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## **November 22nd, 1968 Letter from Don Yeager to Yeager Family**

Don Yeager

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DEAR MOM + DAD

SORRY BOUT NOT WRITTING FOR  
SOME TIME, BUT I'VE BEEN KEPT  
BUSY FOR THE LAST WEEK OR SO.  
WE LEFT AN KHE (WITHOUT GETTING  
TO JUMP) + BUILT A FIRE SUPPORT  
BASE FOR THE 1ST BAT. IT WAS  
WAY UP IN THE MOUNTAINS + REALLY  
COLD, FOR OVER HERE ANYWAY. YOU  
COULD SEE YOUR BREATH IN THE A.M.  
ONE TIME THERE OUR PLATOON HAD  
A REACH-OUT, + I WAS WALKING POINT.  
I WAS FOLLOWING A TRAIL, + I  
KEPT WONDERING WHAT THESE SLIDING  
MARKS WERE. I THOUGHT THE COOKS  
HAD BEEN DRAGGING SOMETHING. I  
ABOUT TOOK OFF RUNNING (THE OTHER  
WAY) WHEN I SUDDENLY REALIZED  
THAT I WAS FOLLOWING AN ELEPHANT!  
THE COOKS USE THEM TO CARRY  
HEAVY EQUIPEMENT. HERE ARE A  
COUPLE OF MY PAY VOUCHERS, WOULD  
YOU SEND ME A PACK OF SCHICK  
STAINLESS STEEL INJECTOR BLADES.  
GET THE BIGGEST DISPENSER THEY  
HAVE - 11 OR 15 BLADES. ALSO ASK  
DAD TO PICK UP SOME 35mm FILM

FOR MY CAMERA - TWO ROLLS WILL BE  
ENOUGH. SPEAKING OF CAMERAS - I WAS  
LOOKING THROUGH 'A PHOTOGRAPHY  
MAGAZINE THE OTHER DAY IN AN KHE  
WHEN I CAME ACROSS AN AD FOR  
A SCHOOL CALLED BROOKS INSTITUTE OF  
PHOTOGRAPHY. IT'S LOCATED IN SANTA  
BARBARA (CALIF) AND IS FULLY ACCREDITED.  
IT ACCEPTS THE G.I. BILL PLAN ALSO. THEY  
HAVE A FULL 28 MONTH COURSE IN  
PHOTOGRAPHY + THEY'VE BEEN ESTABLISHED  
FOR SOMETHING LIKE 30 YRS, SO THEY'RE  
NOT SOME FLY-BY-NIGHT OUT FIT. I  
THINK I HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO GET INTO  
PHOTOGRAPHY, MAYBE INTO ADVERTISEMENT,  
+ I'M GOING TO GET ALL THE POOP AS  
SOON AS POSSIBLE. IT'S A PLAN ANYWAY.  
WE'RE ON BERM GUARD NOW AT ENGLISH.  
I SEEMS TO ME THAT THE GOOKS ARE  
STEPPING UP THEIR OFFENSIVE A LOT.  
MOST OF THE BASE CAMPS + FIRE SUPPORT  
BASES HAVE BEEN GETTING HIT A LOT,  
+ F.S.B. PONY HAD A GROUND ATTACK  
THE OTHER NIGHT. THEY SAY THE  
GOOKS HAVE BEEN BEATEN BADLY AND  
ARE PULLING BACK INTO CAMBODIA, LAOS,  
+ N. V.N., SO MAYBE THIS IS JUST  
SOME LAST KICKS FOR A WHILE. IT'S  
ALL A MYSTERY TO ME, BUT I'LL STILL  
BE CAREFUL. TAKE IT EASY, + QUIT  
KNOCKING YOURSELF OUT, mom...

I'm OK. LOVE, Dan

ANYTHING NEW ON MY RIDE FROM  
LAW. TO, NORTON? I'm STILL SAYING  
THAT YOU'RE MEETING ME, SO YOU'LL  
GET A SET OF MY ORDER'S PRIOR TO  
MY LEAVING. (ABOUT A WEEK OR TWO)