comes
in plastered - yelling - sleep - well might
as well hang it up there - fight too

1-17

9th Fri - every night in Town
people get into fights - robbed by
The Filpos - cut up - Town is always
full of squids. We have drank
from around 1500-1600 to 2300
every night. This morning we went
on 56 mile in a hike - after all
the drinking & laying around party
made it. Blisters and Twisted ankle.
Rained like a SB - cleaned gear
when we got back - Case was
the only one who went to Town
Saw Hell & Back - Andy Murphey

1-18

10th Sat - Sickbay lost Medical records
so had to have physical - Case & I
headed for Town - first time I borrowed
money - bar hopping - floor shows - Trips -

11th Sun - lost liberty - pay call #42 -
all the time the ship has been
doctored now 1600 moved to bay
anchor - bought another rifle
on base - ate dinner on base at
Spanish Gate - Case - Leary & I hit
Town - got soaking wet - 1400
started drinking - by new girls
in every club know you ~~when~~ when
you head thru the door they
jump all over you - buy me a drink

12th Mon - Set in bay Til mid morning
headed for open waters - rough seas
had 8 out of 9 nights drinking of 1600 -

13th Tue - Still rough seas - USS Undaunted
USS Thomason are with us - going
to next operation in VN.

most of day spent reading &
playing chess - learnt the other
day - very bad cold - thought I was ^{going} to die

14th Wed - chores shot - everyone
packing sea bags - reading for oper.
Relay stay aboard - Tac log & relay
Willis is going in - carry radio gear
Operation is Deethouse II
located near 17th parallel - on south side
near old operation Hastings -

15th Thur - Helo's started lifting
about zero dark thirty - met
resistance - Pfalz 21 was on the
air 0900 - They didn't land the
62 Van until 21-2200 - med evacs
coming in by the hands full.

16th Fri - Helo's Trying To keep up
with ammo demand - very strong
resistance - our battery knocked
out three mortars - 14 enemy KIA -
enemy KIA & captured - med evacs to
ship are in great numbers - from
our catwalk we have birds eye
view of deck & elevator - mail
call - letters from folks - McCowns
& Jones - Sue -

1-21

1/17th Sat - Pfalz & I have 8 hours
 then 8 hour off - works out okay
 This morning after chow on my
 way to relay room passed the
 med evacs coming in - guys
 shot all to hell - had wounds
 all over their bodies - some in
 bad shape. - yesterday I saw
 them bring two in - they died
 on elevator - covered them there
 isn't a pretty sight when they
 bring in some guys you know -
 others have been killed - 8 today -
 Alfa - Bravo - Delta Cos have met heavy
 resistance all the way - something

1-22

like 170-180 casualties including
 Makana patients - getting the shit shot
 out of us - dead LTC from Recon had
 a VC car in his first aid kit -
 Pfalz & I got word we probably will
 head for the field tomorrow -
 The way they bring in the wounded
 don't know how long we'll last.
 4th Marines also near by -
 * word I must remember - hinduitmoo -
 means f--- you brother -
 1/18th Sun - med evacs coming in
 very heavy - 16 at one time - The
 hospital ship Repose is somewhere
 near by - our sick bay cannot
 hold all casualties - saw drill 1/14

rifle that exploded - pieces bent
 & broken didn't even look like a
 rifle - stock shattered splinters
 / some thing like 326 days left over
 here T:1 Aug 8 '67 - everyone has
 their own calendar. Books I've
 read - The CATCHER in The RYE
 by J.D. Salinger & Coldwars by
 James A. Michener -

guy blown to pieces by 6 grenades
 in his pack - another back of his
 head torn away -

19th Mon - 5 larger ships & Two small
 ones not including ours in along
 shore this morning - casualties aren't

Coming To this ship - supposed are
 going To ~~Repose~~ ^{Repose} (AH-16) -
 20th Tue - 62 Uav in field moved with
 H&S Co. CP inland about 5 miles
 last night - still no contact with
 them - probably shooting To 4th Mar 3rd Div
 2 KIA in Today - refueled Today also
 destroyer along side Tanker - almost
 overran some fishing boats while
 refueling. Secured radio - 62 Uav
 shooting To 4th Marines
 21st Wed - lounged - played cards read
 hard for field Tomorrow -
 22nd Thur - 4:12 & I Took a flight To
 Daang Ha - Then 46 helo To H&S Co. CP
 LZ Bluebird - only a few miles from

1-25

D1112 line (demilitarization zone) -
saw airstrip - Marine at Dong Lu -
slept by Moss Willis & Tonic - shot the
shit with Graham - Beersdorf - Sgt Pompon.
CP spread over wide area - 107 kolt -
105 & 81 mortars close by - fired all
night long - also naval gun fire
whistling over head

23 Fri - Guenther came out with the
gunny - none of us are doing anything -
set up camp - ponchos for shelter - eat
C^o rations drink chlorinated heavily water
very hot - cold when it rains - often -
chilly in morning hours - very few
mosquitoes - haven't been scared
yet - doesn't seem anything like I expected
it to be - can't imagine this is war.

1-26

24 Sat - Alfa Co is CP perimeter guard -
Tanks hit by AT - some guys killed other
wounded - against hard core VC - red
star on their gear - shooting hell out
of them - CP hasn't been attacked
yet - half the CP & perimeter guard
is leaving today - we expect to get
hit tonight - Pfalz & Willis supposed
to leave - couldn't get flight - Pfalz
scared shitless *

25th Sun - Guenther & I came back
to ship on some flight - hung feet out
of door way on helo. - operation

proved fruitful

* later comments

There were countless VC BN surrounding
us - lucky we left when we did -

1-27

26th Mon - In Harbor all night long -
 countless number of ships here -
 part of 1/26 headed for shore - B7D Co
 27th Tue - Helped unload gear into
 barges - carried personal gear went
 down ~~not~~ to Mike boat - couple mile
 ride to beach - had to wait for
 Trucks to take us to Hill 55 -
 quite a place. - ⁽¹⁰⁾ 5-6 miles from Town
 away from airfield - concrete walls around
 perimeter - Threw 'C' rations at small
 children - like kill the man with the football,
 living in Tent - 20' x 40' - only relay now -
 had perimeter guard - armed with M-14,
 frag grenades, illumination grenades and
 claymore mines - usually get hit every

1-28

night - different perimeter position though.
 28th Wed - only two hot meals a day -
 morning evening - 'C' rations noon -
 The 3rd Div is who occupied this place before
 us - some are still here - SB's have built
 bunkers & shacks all over the hill -
 Had perimeter guard again tonight - isn't too
 bad - eagle shot 1/47
 29th Thur - Willis' birthday 21st - relay
 people getting on each others nerves -
 no relay work nothing but shit details -
 always get stuck with Comm's dirty work
 Moved over to Reg. 3rd Div - 1st Marines
 maybe we'll get away from that shit-ass
 outfit - Reg 4th 26 Mar is not far away
 in some town - with 1/26

30th Fri - Cose & Bon work detail
 fixing up hg. bunker - everywhere
 you go you carry your rifle - no
 matter what your doing - sniper
 3 days for we came got a LT/col
 1st Oct - Sat - perimeter guard last
 night - no action - work details this
 morning - hit club for beers every night
 2nd Sun - set up TRC sets - finally
 got them to work - sent home funny
 money - postal order 130 - Peckhouse to
 book - perimeter guard - plenty of
 fire fights - machine gun fire other
 side of hill - rounds going over head
 surprise rifle inspection - all weapons
 didn't pass (no big thing)

3rd Mon - supposed to go by myself plus
 one set to terminal sight - An Hoa -
 we are now attached to Reg. Hq.
 9th Marines 3rd Division - letter from
 Babe - Thrilled to death over it -
 AT Relay shot now - Three descent guys
 I'm with - on way here - Two jeep
 convoy - four guys in each one - 10
 mile muddy drive - expecting sniper
 fire any time - Took ferry across
 river - jeep had plugged fuel line
 left setting by ourselves while other
 jeep went ~~back~~ on ahead - finally
 made it - saw tanks - on foot - bunkers
 mortars scattered all over the
 place - Am now at AN HOA

In a camp with The Vietnamese
 ARVN
 ARVN & Special Forces - The Marine camp
 is a few miles away - small "ville" next
 door - had some Rhum - wow what
 wicked stuff - kill you - ^{Turpentine} saw it piss
 4th Tue - got acquainted with the gear
 and area - 4 CPL Holloway CPL Grochowski
 4 CPL ~~Pawlowski~~ ^{Pawlowski} - Tried setting up gear
 one way comm. - They're sending gear
 to rear to fix ~~found out~~ our gear is bad
 5th Wed - everyone only has a 3
 hour watch at night - anyone who's
 by the sat in day time answers
 it - fired 45 cal last night - Target
 practice - Polock got hit in the cheek
 bone by the slide - big shiner today

rained most of day - Trade sodas from
 Marine Club to SF's for Beer - cold -
 6th Thur - Polowski went to the
 rear - Took gear in - Gunny saw his
 eye where slide of .45 hit him -
 made him stay there - Took him off
 shot - only three of us here now - rained
 part of day - Holly & I drank beer
 & Rhum - he got plastered - No watch
 7th Fri - Holly took Polock gear & old TRC
 Antenna to get a flight out - supposed
 to bring beer & soda back - 6 cases
 nice clear day - no rain -
 8th Sat - no watches at night so
 get a good night's sleep - have to
 hold the monkey's hand so he'll

go to sleep. - The Arvon has Three UQ
That was captured in the valley - hands tied
behind them in a cage. - monkey here as
a pet - Tell Captain when he comes that
it belongs to Arvon First SGT - rained
the night through -

9th Sun - Holly came back yesterday
only one case of soda - rationed because
they don't know when another shipment
is coming in. - mail last night from
Will & S. Folks - Mac & Sue - wrote letters
most of day - lounged - rain constant
we sleep on cots - Tight quarters -
pretty well cramped - when we go
after beer we say There's 6 men
up here - get tight every night

10th Mon - no rain today - sunbathed - lounged

Guenther & Case on sight #3 - heavy at 55

11th Tue - slept under the stars last
night - great - no rain - sell "c" rations
to gooks - 5 = NAM 10 = Muoi - 20 = Hai Muoi
50 = NAM Muoi 100 = MOT TRAN dong follows
each when speaking of money - unit
compared with U.S. currency is 1/8 dong or
piastres to our dollar - 100 cents.

