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- Yuna Doe Shum Nunn Doc C.

This here is your Grandson writing at last from the home of the healthy. Now other than Chelsea Naval Hospital.

Well Papa what can I say, sorry I haven't written sooner but you know how I am. I just can't babble on like some people can in a letter.

Now for the local news. My condition is steadily improving on all fronts except for one. The burn under my right arm is the only thing keeping me in the hospital.

It's really taking its time healing. The Doctor decided not to do a graft but to just let it heal by itself. He figures it will be another month or so before it granulates over. The only treatment I'm getting is a whirlpool once a day & dressing changes twice a day. As for my hip I am up walking on my own 2 feet without the aid of a cane. It's almost as good as new. It still a wee bit sore but eventually that will go away. Doc Wayne said it will

be 3 months before I can jump still. Can't wait. Isn't that. As for my weight, well they say I look better but I'm only gained 4 lbs. If ~~if~~ you were dead they would say you look better. ^{9/10} HA.

As for life in the hospital it hoes me to death. They let me out on the week ends but that still doesn't do any good I guess I'm just not the type to sit around 24 hrs a day. Only 1 more month to go.

Received a letter from Capt. Fulton a couple of weeks ago. but haven't answered yet. When I do I will have to send it to his new base. I imagine he's on his way home now. He said that all was well & that when held a sacrifice that lasted 2 days for you and I. He said it was quite a ceremony they danced & said prayers & the whole bit. Speaking of Helen I am going to write her after this. It will be my first letter to them since I left. I hope it gets to her. I'll send it in care of May Hankins. Love Action Sec. You know I still miss them people something fierce if it wouldn't kill my parents I'd ask for reassignment back there. But I have to stay here for a while, I am going to try & spend my last year in the service

of over there. I hope they still remember me
and there still on our side.

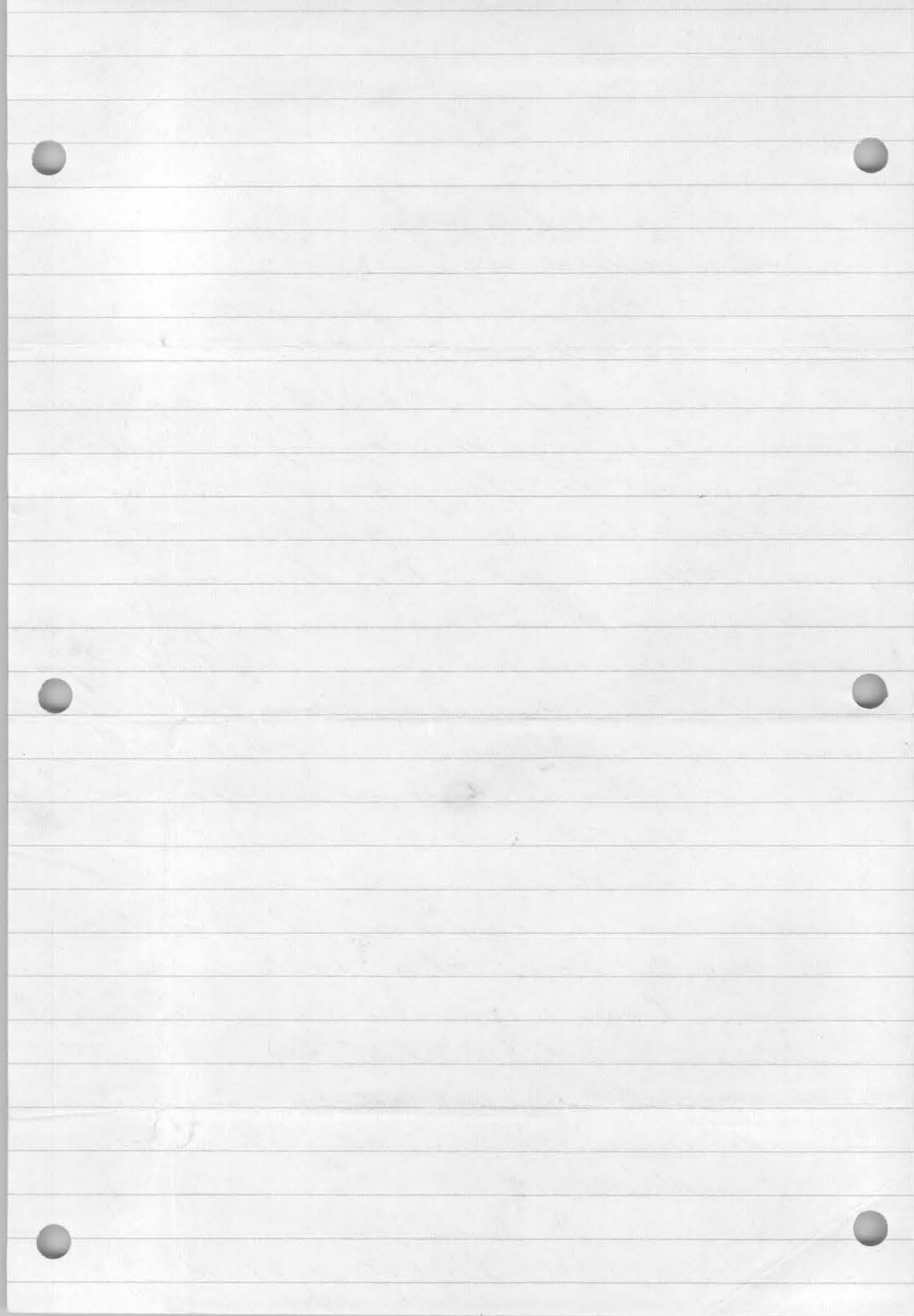
Doc Thanks for calling me
it was really great to talk to you. you
don't know how you picked up my moral.
I was sort of say ~~scared~~ scared for a while
that I might be thought as a P.T. and
you know how much that means to
me. When I get out of here come
hell or high water I am going to
come out & see you for a couple of days.
I asked the Doc if it was ok and he
said sure. The reason being I'll be on
a 30 day convalescent leave from the Corps.

