

Dear Mom + Dad,

30 MAY 69
VIETNAM

Well here I am in a different place for my birthday again. I was just thinking of the place I was in the last 3 or 4 years on my birthday.

I'm at LZ BALDY in the FIREBIRD READY state. There are a lot of here in case a strike is needed or if some unit needs coverage while we're gone in.

By the way I am in the FIREBIRDS now.

I'm flying the "FROG" ship today. This has the 40 mm grenade launcher on the nose the first 250 R.P.M. I've fired it a few times already on night strikes.

No confirmed kills yet though.

I'm going to borrow Doug's camera and take some prints of our ship and send you.

I won't get as many hours in the Birds but the time we do get is all C.A. time. ~~Some~~ People who spend most of their tour in the Birds usually get about 600-700 hours.

I don't suppose we'll get any missions
today because of the 24 hour truce. It's my
birthday so they called the war off for a day.

Really it's Buddha's birthday also and that's
the big thing. Nobody even said anything
about it being Memorial day. I guess that
doesn't count. All the men that have died
over here you'd think something would say
something about them. I kind of looks like
people are ashamed because they die in
this war that nobody wants. I don't see
it like that though. We're fighting and they
died for our country and the flag.

Have you noticed if anyone put a flag
on Mike's grave?

If something happened to me over here,
I'd sure hate to think that people thought I
died for no reason. You know what I mean.

I understand Betty Beavins is getting married. What a shame. She'd make a ~~good~~ good wife.

How is Jason doing? Does Janie like school?

Tell I'm going after something to eat. I'll try to think of else to tell you about this interesting place. Haha

Like FROG also has 2 RECRET pads with a table of 19 rocks each side. I also have 2 deer gunners firing free-load, m-60 machine-guns. I've got 267 days left today.

Tell that's about it for now. I suppose I'll think of something else after a seal the envelope. I'll show the typewriter to you in a few days.

your son
Jeff