Sleep partly under a tree - wake up
and found myself covered with fluffy
seed dropped from tree. - Beautiful mountains
around us - look blue - then black - valley
to the NE of us - 11 mile camp mile
away to the NW - "ville" is west of
us. That place speaks something

Since every time I go through it -
 Beautiful night - stars shining - cool and
 Thinking of home - although I don't get
 homesick - just to keep my memory alive -
 pass the time - keep me from going crazy -
 Thinking of no one else but my babe -
 god how I miss her - number one in
 my book - only wish she would write
 more often - remembering all the things
 we did together - very fine times -
 have very high hopes for the future -
 had my hair cut by an Arson gook - Trach
 rats for it - pretty good job - good friends
 are First SGT - HAT - Mortimer - HT - and always
 pestered by VC - queer bunch - always
 Trying to grab your balls -
 12th Wed - lounged - we eat half a case of

"C" rats - sell the other half to the gooks.
 Buy beer from them - gook beer - big bottles
 13th Thur - same as always - taking it easy
 14th Fri - SKI takes log book to captain
 every morning - drank beer last night -
 shower every day - pipe striking out of
 the ground a few feet - comes from tower
 15th Sat - Hoss went to the rear - pay call
 and to bring beer back - SKI had beer
 4 sodas - hit the rock around 7 - too many mosq.
 16th Sun - Beautiful morning - cool - lounged
 17th Mon - Arson got hit - few miles away
 last night - whole company wiped out - except 4
 18th Tue - Supposed to get hit near future
 Two VC Battalions - changed to Bravo units -
 19th Wed - supposed to receive Bravo back up

year today - didn't come - having gen.
 Trouble - over 500 hours on them - going to get
 comm Trouble - bad mux's - modems - everything
 20th Thur - rain - The ARVN complex is
 really dug in - like moles - machine gun
 Trenches all over the place - supposed to
 get hit tonight =

21st Fri - Still here - There's a VC division
 in the hills close by - don't know what's
 going to come about - drag cat in Tent
 by radio sat at night - sleep on metal
 multiplexers cases all night.

22nd day to remember - came close to
 getting bumped off - Took 5 pieces
 of gear to Hill 55 - stopped at ^{Dia Loc} ~~by tank~~
 (Traveled on Helicopter - which are
 always very loud - you can't even
 talk to one another - But bullets

sound as if a whip is snapping -
 loud crack - even over the helo
 engine -)

waited for rain to let up - then to
 fried chicken - heard shots then -
 refueled at Marble Mountain - bullet
 went thru fuel tank - thru floor &
 hit multiplexer I was ^(radio gear) ^{leaving -} ^{Fuel} ^{leaked}
 ruined \$5000 worth of gear - shot - ^{on to ground}
 grounded there - hooked side to
 Da Wang to Hill 55 - hole big enough
 to put both thumbs into - am keeping
 slug - free beer at club -
 23rd No flights back - bumping around by
 Polack shot - rain all day - club - new
 replacements come in -
 24th 25th flight - fog cover so bad we
 couldn't land at Dia Loc - beautiful
 view of the landscape - mountains

sticking up out of the fog-areas where
where you could see rice paddies - land
pretty well water logged - Holloway & I
fired our rifles at beer cans - fly 5060
feet into the air - dengoros at close range
really love firing rifles

25th - Sat - Took gear to Hill 55 - burned

26th - Sat - Ski brought mux back - 9 gen

27th - Thur - CPL McKinney came out - replace

28th - Fri - Promoted To Corporal -

29th - Sat & 30 - Sun - lounged drank beer
drank 40 oz of Jim Beam -

31st - Mon - gooks moved out - new Bn
came to replace them - Hoss got his
orders to go home the 10th

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1st Tue - Hoss took his gear and went to the
rear - stayed in (3rd) check send home 160 - cash & 9

2nd Wed - Ski went in to straighten up some
stuff that was stolen from him - Bravo gear
sent out by 'copter - CPL McKinney at here -
walked to airstrip for mail - goodies from
folks & letters - also from Vera - Sue - Cramers

3rd Thur - Ski returned with Beer
rations from the rear - had a lot of
comm trouble all morning - gen. & muxs

4th Fri - Tried to go to the rear - full helo

5th Sat - Made the helo ride - fried chicken -
Marble Mountain - about 4 stops before

Hill 55 - New ID card - convention - dusk 7th

6th Sun - lounged shot the shit - slept - shop

7th Mon - dido - drank beer at club

8th Tue - Valentine & I hoped a convey - Took all afternoon - rode on gun track loaded with 155 mm ammo - got sniped at - round hitting in water ditch along side road. dirty - dusty ride -

9th Wed - Ski went to the rear ~~at~~ the night of the 7th a patrol got ambushed - Two guys left behind - one dead The other wounded - investigation going on 1/56T who left them - found the bodies the next day - chopped all to hell - mutilated something fierce.

10th Thur - Fried - Bar B Queued chicken cleaned & cooked them ourselves - mighty good - Tough but different -

They were around here for a month or other guy bought them - Marine Corps birthday -

11th Fri - CPL McKinney - 4th PC Valentine & I are on the An Hoa shot - had rice & beef cooked over outdoor fire -

12th Sat - Rain - good morning for sleeping boozing it up already.

13th Sun - Nice day - rebuilt well -

14th Mon - Cold & damp - Rain - 23 hrs & 55 mins every day -

15th Tue - Scraped head on PU 278 -

16th Wed - when it's nice out we usually do our own wash - brush & soap on some boards - hang them on the barbed

wire To dry - wash PT shorts then put back on

17th Thur - word the 3/4 moving out near

future - watch jets strafing & bombing
with napalm close by - strike out of the
clouds & back up again - get out in 1/2 hr.

18th Fri - In the crotch 1 year

19th Sat - have quite a time with the
goats - The international Things To Talk
about when confronted with a language
barrier is sex and the like

The battalion got hit by mortars -

22 WIA - 3 KIA - laid in rock and heard

The incoming going off - scrape heads

20th Sun - Rains off & on - buy bandanas

for 1¢ apiece - goat goes after them

for us - half the size of normal.

21st Mon - Received care packages
brought food -

22nd Tue - Cooked macaroni over open

fire - Bought beer from Army -

Uel & Mac fired their weapons -

Other and changed mags - bad modems

23rd Wed - Hair cut by Army - 20¢

24th Thur - package from Hazel nuts

Thanksgiving Day - sad day - thinking

how it would have been at home

no dinner of Turkey - very little food

25th Fri - (A very good article in

Reader's Digest Letters To Karen ^{and} 66

very informative - read all the time

26th Sat - Have been kept inside because

of the constant rain - night & day

27th Sun - doesn't seem like Sunday
 scraped gen - head - wet - cool - like
 a wind Tunnel Through here

28th Mon - radio watches now because
 of RE-8 dull ring. $\frac{3}{4}$ is almost
 moved out - $\frac{2}{5}$ Taking Their place -
 our old switchboard phone was
 fertilize 52 now it's grasshopper 52.
 we have mule driven bring CnTs
 for five days at a time - gas 10:1 every
 other day or so. Seeing how long
 our gens are going to last - one has
 over 900 hrs on it. - bought
 a pea green herat from Levan Black
 one of those gooks. - also his se
 stripes.

29th Tue - Nice sunny day - first
 in nearly two weeks - out drying
 everything out - damp musty
 smell - soaked up the rays today
 scratched head on gen -

30th Wed - Many packages piling
 up back at 14:55 - letters came
 out by courier today - heard from
 my doll - nice big long fat juicy
 letter - Rain starting again -
 mosquitoes are bad here - welts
 all over - woke up this morning
 and had one lip all swelled up.
 Our bunker has room for two
 cots at one end - plastic tarps
 all around - stake holding up

canvas Tarp in that area - out
 further is a sandbag wall and
 the other side is a dirt bank -
 There are beams running across
 the top & canvas Tarp over top
 and flap for doorway. The
 ceiling is four - four and a half
 feet high - floor has steel
 plates on it - RT unit & two
 Multiplexers are against bags
 stack of shelves with toilet
 goodies (worthless shit some
 one has accumulated) paper
 back books - our cracked
 mirror - beat up old pan -

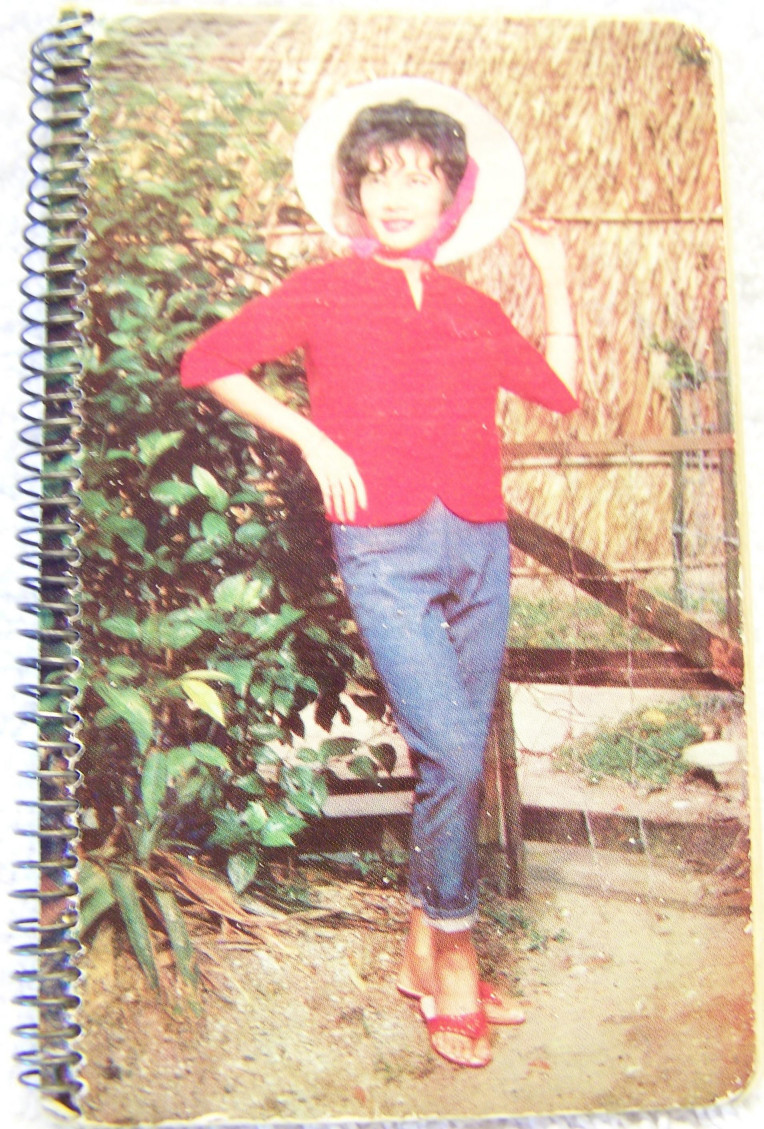
The shelves are sitting on the
 antenna case - other side is home
 made chair - (out of a cot) - mats
 we sit on - "C" rations go in
 metal box - Tool boxes & ammo
 boxes are sitting around.
 rifles & ammo belts hang from
 beams - sea bags & personal gear
 are on top of bank - The whole
 hutch is on a ridge by an old
 tree - outside sandbag wall
 is 20 ft antenna - reflector is
 round & dish shaped - we call
 it our lollipop - down the
 ridge & on flat ground is the
 sandbagged area for our

