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## **July 15th, 1968 Letter from Don Yeager to Yeager Family**

Don Yeager

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# THE SKY SOLDIERS

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JULY 15

DEAR MOM + ALL-

DAD CAME THE 12 + LEFT THE 13. HE STAYED HERE OVERNIGHT, + THE OTHER OFFICERS WERE JUMPING ALL OVER THE PLACE TO MAKE HIM COMFORTABLE IN THIS HOLE. I TOOK A CHOPPER DOWN TO PHU CAT AFB, ABOUT 35 MILES FROM HERE, WHERE HIS F-4 WAS. I CAME BACK AT 2 HRS. LATER HE FLEW OVER AT LOW ALTITUDE, PULLED UP + DID A SLOW ROLL - IT BLEW EVERYONES MIND, + IT SURE MADE ME PROUD. IT WAS LUCKY I WAS HERE AT THE BASE CAMP WHERE WE COULD SPEND SOME TIME TOGETHER, + NOT OUT IN THE BOONIES. WE'RE GOING BACK OUT TOMORROW. I HATE IT OUT THERE. SOMETIMES I THINK I'M GOING CRAZY WITH THE SENSELESSNESS OF IT ALL. WE HAD A BIG FIRE FIGHT LAST NITE, + A GUY GOT ZAPPED. THEY HAD SERVICES FOR HIM + TOLD THAT GOT IT EARLIER, + ALL I CAN SAY IS WHAT A FARCE. DAD GAVE ME HIS PEN OLYMPUS CAMERA, BUT I RUINED THE FIRST ROLL OF FILM TRYING TO GET IT OUT. CALL ME THUMBS, WE'RE GETTING OUR "C"'S NOW.

THE SIX SOLDIERS

Yummy food, it looks like we'll be  
out for quite a while this time,  
& the C.O. said he would do  
everything in his power to keep  
us out of AN KHE, which is ~~what~~  
where we all want to go. What  
a stupid way to fight a war, if  
there are any smart ways. I'd do  
anything to get off the line &  
into the rear - at least you can  
act human there. Mom, you know  
that stuff I told you about, like  
cutting off ears & stuff? These  
guys are bloodthirsty, & a lot of  
em have killed kids - they hate  
these people. I know that where  
I am, it's the worst, but that's  
still no excuse. Dad also gave  
me a pair of flight gloves to help  
me in the elephant grass. Well, I  
down, I to go. Take it easy, Dad'll  
be home in less than 2 weeks.

LOVE, *Don*