Well Good Pop I can't think
of much else to say except Keep the Faith
& Will see you soon I hope. Say hello to
Mrs. May Conlon & all those little Conlons
for me. (How are you coming on the Proposed
10 Children or selected I hope ^{4th} 4A)

Am Enclosing 2 articles one was
in the American Magazine the other in the
Air Force Times.

Doc Herdman

That little ol' P.S. M.
Son David



26 May 1968

My Hello Dr. Daniel C. Conlon AMAR.

Thought it about time I wrote and let you know what's happening. Well I am now at Base AFB New Hampshire & back to full duty. I arrived here approx 2 weeks ago.

When I got back from Chicago I went back to the Hospital that was the 6th of May. From the time I hit the Hospital I became a celebrity. I was interviewed over twice a day by the press and on the 8th I was called down to the Commander's office to be given an invitation to meet the Governor of New & have dinner with him on the 15th of May.

In the meantime I kept bouncin' Dr. Nguyen for discharge back to work. Well I was decorated on the 9th of May. They gave me the Silver Star, the D.T.C. and the Bronze Star with the V. And Doc came up to me after the Ceremony & handed me my records & said you're discharged. (But not for all). Well I went home and spent 2 1/2 hrs. home. when Lefty one of the 95's came down to pick me up to go up to Base.

On the 15th I went and had dinner with the Governor and he gave me a certificate of appreciation

from the state of Maine. The best part of all
that was I had an inkling there was an
error. (My Capital). Well that was all the
found of mine until yesterday I got a letter
from one of the authors on the copy. They want
me to come down: he shows part of the record.
They said I've been made less of the year. and
would like to hang a picture of me '19 in the
rest of civilization. Boy Don. do I feel flying
if those people only know. Oh! let me tell you.
while I was at the dinner I met my daughter & daughter
and they made the mistake of asking me what my
position was on this man. and about the Montaguards.
well I put them down & for one hour told them
about Watson and the Yards. You would
have been proud of me. I got an Encyclopedia
and put the map out and showed them what some
70% of the country. They were amazed. They had
heard a little about the Montaguards. (about a
mile on the average 45 citizens). But know they
I know what know they know. Don it
amazed me at how surprised they were on
author's going on over this. The main question
was "are we right" and you know what I
told them. "Yes" I have also been telling
everyone I talk to about the Yards. as a matter
of fact I'm getting bored learning myself talk.