generators - Two PU-278's -
 3hp - same size as lawn
 mower engine - 115 volts - single
 phase - 400 cycles per second
 generator - run each six hours
 then the other - scrape the
 heads every four days - (48 hrs)
 Tin & plastic Tarps protect from
 weather - 30-40 yds out is
 perimeter fence - 15' x 15' moat
 then another fence & mines &
 shifter - 4x4 plank to cross
 moat to go to shifter, - water
 pipe sticking three feet
 out of ground from tower

for showers - Take them in
 the saw in the open - run
 around all the time & sleep
 in my red P.T. shorts - and
 my U.C. sandals. Wife of
 Riley - maybe it is.

This culminates this
 notebook - will continue
 in another one

Dec 12th 68



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Book #2

CPL Larry J. Jones
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Hq. Co. (Comm)
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Over seas tour of duty

San Diego 8 July 66

Hawaii 14 July 66

Pearl Harbor

Honolulu

Iwo Jima 24 July 66

Philippines 28 July 66

Subic Bay

Cubic Point Naval

Olongapo

Manila Bay

Luzon Island

Mindoro Island

Viet Nam

Deckhouse III (Cape St. Jacques)

Phase I 16-20 Aug 66

Phase II 22-29 Aug 66

Deckhouse IV 15-25 Sept 66

Dang Ha (DMZ) 22

Da Nang 26

Hill 55 27

An Hoa 3 Oct 66

Dia Loc 22

Marble Mountain 22

Hill 327 21 Dec 66

Hill 282 21

Operations credited

Continuation/operation

- 20 Aug 66 - Deckhouse III - Cong. Op. Toledo
Binh Tuy Province
- 29 Aug 66 - Deckhouse III - Phase II
Tinh Phuoc Province
- 25 Sept 66 - Deckhouse IV - Cong. Op. Province
Gio Linh District
Quang Tri Province
- 30 Oct 66 - Operations in & around
Da Nang, Vietnam

Continues from other book.

Dec 1966

- 1st Thur - Cold day to start
off the month with wind
blows thru here like
thru a wind tunnel - lazy
day - fired M-1 carbine -
TRI was over - can't speak
English but doesn't matter
we still converse - international
subject to talk about - sex
and the symbols - we teach
them our dirty words they
do us the same. Word
of MRC/62 van coming from
1st Marine Division coming
to join us - can't get thru
to Issenwood - Willis is
on R&R to Hong Kong -
Tessier leaves the 14th
Brochowski the 17th - Sheriff
and Thompson left the 1st
New guys coming in all the
time - letters come yesterday
but no packages sent out.
Have hell of a time getting it
on the helicopter with the S-1
courier -

2nd Fri - Radio watch about froze
my ass off - thought we were
going to get hit last night -
out going rounds from sentry
Two 31mm mortar illumination
rounds went up in the area
no other firing - 2/5's 115mm
was firing over head too - light
would swing - shake everything.
Time in grade and promotion dates

Private	18 Nov-65	
	1 Feb-66	2 1/2 mos.
P.F.C.	1 Feb-66	
	1 June-66	4 mos.
4/CPL	1 June-66	
	1 Oct-66	4 mos.
CPL.	1 Oct-66	
Sgt.	1 Oct-67	12 mos.

3rd filled out Christmas cards -
only could get ahead of 6-50
choice on who to send to
4th Sun - lounged around - cool
rain - bought bottle of
Japanese made whiskey
"45 Brand" - bad shit -
5th Mon - eat Red macaroni + pork
steak + cheese over open
fire - walked down to

air strip to get mail - package of
jiffy pop from folks, word of
1st Division Relay Team
(TRC-27) come in - They will
relieve us up here in the
goat compound -

6th Tue - packing up ready to
move out - seabags full -
box full of generator parts -
accessory parts -

RT 252A/TRC-27	# 1224
	# 1277
TW100B/TRC-27	# 2236
	# 741
(max with the)	# 2370
(Bullet hole in it)	# 970

PU-278 (gen)	# 040031 (over 100 hrs)
	# 1342 (9 hrs)
	# 894 (9 hrs)

Antenna CA137B/ERC	# 651
Telephone	# 31 (3/4 Tac mark)

6 gas cans - 2 oil cans

1 fire extinguisher

Spare crystals + planetary Trids

4 cats 3 seabags - willie potai bag

decey box - tools - spare parts

large tarp - shelter halves

ponchos

2-8

Things want to send home are
 Philippine knives - boarscured
 Green beret - Le Uan black
 was the gook I bought
 it from - 300 dong
 Money - Philippine coins
 Viet Nam coins
 Watch - Croton Type -
 Philippine scorpions
 Vietnamese Corporal
 chevrons (Ha Ci)

Ready to move out - hoping
 it doesn't rain - favorite
 saying with us is "you'd
 better get your head and
 ass wired together".

9th Wed -

Loi Thich Au Co.
 Most of the gooks were over
 to say goodbye - drinking the
 not gut rum - had some chicken
 in a roll - not to hard but rich -
 a gook stole a flashlight while
 I slept on watch - lost my
 wrist watch too

2-9

8th Thur - Helped other Team set up
 Tore our gear down - new antenna
 everything was dirty as hell - have
 to pill. when we get back - try to
 get a C-123 to take us out - we
 have basic gear - Took couple of
 hours to switch over - some of
 their gear was bad - so here we
 sit out in the open - move our
 gear to 2/5 battalion then to
 air strip tomorrow - have been
 on this shot for over two
 months - be good to relax after
 being cooped up with three
 people for 24 hrs a day - and those
 damn gooks - Took gear (three
 mule loads) down to the Tech
 shop - stored it there - slept on
 flax jackets + seabags - on the
 floor - Took gear down to
 air strip by mule

9th Fri - early this morning -
 mud is ankle to knee deep
 all over the place - roads
 knocked out - a C-123 come
 in around 0900 unloaded but
 wouldn't take us - we didn't
 have our gear on pallets -
 by the time we did they

Took off - no other C-123 flights
 The rest of the day - CH-46 &
 UH-34's were coming & going
 all day long - taking 3/4 gear
 to DaNang & 1/5 out here to
 An Hoa - setting on our gear
 all day watching helo's land
 so now here I sit - getting
 dirty & cold - mud ankle deep -
 ready to sleep on medical
 stretchers not doing a god
 damn thing - by this you
 can see how you get frustrated
 over in the crotch -

10th Sat was right - slept on stretchers
 in the mud last night - finally got
 a helo today - weren't supposed
 to get a ride but pushed our
 way aboard anyway - the light
 colonel gave us a huss - straight
 to Hill 55 - relay guys helped
 carry gear from B2 to Tech
 shop & 52 shot - no more answering
 phone as Fertilizer 52 or Grasshopper
 52 - Pauls good to be off a shot -
 PM's part of gear - hit club first
 beer for a month - package from
 Jolts & Mac's
 paid today - checks 107,920 (1/74)

11th Sun - slept in relay tent - old Tossier
 left for the states today - the only
 time I don't receive mail is when
 it's available every day -
 record by the Venturos - Another
 Smash - BST 8006 - Dd Tow
 They are trying to put up shot to
 3/4 Hill 283 - no comm have to sit
 up relay on Hill 327 - old shitty gear
 to use in bad shape - helped a little
 on this end -

12th Mon - Head for the club at night
 to sop up on the suds - spanish
 peanuts too - no beer or sodas
 for over a month - nice club with
 flicks and TV (AFTV) - listened
 to records

13th Tue - Trouble shooting RT's
 Trying to find good ones - both
 Alfa & Bravo are in bad shape
 hit club every night

14th Wed - staying at 52 (senator)
 with Chick - Keller - Kline - Mac
 & I have been checking out gear -
 Trying to scrape together enough
 for shot gear plus backup -
 The PX - semi-trailer - here at 55
 has nothing but the bare necessities
 soap - blades and that type of shit

2-12

15th Thur - New PU-346 - diesel gen came in today - 1100 lbs - SeaBees unloaded it for us - went to evening chow with the gang for the first time in over 70 days - roast beef & smashed spuds + ice cream - ate until I was miserable - Ch yedh ole Willis the SOB blew up our baby generator - nursed it for over 1000 hours - Then he goes & blows it by neglect.

16th Fri - day spent loafing - skinning Kanekdos on PU 589 - diesel Topping to start the damn thing by crank, usually hit chub every night.

17th Sat - word of Marvin Snyder coming over - MCB-133 A Company - MCB 9 with us

18th Sun - Lynce made Sgt - doeridge day - loaded - built shelter for PU-346 - Tin roof - poncho sides.

19th Mon - I hooked up two gens thru one switch box - old 278 junction box - strung wire - Chica I get it all squatted away old Keller went running around with his rifle when some in coming rounds hit - he handed me his pocket knife - spoke a guy plus he was loaded.

2-13

20th Tue - Word That Keller - Kosher I ate to replace Rund - Poloski - Chang on Hill 282 - Terminal there for 3/4 fert. 12c - Relay sight on 327 (Hill) Willis - Kosher - Perez.

