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## Undated letter from Don Yeager to the Yeager Family

Don Yeager

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I'm BACK AS PERIMETER GUARD AGAIN.  
WE WERE OUT FOR ONLY 10 DAYS THIS  
TIME, WHICH IS SOMETHING NEW FOR  
A CHANGE - THEY'VE BEEN KEEPING  
US OUT FOR UP TO A MONTH! RIGHT  
AFTER WE LEFT THE LAST TIME, U.S.  
ENGLISH WAS MORTARED, + THEY  
WRECKED 9 CHOPPERS. THIS TIME WHEN  
WE WERE OUT, I WAS IN A BIG  
FIREFIGHT. WELL, I WOULDN'T CALL IT  
MUCH OF A FIGHT BECAUSE I DIDN'T  
FIRE A SHOT. THE GOOKS WERE ON  
THE OTHER SIDE OF A RICE PADDY ABOUT  
500 YDS. WIDE, + WE BROKE OUT OF A  
TREE LINE INTO THE PADDY. IT WAS  
TERRIBLY HOT, + I WAS WIPING MY  
FACE WITH A WASH + DRY WHEN IT  
STARTED. AT FIRST I JUST DIDN'T DO  
ANYTHING BECAUSE I'M GETTING USED  
TO WHAT THE DIFFERENT SOUNDS OF  
BULLETS ARE, + THESE WEREN'T  
COMMING NEAR ME. THEN THEY  
STARTED CRACKING RIGHT OVER MY  
HEAD, SPLINTERING THE BAMBOO I

I SEEKING SHADE IN, THAT'S WHEN I  
ATE DIRT. THEY STOPPED SHOOTING FOR  
A MINUTE, SO I GOT UP & RAN  
FORWARD SO MAYBE I COULD SEE  
SOMETHING. THAT'S WHEN IT REALLY  
BROKE OUT THICK. I DOVE BEHIND A  
DIKE AS THE BULLETS HIT THE DIKE,  
& CUT DOWN THE GRASS I WAS HIDING  
UNDER. I NEVER DID SEE WHERE EXACTLY  
THE SHOTS CAME FROM, BUT THE HELICOPTER  
GUNSHIPS WIPE OUT A BUNCH OF  
HOCHES, & I HEARD THEY GOT A COUPLE.  
IT WAS RATHER EXCITING, AS THING GO,  
I TOOK A FEW PICS OF THE AIRSTRIKES.  
SPEAKING OF FILM, HOW MANY ROLLS HAVE  
YOU RECEIVED FROM ME? IT SHOULD BE  
2 - 1 OF PRINTS (THE FIRST ROLL), & 1 OF  
SLIDES, WHICH I SENT ABOUT 1 MONTH AGO.  
I HOPE YOU GOT THE SLIDES - THEY HAVE  
THE BEST SCENERY SHOTS. I PUT IN  
A REQUEST TO STOP MY ALLOTMENT TO  
AFLI.CO., BUT ~~FOR~~ IT WASN'T TAKEN OUT  
OF MY PAY THIS MONTH, SO I GUESS IT WON'T  
COST ME A THING BECAUSE IT'LL STOP  
BEFORE IT BEGINS. I GOT A LITTLE ME  
TACK FROM AS MBA, BIG DEAL, I'LL WEAR

IT ON MY HELMET. I PUT \$200 MORE  
IN THE BANK, BRINGING IT UP TO \$700  
ALREADY. I DREW \$50, + THEY CARRIED  
\$44 FORWARD. I'M GOING TO CHANGE  
IT SO I CAN DRAW \$25 IN THE FIELD,  
PUT \$250 IN THE BANK, + CARRY THE  
REST FORWARD FOR R+R. WHEN I MAKE  
SP/4 I CAN PUT \$300 IN THE BANK. I'LL  
HAVE "100000" MONEY WHEN I COME  
HOME, ESPECIALLY IF I MAKE E-S +  
EXTEND TILL I ETS, WHICH WILL BE  
5 MONTHS MORE. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT  
R+R, EXCEPT I PUT DOWN FEB. AS  
WHEN I WANTED TO GO, BUT THEY  
CAN'T GIVE ME A DATE YET. WILL  
LET YOU KNOW WHEN I FIND OUT.  
WELL, IT'S CHOW TIME NOW, + I'M  
HUNGRY, SO I'LL CUT IT SHORT. SAY  
HI TO EVERYONE FOR ME. THESE ARE  
PAY VOUCHERS, ORDERS FOR P.F.C., + A  
RECEIPT FOR THE \$500 I PUT IN THE BANK.  
I'M DOING FINE. LOVE, Dan