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Dear Rob, Eileen and kids,

I have gotten very far behind in my letter writing. I can't think of anyone who I don't owe a letter. Everybody has really been great about writing. It helps a lot and I really appreciate it.

Not too much exciting news to report. Our tempo of operations fluctuates quite a bit. The 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (USA) has been seeing a lot action west of Hue and we have been flying a lot in support of them. The Marines that are left and are all within about 30 miles of Da Nang and naturally we do a lot with them. Except for a few days things have generally been fairly slow. Average about one top a day. In a few weeks the monsoons will be here and things will really slow down.

The biggest news of course is that the day when Carol and I will become parents is rapidly approaching. I really feel out of the picture over here. There will be (many) more things, I suppose.

I've run into about 6 or 8 Parksmen in various billets in various branches of the service over here. Usually makes for a very touching reunion. Keep in touch.

Love  
Bernie