21st Wed - Lynce - howday & my self ate way to 282 via HSG in Janens stopped here to check on gear being repaired - passed houses along the way - dirty - stinking place - rounds going off in the distance coming in - also air strike by H9/55 - rode in open mighty night - stopped by Hill 327 - dropped gen off there - Willis - Kosher & Perez are there - bent rear wheel on "mike" - rubs against fender - went to 3/4 CP - at foot of 282 - Rund came down with pack board - had to hump RT unit up the damn Hill - Took an hour and a half to make it - long steep climb - slept on floor of hutch - on rubber lody - Comm is in a hum - the guys could care less - The whole set up they have is shitty - have to do a lot of work to get it in there.

21st Thur - On Top of Hill 282 - beautiful view of Da Nang and surrounding area - services camp all over the place - can see the harbor - ships - island - Most of day spent trying to revive shot - Rund - Polowski - + Chong went down to head for the rear - by my self all morning - Mac & Valentine finally made it up the hill - huffing & puffing - late evening we finally got gear squared away - everything is messed up - in bad shape - They had only Tarps for a shelter up here - we plan on sandbagging it - make it more live able - The last team spent two weeks here hope that's all we spend - There is a platoon of grunts up here to protect us - scattered all over the tops of the surrounding hill tops. Took rifle cart ready to shoot at gooks down in the valley - Turned out to be only hodge monkeys.

23rd Fri - Finally getting gear squared away - everything has been up all day - filled sandbags & rebuilt hatch - only looks over the rack now - wet - stinking blankets - been nice for days - now it has to rain like hell - at night we have to use candles - our light bulb broke - don't want to hump the hell - Takes & hour & half - had gen trouble - froze up after throwing all of it's oil - spent most of night scraping heads and unsticking piston by candle light.

24th Sat - Raining like a S.O.B. all the time - sleeping in a wet rack - water dripping in - haven't been resupplied on the hill by helo for days now because of the rain - have to save rain water in helmets for washing - no heat Tablets - so eating cold cats - use rope & remalta our candle every day -

Christmas Eve - what a helluva place to ~~spend~~ spend this time of the year in - really b.t.h.in' - listened to carols on radio - rain - damp

2-16

spent the evening ball shitting
 no spirit of christmas but who
 cares - Demam humped the hill drunk
 25th Sun - Christmas Day - Ho Ho -
 Sun finally came through - drying
 clothes ourselves out - really
 need it - supposed to bring up
 hot claw - but helo's couldn't
 see because of the fog - some
 guys went down & humped it
 up - about 1800-1900 they finally
 made it - had ham - Turkey -
 mashed potatoes - gravy - corn -
 sat and ate it in the dark
 because of no candles -

26th Mon - Mac & I took pack board
 & haversack down - got candles -
 canned ham - Tang - sodas - was
 going to have to hump it back
 up but helo's were resupplying
 the hill (Burn hill 42) - I climbed
 out by riding up -
 The dirty sonofabitches back at the
 rear never do anything for us -
 Tried to get tools - bulbs - crystals -
 Triodes and other parts - They
 won't do shit -

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received a little sack for Christmas
 from the Holy Names High School
 4660 Harbor Drive - Oakland
 Calif 94618 - Red Cross Youth
 paperback book - Toothpaste -
 Toothbrush - soap - Telephone name
 book - band-aids - comb - koolaid.
 27th Tue - Most of day spent
 in hutch - wet & cool - sleeping
 on floor - because of raining
 on my neck - Our hutch is
 about 12' x 12' - dug in the
 ground about 2' - sandbags on
 3 sides up & fast as so -
 fox hole covers over the
 top - four to cover area
 & one seam falls where
 my rack is - 6' pdes holding
 up the middle - barely enough
 room to stand up in middle -
 The top of hill is about
 40' across - scrub & brush
 cleared off - There are
 5 antennas (PRC-292) type
 besides our lollipop - guy
 wire strangle you - gen
 shed is on side of hill -
 sandbags with tarp over
 top - perimeter wire

is only a few feet away - have to hump gas & oil - CRTs - and other supplies up from LZ (Landing zone Burnhill) about 80 ft below us on a knoll - There's a 3.5 rocket launcher bunker - machine (M60) bunker - mortar & CP bunkers - so is quite crowded up here - plus stores & ammo bunker - This Hill 282 rises out of the lowlands straight from the ocean - 3/9 battalion right below at foot of hill - and other units scattered all around - many lights from the city at night - see air field off in the distance.

28th Wed - Had a lot of comm trouble today - between other ends power failure - our RT going to hell plus a bad mux - finally squared away though - Comm'c - haven't received word of any mail now for over three days - no one gives a damn if they go out of the way to do something for us - pissen'tem

Heard The Kn knob was hit by goats - don't know how bad - good thing we got out -
29th Thurs - Sitting around - nothing to do - no place to go anyway -
30th Fri - Nice clear day - Mic & I humped over the hills to the other LZ to pick up oil The helo's dropped off by mistake - undergrowth thick as hell -

31st Sat - Rain again - Mic & Val took off for the bottom - picked up RT - sodas - candles - quart of Seagram 7 - Willis & Perez & Henry are going to The Rock (Okinawa) with 3/9 when they leave in Saw - Three captains came up & saw me - haven't shaved for over a week now - jumped right in my shit - Mic & Val both got chewed out down at 3/9 - had a few drinks to celebrate New Year's

"1967"

1st Jan - Sun - day same as all the rest - rain & cold - lounge around - not much to do - no where to go - scraped gen heads to keep busy - lot of comm

Trouble - supposed to get resupplied but visibility was too low - out of water & gas - wire section humped the hill with some - miserable day

2nd Mon - Cold as hell - Two extra guys sleep on our floor now - the advance party for 2/4 is here - They'll replace 3/4 when they head for the rock - guess Chicardas & Rlien & a new wonder boy are to replace us up here - don't know what we'll do back at the rear -

3rd Tue - Some old routine - not much ever happens - except maybe humping it up & down the hill - go down for sodas or candles bag hike for such small shit weather same - wet & cool

4th Wed - Day started off bad a lot of comm trouble - all three sites had bad gear - colder than hell - wind howling rain - miserable sob. - humped gas up for gen - scraped gen heads - getting area squared away for next team coming out tomorrow - 4 wonder boys

Rlien - Love day & Two new Techs - what a team - getting personal gear packed to get out of this hole. - got word that we might not get relieved until sat. - what a low blow - 5th Thur - Pay call other day - \$25 in cash & \$48 in checks which I didn't expect - draw a dead horse for many months - Well Cline - Love day - Duke & Francis - four wonder boys humped the hill - our relief - Lynce - Chic - Polock - Champion also humped 282 to help the others bring their gear up - Champ packed two cases of beer - showed them around & Took off for the bottom - discovered my wallet had been stolen - \$50 was all but have to get new shot card - ID - ration - Geneva convention - dog tags - pissed me off - suspect one of the grunts that slept on the floor - Down at bottom of hill - baby never came - so stored our gear & headed

for the 1st Engineers club - where we had one helluva a ball - about a mile walk in mud - who cared - hands full of beer cans on way back - sat on chapel steps + sang dirty songs - had to sleep on floor of hard back of wires - bodies sprawled every which way -

6th Fri - After getting everyone up we waited for transportation which finally came - loby from the Birwing - Laams - piled in - had to go to ~~Chambers~~ ^{Red} Beach where goats had filled sand bags - loaded onto truck + headed for Hill 55 - on way back went thru refugee camp + DaNang - quite a sight boy the living conditions they have - wonder they are still alive - some humming houses - made of anything - bamboo - straw - tin - you name it + its cobbled on - little kids were coming from school - some ate little farts - change though latter - Oh yeah saw some divvie houses + the painted whores

7th Sat - Mac - Chic + I are on the 52 shot wow - Val will relieve Champ at the 152 - Pollock - Rund + Champ have only a few days left - yesterday had to get a hair cut - clean clothes - the whole bit - Took shower first one in two weeks - had beard for over week but shaved off for pay call - still looked grubby - stunk something fierce - Trying to fix shot to our own tastes -

8th Sun - Club was closed last night because a guy got cut up - having to use shitty gen 'cause laams are down - Champion - Valentine - Pendowski - Nicholson got promoted to Corporal - all you need now is time in - then the major caught Pollock on watch - don't know what's to come of it -

9th Mon - getting living area squared away - not much happening - lazy days - new gens. so we're all set -

10th Tue - Rund left Today for the States - Mac - Chic & myself are on the 52 shot - cranked the PU-549 diesel started - misty type rain on & off - picked up 48mm camera that Rund threw away - have it fixed.

11th Wed - Photos taken off negatives of Mac of Hill 282 - moved personal gear into old gen tent - slept there - cold as hell - Paulowski & Champion left today -

12th Thur - Tearing old tent down & moving old gen tent into its place - for relay site - live of us slept here - crowded something fierce - 15' x 15' at the most - pyramid tent - circus type - live on wooden pallets - when i got out of the crotch ill be hunched back from all the low ceiling areas I've lived in - Pfalz - Guenther - Case on other end of shot False operator -

13th Fri - haircut at quacks for inspection tomorrow - New comen O - Major Powers is leaving - Major ski - packet - saw jets starting & rocketing lowland short ways away - Then huys took over - rockets and machine gun - a UH-34 went in to bring out med evac's - brought over to our hill - earlier this morning there was jets bombing on the other side of the hill - big air strike.

14th Sat - Rifle & personnel inspection - what a bunch of bullshit - over here we even have to put up with the crap - sh well only a little over ten months left in this green machine and then they can hang it up -

15th Sun - cold as hell - had gen trouble - froze my ass off out there trying to start the damn thing - flashlight shinning every where - no big thing - 3/4 took 3/7 place at Dia lock - Maze from 9/26 is there - Told Guenther that either

Biersdorf or Grasham got
gassed - guys I came over
with in 1/26 - relay of 62 word -
letter from Vera - big inlay
one - sent pictures home of
Hill 232 -

16th Mon - One of relay guys on
327 went to watch fire fight
one night - caught round in his
helmet - hole in & out -

Days have been cold - freezing

17th Tue - laundry done by gooks -
couple outfits for 40 cents
isn't bad - They pour moth crystals
in so smell of water is hidden -
gooks are fire fighting every
night - harassing the perimeter
guard posts - rounds flying
everywhere - guy in supply
tent got hit in thigh by stray
round - old reeler here is
spookier than hell - goes
running out with his rifle - sent
in boots & belt - crack up - if
he's not careful - night radio
watch spend scratching out
letters - one to Mac & Veld -
received long letter from her
the other day - morale builder

18th Wed - stray rounds last night
so Mac - Chic & myself are out
filling up sandbags - Takes
hundreds just to build 2 Trench -
putting it at corner of Tent
in line of incoming fire - hot
shower - had one before - only
two so far since we left the
ship - got a little of the dirt
off -

19th Thur - cold - dreary old day
same as the past week -
freeze at nights - not too
much warmer in daytime -
haven't finished filling bags
yet - no help - too many snobs
in the fire - have in combat
we still play silly games -
playing in the dark - ambushing
each other - snooping & pooping.