Oh well now I shall tell you about
my dinner here. as I share in the gate

It said welcome To Base A.F.B. $4\frac{1}{2}$ mi. There is a bar. base except ^{for} one squadron and that's us. We occupy one barracks and in this Barracks is the Command Post, Operations PT section & sleeping quarters. It's really cool. I have to be to work at 7:30 so I get up at 25 past 7 walk downstairs.

As far as aircraft go we have 5 C-130's reserve types. for all our missions are reserve types. Since I've been here they had a mission. It was a man who had a heart attack approx 150 miles off the coast of Maine a team jumped in and took care of him until a coast guard cutter could come out and pick him up. He was a fisherman on a Fishing trawler.

Since I've been here I've been doing alot of training in order to become requalified most of it's been ground training. Last week I went on a flight to get checked out in aircraft familiarization. We went up to Goose Bay Labrador and then down to Langley AFB Virginia and back. total of 9 hrs flying.

This past Wednesday I went out and made some dives. I made a 50-75 ft and a

120 ft ^{dive} along with a 1500 yd compass swim. The water temp was at 120 ft 29° believe me it was like cool. even the fish were cold. This coming Wed I'll be making my first jump. It will be a water jump with full scuba. Also I think next week I'm going to be going out to Denver Colorado for training in the Fulton recovery system. I also have to go to Florida for Apollo training, don't know now when though. Will send you a post card from Colorado.

As for my health I'm A:OK my knee still bothers me a little but other than that I'm a human specimen. I know weight 146 lbs.

Let me tell you. Remember I went to Chicago to after I left you to see that girl. Well she was a knock out. Boy I was in love again. I ended up staying there 4 1/2 days ~~more~~ instead of 2. Would have stayed longer but again that little ole defense mechanism inside said get out while you're still able. "Hah". I get letters from her every day just about. I think maybe she's thinking about thoughts. Good Chicago is 1000 miles from here. The other girl back here is well under control I think she finally got the hint that I love life. Oh well what can I do. There just isn't any simple way to tell a girl that you like being single without hurting them. They all take it personally. as if

you were telling them they aren't good enough to marry. I always end up feeling like a fool. One thing for sure I won't have these problems here. Girls are scarce and unless you have a car its almost impossible to find them.

Was checking into the courses offered by the U of New Hamp. but with my current schedule its physically impossible to take here. I could never make the classes. Also found out something else of interest. I found out that being a Vietnam Veteran I can attend any college from Harvard on down in the state of Massachusetts tuition free. I'm going to check into this further and will let you know all the details later. If its what they say. I can't beat it.

Well Doc. I can't think of much more to say on this end. Will definitely keep you posted on whats going on. Oh. have you heard from Bill Fulton if so could you send me his new address. Also I want to thank you and that Out of World Wife that you have for the great time I had while I was there. I really had a

great time. And you were definitely right about
~~Ray~~ Kay. she's quite a woman. I only hope
I'm half as fortunate as you are when I
decide to pull off the long steep slope.

Well clear its time to say
good night. Doi Steinn. Untill then
keep the Faith and Drive Slow. Kiss the
kids for me.

David

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P.S. Is number 6 confirmed yet?

P.P.S. My KNEW Address is

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1 Aug 1968
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Korea

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Hi Doc;

Sorry there is such a delay in answering but only received your letter three days ago. I am currently T.D.X. for 3 to 6 months in Taejeon Korea.

I have been here for approx 15 days and already feel back at home. Guess what Doc. you wouldn't believe what the main drink is. Yep. Not other than Rice Wine. Oh Boy I am even know recovering from a hangover. They call it Makoli (Mark-a-lee)

They don't drink it out of a jug, etc served in a brass cup.