20th Fri - got ready for inspection
I suppose - pair in the ass -
have been going to show how
that they serve three meals -
No Crats to show down on -

21st Sat - Mac & I stood commo
formation - Chic lucked out - my
turn next week to skate - good
snacks in PX - haven't had a

beer now for some time - no desire
Same old routine as always - helped
a new guy check in -

22nd Sun - spend my 3 hrs of radio
watch every night writing letters -
Relaxing day - damp - rainy -
Relay Team from Hill 282 was
replaced yesterday - Cline -
Loveday - Francis & Duke replaced
by Pace - Keeler - Johnston
guess Hill 329 will be rotated
tomorrow -

23rd Mon - same routine - just like
Chic & myself 52 shot here -
make it just like home - block
off sleeping area with hanging
blankets & shelter half.
Everyone uses this as a in
between stopping off place -
from 52A (Tech shop) & sleeping
quarters - pisses me off

24th Tue - governor getting worse -
leaky oil bad - fried Spam
Marine Corps steak by punching
holes in yellow cow - wood paper -
tin piece for cooking surface -
smoked so bad had to get
my gas mask out - inside
our 15'x15' Tent - blackout

conditions - burned hole in
pallet we use for floor -

25th Wed - dull day - fried Spam
again - this time used iron - Turned
upside down -

26th Thur - dead lined PU-587 - FISC -
got PU 346 back from FISC -
been getting power from ham's and
days are spent trying to keep
cool -

27th Fri - Trying to get secret clearance
Birthdays - relation type
Irene Margie - 28 July 29
Wyona June - 16 June 31
Cleo Delores - 16 Aug 31
Ellen Mae - 29 Aug 33
Dorothy Irene - 27 Nov 34
Howard Merle - 7 Sept 36
Melvin Dale - 19 Feb 37
Richard Byron - 12 July 41
Joseph Melvin - 8 Sept 04
Bertram Margie - 1 Jan 12

28th Sat - rifle & personnel inspection
by Lt Fritz - my turn for radio
watch - Top Studebaker had to
check my rifle anyway - go to
mess hall but still starved all
the time - days getting better
run around in cut offs -

29th Sun - picked up W-2 forms
income tax - sent home-made
\$1443.28 - not including Travel -
combat & few extras - \$350-\$400
extra - \$39.~ Taken out -
don't know what bank saving
account interest will be

30th Mon - PU 346 conked out - no
PU-278 for power - so using
100KW - thru 60-400 cps. converter -
nice and quiet around here.
lynch put chick on guard -
Duke on our shot - operation
coming up - have to supply people
for radio -

31st Tue - Chick - Cline - Duke Took
off for Hill 65 - 3 miles behind
Doi Loc - Mac & I are all
that's left here at Senator 52
meeting with Major Chuchash
of beer cans in the area.
Set up another antenna 15'
from old one - running RT
& only one max for operation
Independence shot - had
to climb 20' antenna to
change coaxial cable - broken
everything checks out
okay - supposed to come

up on air Tomorrow morning -
& MSC-62 can come in &
set up today - shooting to
7/6 so means our Terminal
at Hill 55 will go down - our
relay at Hill 327 & Terminal at
Hill 282 will go down and
come back to Hill 55 - give
us plenty of backup gear -
Arling Mills will be taken
over by 62 van - Reg will
have only Grasshopper shot -
Bendix shot & Senator forward
(only for a week or so though)

1st Feb - Wed - eagle shot today
\$37 cash & \$500 on check No. 117,752
straightens rifle out with armory
now need to get ID card - medical
records straightens out - & supply
records on my 782 gear.
long 15 page letter from Vera.
2nd Thur - sending pictures of
the different places I've been
home -

3rd Fri - Senator Forward shot
is over 95% good -
4th Sat - No inspection - Major is
on the operation - ole M/Sgt

Studebaker is our boy - what a vegetable.

5th Sun - Mac & I split night watch up - but still is tearing as hell - Tull & Kosher & others are helping radio out - other guys from 311 & 282 are PM & checking out gear at 62A Tech shop.

6th Mon - Hardly ever go to mess hall anymore - have bread & peanut butter - plus care packages from home - Spam fried over in oil - hamburgers on iron - improvise in every thing -

7th Tue - Section head after making Sgt let it go to his head. some back stabbing shit that goes on here - After humping generators down to our spot - The Tech shop borrowed 'em to test gear - Never returned - 100kwh went down - so no back up gen - had to hump hill again - some pissed off dudes here - Hear Barth is coming on that after operation is over - Peeking & sending odds &

ends of personal gear to check
8th Wed - Tull went to Taipei on R&R - making a few relay guys radio men.
9th Thur - Operation Independence over - guys coming in out of the field - relay from Hill 65 came in - dirty as hell from lewy side. First night I had a beer at the club in a long time -

10th Fri - New pair of jungle boots - had legal officer sign affidavit for renewal of driver's license - cleaned smoke pole for inspection -

Duke - Mac & I will be on shot
11th Sat - Rifle inspection by Major & Lt - no being sweet - goofed the rest of day - few beers

12th Sun - misting rain - practice 100% alert - what a riot - throwing rocks at each other's 2 trenches - humping more sandbags for ours - had to throw the football around tonight - must play even here

13th Mon - same dull routine as always -

14th Tue - Valentines Day - Mac - Val I went to Ann - Air Force PX in Da Nang Today - bought some

soup - couldn't find any thing else I needed - big place but full of junk - ate burgers in Snack Bar - looked like grunts - all our gear on - dirty after riding mail Truck in. hitch a ride back - Took two rides to get to PX - Three to get back to Hill 55 - first Time I have gone to PX - no big thing - The guys there probably thought we were strange -

15th Wed - Waited 2 1/2 hours standing to see Sayne Mansfield - misting rain - finally showed up - blue gogo suede boots - blue outfit come up almost to her box - had her hair retted (Like Hills Diller) and a platinum blond color - she's showing her age - black & blue marks on her thighs - Flabby - she hurt in leg still has her big bust - it's hers - All she said was hi - Take some pictures of me - I'm bitchin' - then I've got to cut - only on stage for 10 minutes - pissed everyone off.

16th Thur - guys filling sandbags for around tent & gen. shed
17th Fri - every one uses our Tent as a sleeping off place - just a staging area. - Duke had to attend gen school for two days so Hernandez is on with Mac & me -

18th Sat - Pfalz & Guenther came in off the Daifac shot a while back - Francis & Cheng took over - Case will stay awhile to break them in. Pfalz stuck in Radio - pissed off over it -

19th Sun - Snuffs have in fairly easy now - quite a few of them - spend a working parties couple times a week misty day -

20th Mon - getting extra gear - straightened out with Tech shop - have to sign for gear now.

21st Tue - Had to go to goats for first Time in a long Time yesterday for laundry -

22nd Wed - Pay Roster came out \$236 for this month - looks about right for R4 pay

23rd Thur - Most of Day spent
loading - never anything to
do - just keep shut on the
air - haven't had any gen.
to mess with lately -
running off 100kw thru
60-400~ converter - nice
and quiet around here -
everyone uses this as a
flop house & staging - full
of guys constantly - only
room for three.

24th Fri - Play football in spare
time - keep in shape -
Probably go to show in
morning - go every third
day I have last watch
rest of time I just go
with out or eat peanut
& jelly sandwiches.

RU-346 was returned today
leaks fuel by injectors &
Tank - only ran for 10 hours
this trip - worthless
inspection tomorrow for
rifles & personnel - company
passed out white shorts -
T-shirt - socks - jock - for
what who knows - PT

maybe but probably for after
hours of games.

25th Sat - Read "The Carpetbaggers"
by Harold Robbins - outstanding
book - plus "Lord of the
Flies" by William Golding -
this one was very symbolic.
hooking & reviewing a book
read in school - To Kill a
mockingbird - Harper Lee

26th Sun - Guys went on beach
run - no swimming - just food & drink
re-read "To Kill a Mockingbird" by
Harper Lee - read in high school
outstanding book -

27th Mon - Reading Sex To Sexty
books - dirty joke type -
everything is getting shittier - have
to wear full utilities - no cutoffs
crap like that - They're digging
a swimming pool by the water
point on the perimeter.
ran 346 again - only daytime
night back on 100kw.

28th Tue - have gen trouble up
the ass the past few days -
changing from one to the
other -

1st March - Wed - eagle shot today
 \$220 check - \$16 cash - about
 \$1750, saved over here so far.
 sent home check - mailed
 package - slow boat - a little
 over \$3 to 22 lbs. - boots -
 watch - camera & crap.
 check no. 125,675

Became sickbay lost my
 medical records & I lost my
 shot card I had to get all
 the shots over again -

Smallpox - Cholera - Typhoid -
 Typhus - Plague - G.C.
 only a few left like
 Tetanus - yellow fever -

2nd Thur - worked at SDA (Tech
 shop) helped Tuit on junction
 boxes - getting gear ready to
 paint & Tac mark for Technical
 Inspection (TE) coming up
 in April - so looks as if we
 stay on the hill for awhile -
 signed & finger printed for
 my secret clearance at S-2
 probably take a couple of
 months to get - if I do they
 still can go to message center
 maybe

3rd Fri - hazy days - lounging
 around -

4th Sat - Mac & I were replaced
 on S2 shot by Two PFC's
 Hernandez & Tobel - spreading
 word we were shitearned -
 have to help at SDA Tech
 shop - after drinking it up
 at club about got in a fight
 with PPalz - Throwing his
 sodas around - really had him
 pissed off - ready to throw
 hands - Tough guy - hard guy
 5th Sun - Mac - Val & I worked
 at Tech shop painting RT's
 & Muir's - Tech marking every
 thing - Two chew meals - in
 a long time -

6th Mon - cutting stencils &
 painting Tech marks &

sanding & re-finishing
 7th Tue - still horsing around
 at the Tech shop -

8th Wed - painting gear - Muir -
 RT - Junction boxes - anything
 that gets in our way

9th Thur - only one meal
 per day - NOON soup &
 sandwiches -

10th Fri - still working at shop - moved in with the peons snuffos quarters for time being.

11th Sat - no inspection - painted - Tech marked - Val went on beach run - hamburgers - sodas - moved into cpl quarters - humping gear all around the area.

12th Sun - Most of comm section had to fill sandbags for an inspection coming up by general Holcomb - built up the new 62 van + message center - over 2400 bags -

13th Mon - back to Tac marking gear - almost finished - Coan - Rice - Francis - Ferris are leaving going to Hq Bn - work on RW/TRC-91's at Phu Bai - Cline + Val + Cheng at Da Loc Pace + Gardens at 192 Steele - Roder - Loveday - Moss at new 62 van - Duke - Hernandez - Tobel at 52 Mac - Tuttle + myself at 52A Chic - Guenther - Case - Bart on guard + working party

14th Tue - Mac went to 5th Comm beach run - chew

15th Wed - ~~some~~ shot that we have been doing the last few weeks - Trouble shooting gear -

16th Thur - same - same - saw a movie the other night - what did you do in the war daddy? - outstanding

17th Fri - received bawona nut bread from folks other day

18th Sat - No inspection - another sandbag run - painted gear - Testing out sets

19th Sun - Mac went to 5th Comm 2nd Da Nang - hamburgers

20th Mon - PM evg antennas

21st Tue - getting records brought up to date - PM sheets - reordering parts - Days have been hot + dry - but beautiful sleeping weather -

22nd Wed - Same old shit

23rd Thur - New Reg CO. - Colonel Jenkins

24th Fri - cleaned smoke pole

25th Sat - inspection by Gynny Conley - what a farse -

26th Sun - Didn't go on beach

run - no money - only 45 cents left -

27th Mon - hunch back yesterday from R/R at Singapur -

28th Tue - Loveday back from R/R at Taipei - brought some vodka back -

usually watch TV at 152 bunker at nights - no lights in huts now that the power is down and on the 30 Kw - hot the rock early -

Easter Sunday the 26th made history - watched live broadcast of easter Sunday services on T.V. first time ever done in a combat zone -

29th Wed - Mac & Lynch painted a few signs around the area on buildings & walls and on 152's lollypop - they won't admit it though

30th Thur - Tull & Gordon sold steak & apples - cheese with from the mess hall - had one helluva big cook-out steaks & sodas - mess went

To the rear I got 300 lbs of ice - during those 110° days something cold is mighty refreshing - had a great time cooking out in a cut & a half barrel -

31st Fri - Squaring away POR records - spent my last 15 MPC cents at the dub - am now flat broke - Tomorrow's pay call - plus 6 relay sergeants - so look forward to plenty of beer to come -

1st April - Sat - Inspection by Top Beech - Sgt Allen - gets Gunnier every time - bunch of bull shit - half of com platoon state it any way - After all the guys made Sat - They bought beer for everyone - got all bent out of shape - had an about too - jumping - hollering around like idiots - Officers & Staff KCO chewing us out - Tobel sold ice cream in 2-3 gallon buckets from Officers mess -

- 2nd Sun - went to China Beach with Moss & others in his '62 van PC Truck - made my first beach run - Son lifting jussies gave us 20 lbs of steak - 10-15 lbs of hamburger - pickles - the whole bet - so we had a cook out back at Hill ss - beer by the coasts too - great time -
- 3rd Mon - new order - have to carry rifles every place you go - showers - shitter - and all - Toled came back with a carton of ice cream - stuffed myself.
- 4th early in the morning was laying in the rack and looked out side - Troopers were flying by our door -
- 4th Tue - Too hot to do any thing - heard of new shot going up - may be on it - an operation after new civilian AR-15 & military M-16 rifles are

- To be issued to us shortly - small caliber .223 & light weight - look like my (space) gun.
- 5th Wed - messing around - Threw gear into Tech shop for Kether to fix -
- 6th Thur - Package from folks
- 7th Fri - issued AR-15 same same M-16 - #539862
5.56 MM - .223 cal
Fired 20 rounds on the range by message center - out into the rice paddies -
- 8th Sat - No inspection - (don't know) us police call the whole hall - word of moving north in 72 hours after the go ahead signal.
- 9th Sun - Packing gear in manbo boxes -
- 10th Mon - left home a year ago - doesn't seem like it - getting ready to move at packed & ready

12th Wed - moving out Toward
Two parties - Advance +
The gear bunch -

12th Thur - ALR party left fore-
noon by 6 by To Da Nang
from there C-130 Hercules
To Dong Ha (25 min) -

Bravo group loaded Trailers
Total of 4 comm - 32 all
Told - slept on bench of
S2A shop - had beer in
cooler on truck - sat and
watched fire light below -

13th Fri - Trailers departing
To Da Nang - rode in
one to dock - on way
saw two dead goats
in ditch along side of
road - bloated - going
up the coast by hst -

14th Sat - Slept in trailer
last night - no sign of
us leaving for awhile -
Boach run for chow
drinks beer instead - loaded
hst-626 in - also 603
half on one & half on
the other - slept on

rack on ship at dock -
15th Finished loading morning
other ship left noon - we
left afternoon - out thru
Da Nang harbor - up the
coast - anchored over
night at sea -

16th Docked by the mouth
of a river - by Tent &
battery - Sea Bee's unloaded
us - dropped comex box
been into the water
crane. fished it out -
eating crabs all this
time - slept in trailer -
ran as a off - shipping

17th Mon - rode Trailer on
U Boat up river to
Dong Ha - 10 miles - rain -
a block or two from air
strip - planes & copters -

18th Tue - packed in hard pack
dirty - mud - rain -

19th Wed - gear is stored in
Tent by LZ - one I first
landed at in Nam &
moved into warehouse -
an old French building

20th Thur - Shot in from
Army's 195's compound
to battery along beach -
laid wire lines to it.

21st Fri - Air Force has huge
radar screens in drea -
a cooler Timett for
stiffs - women

gooks are allowed in
camp to work on
petice calls - scrounging
thru the garbage -
picking out shit
burning the below
barrels - living in a
low drea a water has
stood for awhile - green
+ stagnant - new engineers
working on it now -
eating in large mess
hall - piss poor show -
our club took over -
living in huts that
are a few feet apart -
The whole setup sucks

22nd Sat - filled sandbags
for LOC bunker - all
of relay is getting
shot on - guard a

working parties everyday
only one shot - no other
work to do - so they
have us working -

Talked with some gooks
kids by our shop -
gave them some food -
a-d - little girls have
pierced ears - very
small for their age
compared to ours

23rd Sun - squaking wave
house away - shelves -

24th Mon -

28th Fri - A little before
 3 AM - attack by rocket
 140 mm. Fire - 60 some
 rounds - first barrage
 hit hutch 5 - killing
 Braun - Smith - Harris -
 all in their packs - round
 came thru roof - demolished
 it completely - Braun
 was from Relay - Smith
 from Tech shop - Harris
 from Message center -
 Koske was wounded
 ripped his stomach
 loose - ~~got~~ falling out -
 Taped his hands &
 medicated him to stop
 (hospital) - also a shot
 got hit - all of us in
 our hutch was busting
 balls getting out - I was
 climbing the wall - then
 got turned around - jumped
 in on each other - little
 square sandbag Trench -
 2 of us cramped into
 one - no top - after
 first barrage - I went
 to see what blew up -

Braun was still in his
 rack - big hole in his chest -
 stick thru head - Harris
 was blown all over - blood
 & pieces of flesh flew -
 flat jacket shredded - papers
 read - screen - tin scattered
 second barrage came in
 headshot dead ran back
 for Trench - tripping - falling
 got in on top of everyone
 round hit hutch next to ours
 guy from wire got his legs
 blown off - his feet were
 left in his boots - leg found
 on top of roof - meat all over
 scraped from it tore our
 hutch up - frag then all of it -
 concussion & frag came
 and hit Valentin - above eye
 Steele head - Johnston head
 he been nothing - Clive scabbed
 Rolz - ~~nothing~~ - I had scratches
 on my left shoulder - blast
 felt as if it blew my arm
 off - 2"x1" chunk went
 then fire extinguisher missing
 Clive on my head - sand bags
 saved one lives - full of

holes - lucky as hell - blew
up dental - a 6 by - meat
wagon a med. jeep.
by motor T it got two
mites a water buffalo -
a piece of plywood from
concussion smashed front
end of mite - Rounds hit
all over the area

~~swapped~~ up many pieces of
metal in our hut -

first thing remember
seeing is big burst and
falling sparks - ~~huge~~
shower out in field - hit

the trench in my drawers

some were naked -
crater out in field - 400
ft deep - 600 to 800 ft wide.