You wouldn't believe how much this country resembles Vietnam. They even have villages. So far I have been out to three of them and have really had a bunch. Now I got started was

I met this Korean soldier and he invited me to his home which is located about 6 miles from base in a village. Well needless to say I was home. Since then have been going out steadily on my days off.

as far as the condition of the villages. they are very simple. The homes are made of mud or adobe type, with thatched roofs. They are the same as the Yach is far as working. The fields & crops are their only concern. The Korean people are really friendly and they are not lazy. They are constantly trying to make improvements. But in the villages the people are generally in the same condition as the Yach.

They all need a bath. and Worms and infections etc are not rare.

I have already tried to start some type of Civil act

with Med-Cops. I was even approached
the Flight Surgeon about training
Machin. But all I got was sorry
not enough Machine and Not interested
I tell you the Medical staff isn't
worth a shit. The Flight Surgeon
said I couldn't do it myself either
where I was under one of the staffs
supervision. and He said they were
too busy to get involved. The
Doc I had everything set up. Our
Pilots would fly me out to the
Villages and give me full support.
even the Hoen Commander said OK.

But that ~~is~~ asshole of a Flight
Surgeon didn't give a damn so shot
the whole thing up in the air.

Damn I wish you were here
this would be our whole show
to be run under our concept of
civil action. Without a bunch
Americans sitting in an office

telling us how to do it. There must be 100 untouched villages in the area. If you even decide civilian protest is to dull. just get in touch with me and we'll head out for points unknown and see what we can accomplish.

As far as Hanoi itself goes it reminds me of Vietnam 15 years from now if everything goes well. The terrain is $\frac{3}{4}$ mountain but not jungle covered they just have small ~~shrub~~ shrubs on them. The farmlands are all patches ~~for~~ and villages like Vietnam. The weather now is sort of muggy + hot, but they say the winters are cold. As soon as I get a chance I'll send some slides of the village and people to you. as they say a picture is worth a thousand words.

Let me see as far as my job goes I am flying PJ in

HH43B1 again. The mission is
the same ACR & LBR. but there's
only one problem nobody's getting
shot at so there's no mission as
such. So we fly training flights.

I sure did feel a little bit funny
& worried the first time flew in the
43 again but on look to normal.

As for a my leg goes it
is working fine. still hurts once
in a while but is getting stronger
every day. Also I did receive the
letter from Cal and wanted to
call him but shipped out to fast
tell him I would like to talk
to him about ~~the~~ his policy. ~~as~~
I tell him I will get in touch
as soon as I return to Conus.

about Colledge still thinking
anxiously but on level of scared of
the unknown. as for as weather I
can make it. tried to take a couple
of courses but with 7 days all the

time and alert. was out of the
question.

I haven't heard anything from
the people over at Pleiku at all
I don't even know if my letters
are getting there. If there is anybody
I can write to let me know about
Lick I hope he's OK without him
I don't know what will happen
to the program.

as for the PT's Do you
remember Whitey (Walter White III)
the ~~Indian~~ Indian he was with us
for about 6 months then went to
Da Nang. Well he was hit
in the leg with 30 cal. and is
in the PT recovery. Since I left
we have had 2 more killed and
3 wounded not counting Red White

Have the the Worst news
for lost. Was down to Eplun for
a couple of days. And you know
Baguio. Well 4 weeks ago

he killed himself out at Hamilton
AFB. He tried 3 times. The first
time a ~~far~~ Farmer caught him in his
car with the windows rolled up & taped
* The second time Hackney caught
him in his room with a 3F. after
that they sent him to Travis for
observation and they released him
a few letters saying he was OK
Well the next day they found him
dead in the car. Carbon Monoxide
poisoning. It seems his wife really
screwed over him. was running around
on him, and wouldn't let him see
the baby. She also had him in
kept up to his neck. Good
Don that hit me like a lead pipe.
I couldn't believe it, and still find
it hard to believe. He was given
a full military funeral with PT's in
Post Boxes and a PT honor guard
with a 21 gun salute.

Oh Well Don have to go

to work in 20 minutes so guess
all done.

about that check I am sending
it back to you to put away for the
next time I get there I may need
it now, besides it definitely would
be put to a good use here Taloo

also as soon as you find a
house over at Pleiku let me know.

Well until then Keep Safe
Sant & I'm Love

Doi Hieu a. Amar

Love.

I'm Mar. C. and the whole My
best.