9/23 Sat - 20 some out of camp
were injured - hole lifted

To Phu Bai + Da Nang -
bodies were laid by
cater truck (full) - started
to sink in hot sun - nothing
is as sickening as human
bodies rotting -

30th Sun - Gio Linh + Con Lac
and all around got hit too

Pay -

Base pay -	108.60	Clothing 4.20
Overseas -	13.00	
Combat -	65.00	(250.80)
July - 66	44.00 + 89 = 133.00	

Aug - 66

Sept - 66 42.00 + 147 = 189

Oct - 66 189

Nov - 66 174

Dec - 66 25 cash (848 check)
did not accept

Jan - 67 31 cash 500 check

Feb - 67 16 cash 220 check

Mar - 67 20 cash 212 check

Apr - 67 38 cash 200 check

Nov-66

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- Viet Nam -

Dachhause III	(Cape St. Jacques)
Phase I	16-20 Aug 66
Phase II	23-29
Dachhause II (Danz)	15-25 Sept 66
Dong Ha	22
Da Nang	26
Hill 55	28
An Hoa	3 Oct 66
Dai Loc	22
Marble Mountain	22
Hill 327	21 Dec 66
Hill 282	21
Dong Ha	17 Apr 67

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MAY 1967

1st Mon - eagle shirt - \$200 in
check - \$38 in cash (MPC) -
bought money order for
Post Exchange for mother's
Day gift for mom & year's
mother - and a gift for
her - beer building
bunker - deep & sandbags
piled high - The last few
nights were spent in a
french bunker built in
early 50's - small & hot &
crowded - Finally got
enough money up to
come back to hutch
to sleep - well see -
my rifle stock that was
hanging up during the
barrage was hot - hole
big enough to stick your
finger thru -

2nd Tue - going under 100 days
left over here and 300 days
left in the crotch - string
up concertina wire around
Relay - Radio & Tech shops
warehouse - keep the kids
from stealing more of our
gear - mouthy bunch of
foats -

3rd Wed - moved out of
hutch - Two Roofed one
into a Tent hard back.
most of room is now
down by the shop area.
4th Thur - Too damn hot to
do any thing except sit
and sweat - word of word
shot going out to Gio Lush.
They've been getting hit
all the time -

5th Fri - Messed around -
when ever they open
the cooler Truck where
they store the dead
bodies the wind blows
the smell down here -
about eggs you -

6th Sat - Rifle & personal
inspection by Major -
first one with the M-16 -
bought case of socks for
2.40 at PX - live a mile
long waiting -

7th Sun - Swartzendruber &
Fox & Close left for the
rock to join 2/9 -
Duke & myself Replaced
Pace & Lovaday on 21 shot
to Dream (12th Anticks) -
Mac is Team chief.
Shot heated by 3 1/2 area.

live in Army complex - 12th Reg Com.
only about 10-20 doggies -
chow goes only for a half
hour - good chow better than
the cretches, First night on
watch around 3 in the morning
we were hit by mortars - I
was looking at act 23 Taving
down the strip when two
explosions went up in between
then one behind me - started
a fire - couldn't get phones
unhooked fast enough - so
just sat and watched them.
Finally went below in the
French bunker - Mac that
his finger in the fan getting
out of the rock - piled into
trench - all stirred up -
8th Mon - Work our shifts - 4
hours at night & 6 in day -
day off every third - laid
around most of day - Chick
& Guenther replaced on other
end by Gordon & Morten -
got 6 beers apiece per
night - drink anywhere -
Believe I'm in the wrong
branch of the service -
these doggies have it nice,
Good chow - only feed
around 80 - ships so -

9th Tue - Chick + Hernandez - Tutt -
Korben - are going to
Hqs. Bn - 3rd Mar Div - The
Relay section is slowly
going to hell - losing too
many guys - Pace - Loveday -
Platz are going to put
up a shot from Gio Linh -
north of us - a few miles
from the DMZ - don't know
who will be on this end.

Case is new gen. man.

10th Wed - Bunch of mail
came in - Gats + Vera.

11th Thur - Sleeping at night
on top of French bunker
nice & cool - plenty of
fire action going on
around Gio Linh - Can Thien -
Artillery Platoon - all over
up north farther -

12th Fri - New shot up to
Crown (1/3) from our
position - plus Dreen (1st
Ant tracks) - so two shots
They sent Steele out -
he was hit in head by
8 Apr rocket batteries -
10 Days in Da Nang -
piece in his head - a little
farther & he would have
been paralyzed - sitting
in the same bunker -

13th Sat - Uniform of day
consists of a pair of
cut offs & sandals - at
night I usually sleep in
all my clothes - just in case.
Hitted hitted back to
where are guys are - nothing
else going on -

14th Sun - Army here someone
as Sun - holiday routine
back in the states - late
morning - chow - French Toast.
Guenther on 30 day more
duty - one pissed off dude.

15th Mon - There's an Army Capt.
sleeps & stands watch on
top of the bunker with us.
A little spookies. Pace +
Loveday + Walker going
to Can Thien instead of Gio Linh -
Cline - Michelson - New guy
went to Cam Lo -
Valentine - Platz - Johnston
on this end.

16th Tue - Days all the same -
never anything to do -
do my own laundry now -

17th Wed - The moon is out -
makes the night a little
more easier - Ho Chi men's
birthday is the 19th - guess
they plan on over running
as many bases as possible -

18th Thru - a helicopter got shot
 down just north of us
 last night by ground fire.
 At a little after three
 this morning we were
 hit by 140mm mortars &
 smaller & supposedly by
 Russian 122mm Artillery.
 Between 140-150 rounds
 came in - close rounds
 hit a jeep & convex box
 near us - blew up two
 gens. back at Reg. - also
 GI shack - near shower.
 The TSC-15 Van - Col
 Bunker - Gen. Hutch -
 and old Hutch 19 - one
 old one - riddled with
 holes - frags hit
 Med evac LZ and
 went thru RT in
 French Bunker by
 Valentine - no one
 in O/A killed - one KIA
 19th APR - ARMO here digging
 is deeper - Click & horkins
 are up here now from
 D.V. Comm. - package
 from Folts - Captain
 who sleeps up on top
 of bunker with us
 finally was spooked

enough to go below to
 sleep -

20th Sat - We eat at Army
 mess hall so I went in
 the afternoon to help them
 out - KP duty - we catch
 it every 2 weeks for
 half a day - only feed
 90 guys so not much
 work to do. Been dusty
 & windy as hell lately -
 everything is covered
 with red dust - just
 sit - sweat - & rub the mud
 balls off - plenty of
 comm. trouble - plus land
 lines to Reg were out -
 moon light & cool at night -
 if it wasn't for waking
 every few minutes at night
 it would be great sleeping.

21st Sun - Another windy
 day - about drives
 you crazy - 2800 we
 received 25-30 rounds
 of mortar fire around
 A.A. force compound -
 Two big fires resulted.
 The gooks had their
 dope together - moon
 light and early like
 that - early I think
 caught up with them

22nd Mon - Rebuilt hutch
around sets - 4x4 rafters
+ sand bags - more head
room at least - the wind
still blowing dust around
Turn ago -

23rd Tue - We shower about
1/4 mile away - stinky
old water - it rained
one day and the showers
were pumping mud -

24th Wed - The shot inside
the French bunker
moved out - so we
moved our cots to
crowd, monroe & Goose
shot in - The Shove to
Dread is still up
above -

25th Thur - Mac & I got
feeling good - had a
helluva time - both shots
were down & the Army
captain who sleeps here
about drove him crazy -
we swear & throw an
empty beer can at the shit
can - all bent out of shape

26th Fri - Word about the shot
at Con Thien - Pace & Walker
caught splinters in the face
when a 105 round hit

and came thru their bunker -
but didn't go off - med evaced
them to Delta Med here at
Dong ha. hovey is staying
by himself tonight -

27th Sat - living in a French
bunker and every night - half
a dozen times a couple of
toads come hopping in to visit -
hop around the table & back
out side - our door is only
3 ft. high & I squashed one
the other night - & one was
back tonight though -

28th Sun - bought plenty of beer
from the Army & ice from
the gooks - have a vac-can
we keep it in - Pace & Val
were out - pace's face where
wood splinters hit him from
the dud 105 round looking
bad but weren't deep - looked
as if he tried raping an
old alley cat. shoot him up
pretty good too. No mortars
for awhile anyway - been
a month since the first
time - The moon is in
it's last stages so the
nights are getting mighty
black -

29th Mon - each of us bought
two cases of sodas from the
PX - last while - buy ice
from the cooks - 130¢ a
small chunk - Gordon
picked him up a white
goose out of the RUC

30th Tue - launged - letters
from home are few
a few inbetween -

Memorial Day

31st Wed - Reading Grapes
of Wrath - Steinbeck -
windy - dirty -

1st June

Thur - lately have been
feeling shifty - cracking up
some dull routine with
no word - turning
point I believe -
don't give a good goddamn
for nothing any more

2nd Fri - Read - Sweet Thursday
by Steinbeck - started
drinking heavy - maybe
to drown my self pity

3rd Sat - letters from
Ellis + Vera - very
little consolation -
guess there

are no more feeling
towards anyone - turning
into a vegetable - couldn't
quite get it through head
how it is -
Finally a Thankyou note
from Vera's mother
on gifts -

4th Sun - saw a flick for
first time here - Texas

5th Mon - saw Nevada Smith -
same as the book
Carpet baggers. saw a
guy I went to relay
school with.

6th Tue - Lynch (section head) is
sleeping here in our
bunker now - Capt. (Army)
Kruiger has only a few
days left before he heads
for RAR then home.
Our alerts around here
consist of white as normal -
yellow as danger of attack
being probable but not likely -
Red as being an attack
is probable. Been
rather quiet around here
The twin 40's fire ever
so often - you can follow
the rounds out to where
they explode - Tracers -
The grad 50's make

- some kind of Racket-mounted
on back of 6 by -
Each Round of a 175 costs
\$610 - a barrel is \$16,000 -
Breach \$24,000 - Costs a
battery of four guns at
Gio Linh a \$5 million To
fire for a month. Barrels
last 300 rounds at 3 bag
charge - most of 600 rounds.
super sonic speed when
fired - double boom -
- 7th Wed - Had to Jam fire our
M-4s - 200 rounds in
different positions -
semi & auto - went out-
side of perimeter by
dump to the range -
fired at barrels - a lot
of rifles jamed - some
from faulty round & some
were dirty - the old
D.L. Sgt Martin was
there with his two bits.
Picked up extra rounds
& Tracers -
- 8th Thur - Have painted our
Froggie bunker - white
ceiling - pastel green
walls (6 sided) -
built shelves for

- sets & books - plus a
bunk bed - more room
plus looks sharper -
have Tent 90mm casings
around Table for ashtrays -
though the three of us
don't smoke -
- 9th Fri - Overseas for
11 months - 2 left - orders
should be in more rickety
truck - Area up here
known as the heathen's
Square includes
Down rd - Camp Carrel -
Cow Thien - Gio Linh
- 10th Sat - Lounged - general clean
up - police call - area all
squared away - sandbagged
gen. shed & around sets
up above -
- 11th Sun - Day of leisure here
in Army compound - like
we don't have it the rest
of the week.
- 12th Mon - Around 0200 The
other side of air strip
was hit - either perimeter
or farther out by mortars
lasted a while - flames and
shit flying all over
Guys at the mouth of the
River got hit by 140mm

Rockets around 50-60 - gen.
died + Steele wasn't about to
Run out and start it -

12th Tue - moon starting to
return - early stages

14th Wed - Completely on
commercial power - part
of day on 30 kw then
60w to 400 w converter
Rest of day on PU-346
then our PU-218 on
standby - bunch of
the guys here got drunk
loaded rifles - sold
Lynch's pistol - pissed him
off - was going to relieve
Moe from shot -

15th Thue - same as always -
read - a few beers -
Valentine came out -
spent most of night
shooting the shit -

16th Fri - Val leaves today
for Da Wang - then
on home -

17th Sat - Had RP duty - half
a day - didn't do shit -
shot the shit with the
cooks -

18th Sun - Holiday ~~at~~ routine
lounged around as usual

19th Mon - mailed package
home - inspection of
comm gear by Major

20th Tue - Went to the mouth
of the river yesterday -
wind was blowing the
sand like a snow storm -
quite deep sand also.
The only thing their chow
hall had was chicken
noodle & saravins on
crackers - plus SP packs.
21st Wed - Army's club is selling
sodas now - scarfing up
from them -

22nd Thue - sat around and
read magazines -
They have two men & two
women cooks working in
the mess hall now - after
everyone has eaten they
turn them loose on the
line - help their trays
full of chow -

23rd Fri - Fever blister on my
lip - pissing me off -

24th Sat - Do one from one
shot stop the inspection -

25th Sun - Same old shit
every day - d 4 he
watch at night & d 6 he
one in day - every
third day off -

26th Mon. - Able to get 6 sodas from the Army every night now - Three flavors to choose from - always never had any choice.

27th Tue - 1st Marines Club was taken over by Swartz - squared it away - plenty of beer now.

Had to pick up my SRB (Service Record Book) and report to the career adviser - only lasted about five minutes - kind of disappointed about him not trying to talk me into shipping over.

28th Wed - just a sittin' waiting away the time - nothing to do but sit.

29th Thur - unable to get ice from the apots - stopped drinking sodas

30th Fri - had a few beers - been some time since the last.

July

1st Sat - Eagle shit #37 cash \$400 on books - inspection but no one showed up for it - I'm too short to even bother with such shit.

2nd Sun - Received long letter from relatives back home - all stapled together - guess they're sorting up the suds.

3rd Mon - About 0505 this morning was laying on a cot outside ~~waiting~~ when long artillery rounds went over head - then they started hitting the air force compound - blew many RAMP gear up - big fire.

4th Tue - They were 152mm artillery from across the DMZ - quiet last night - a few false RGO alerts - Now they are getting balls - 1700 this afternoon we got 45 incoming - Artillery - right around mess & club call - caught a lot of guys out in the open - killed a couple - wounded a few holiday routine here - free beer - so just got shitty.

5th Wed - Around 0300 a few more Artillery come in - hit 7th Comm - FLSA AREA - med supplies - killed a few more -

huge fire - They couldn't get me up out of the rack for red alert - The gooks have that AREA pegged - every round in on top of those guys - 9th Marine's CP is spread around it - a few guys from Hq Co. got hit - This afternoon another 4-5 rounds came in at chow time - few more guys wounded - Took a shower while they were coming in - became day light - this place will get as bad as Gio Linh if they don't get those guns - hide them in caves - fire only enough as not to be detected -

6th Thur - Arty rounds in around 1700 - a few every 10 minutes - then 2000 a few more - then around 2300 - looked as if night was going to be a pisser - word of 2 streams of NVA heading our way - Reactionary force called up & ready But was quiet the rest of night -

7th Fri - Rather quiet - no incoming - guess people back in 1st Comm & 9th Marine area are a little shook up - New Operation Buffalo just started - multi battalion affair - Bravo Company from 1st 9 was ambushed by NVA ran into ambush - lost men from two other co. Also, there is never a day goes by that you can't watch air strikes up North by Gio Linh & Con Thien - At night its a maze of flares - Tracers - bombings by B-52 - airstrikes - incoming mortars - rockets & arty - always bombings going off - Watched for first time NVA SAM (surface to air missiles) take after our jets - the Phantoms would hit ball it out of here then - Two SAM exploded over our air strip - total of 5 reported -

8th Sat - guess the operation is nearing a lot of gooks & a lot of reports going thru of a kill ratio

on one & over 500 goats
to our handfull.
Another 29 shot is in
our bunker now - a
Hq. Bn - Division shot
shooting out to Cam Lo
to 9th Mac - Sent forward -
has hot lines all the way
from Phu Bai -
in coming to day around
1330 - They are getting
all sorts of balls - just
showing us they can do
it during daytime and
get away with it sometimes -
just a few H&I rounds
some more 1700 - 1800 -
quiet afterwards - but
all kinds of explosions
north -

9th Sun - was at high seas
a year ago today -
Guenther's orders in for
Yuma - Ari - Mac left the
other day for BR in Tape.
kiss my self for not going.
10th Mon - was hit by 70 rounds
fire around 0200 - first
round landed by our gen.
crater 3 ft or so deep
4.5 diameter - guys sleeping
on top of French bunker

got in okay - Rice was
lying on a cot up there
had his helmet on - a piece
hit it - a long pause after
first explosion - knocked
me out of the top rack -
everyone went back out
side to see where it hit -
Then another one hit a few
feet away - direct hit on
a TSC-15 van sitting in a
Trailer - pieces scattered all
over the area - Rice was
hit in the back - was in
pretty bad shape - knee
got it in the head - Duke
was caught in the butt -
hole big enough to stick my
little finger into - piece
also hit his flak jacket only
bruised his back - Two warrant
officers were only a few
feet away - arms burnt &
ear drums messed up - one
had his ear lobe taken off -
we bandaged them up on
the floor - They were
taken to Delta med - then
to the LPH - Okinawa -
long morning - gen 300V
voltage regulator was
messed up - so no converter

The 346 would RND so went up on that again - holes in TRC-97's waveguides - parabolics & guy lines cut - hole in roof of van - Tent had a few too - The wires frame was blown down - wire all over the place - big piece of van knocked one crowd shot antenna out of alignment - looked as if tornado hit the area worked our asses off all day getting everything back to normal - wires burning the wires - had to have all new cables - new 30KW - new power lines - confusion all over only a few hours of sleep

11th Tue - Same as yesterday - one mad house - all kinds of shit to take care of - plus got rid of the wigger - so Rice & I are handling two shots - bunch of animals we

have in here with us now.
12th Wed - haven't received any info in the daytime or rockets at night - fairly quiet. There's a Tech Rep from RCA with us to fix a trouble shoot the 97 -

13th Thur - 30KW's fuel lines plugged up - worked on that damn thing - finally had ice cream for evening chow - between the wind and dust in daytime and the heat & noise of the bunker at night it's about nerve racking - word of my orders being in - P-19 - where ever that is - west coast - could be Pendleton or 29 Adams -

14th Fri - 30KW blew fuel line to injector - all kinds of good shit is happening - but no incoming so far - word of Rice & Duke are heading back for the state - Rice had shrapnel hit & breast & rib - internal injuries - Duke's must have hit the bone too -

15th Sat - packed Duke's gear to be sent home - Mac back from RR - brought a quart of Rum - some Oatmeal - 15 battery back at old place - scares the shit out of you -

16th Sun - big steak cook out
FREE beer & sodas - skin
flicks - dirty ones

17th Mon - same routine -
ORDERS TO MACS-4
MARINE A/C CONTROL
Squadron - Pennington -

18th Tue - Day's spent sitting
around bullshitting &
drinking soda & beer -

19th Wed - Sandbagged roof
of bunker - airspace -
pallets - sandbags - plan
on doing the walls -
old 9th Marine area looks
like ~~ghost~~ ghost town -
deserted - A/C Force
ship spots & RADAR gear
was blown all to hell
Delta Med moved out of
area - one section is
across the airstrip -

20th Thur - Pay Rosters in -
get it figured so
between checks &
postal orders I shouldn't
carry much cash home -

21st Fri - All of the gooks
have been kicked off
of the base - about
time - sleeping out the
place all the time -

22nd Sat - Army's 175 mm
battery is back - R.R.ing
over head - gone at a time
The shock wave about
breaks your ear drums -
scars the pee wad out of
you at night -

23rd Sun - The division shot
to Cam Lo was taken down
finally got the animals out
of here - no Army
cookout - The operation
has finished - Senator
is returning to Da Nang -
One thing I'll miss is
sitting around RUBBING
OFF THE MUD BALLS - dirt
flying all the time - was
over 120° the other day -
building sandbag wall
around our bunker and
pallets & sandbags on top -
get it a little safer -

24th Mon - Been rather quiet
lately - no incoming for
some time now - hope
the operation has gotten
the ARVN guns - New
gook weapon RPG-7
anti-tank can fire
thru 11 inches of steel -
getting a few of our

Amtrak out at the mouth
of the River - All that
is on the TRC 47 is Francis
and Hickey - Pace - Macat
are on the 17 - Relay
section will be cut short
after the Crest - 6 of
us leave at once -
Gordon left for Da Nang
heading home -

15th Tue - Sprained my ankle
up so am hobbling around -
PT for day - basketball -

26th Wed - A few incoming
arty rounds down in
1st Comm's Area - old cur's -
word of being over run
with mortars - arty - human
waves.

27th Thur - getting increasing
any time of day now -
1100 while we were
filling sandbags - keep
piling them on - being
hit by only a few
rounds that have lost
track of all the different
times - Res alert at
night - the army
officers pile in here -
on roof for incoming
at night - slept then it

28th Fri - a little before 0900
there were a couple of
rounds that came in -
Charlie is getting all kinds
of balls -

29th Been quiet so far - slacked
off on rounds - parts of
3/4 & 2/4 were hit by
ambush after returning
from inside the DMZ hunting
for dirty guns - plenty of
casualties coming into Delta
Med here - Army medic
Kelley was helping them
out - no known figures of
injuries -

3-30

637

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(360)

260

2,200 July
300 Aug
200 Sept
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100 Nov

2,900
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300 check
200 MO - June
100 MO - Sept
60 cash

3-31

-PAY -

Base pay - E-4 under 2 yrs - 1108.60	
Overseas pay	18.-
Clothing pay	4.20
Combat pay	19.-
Total	250.80
Net	238.-

MAY - 67 \$37 cash 200 (Books)

JUNE - 67 \$37 cash 400 (Books)

JULY - 67 \$338 cash 300 check

AUG - 67

MAY - (67)

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