

[November 1961]

Dear Connie

I suppose this letter should be considered some what of an apology for my last letter. I know I was in the twilight zone last night yet its hard for me to remember exactly what I wrote. Im sure that not much sense or even any order could be read much less understood. I'll try hard not to pull such boners again. If Nancy still is interested in corresponding with a G.I. over here tell her to know a real nice guy from Oklahoma. His name is Bob Simpson, hes about the same size as myself only Im sure he must be stronger better looking and all that. To know for sure hes one of the nicest guys I've met and hes probably the most popular with other G.I.'s out of anyone in H.H.C. There is one thing however that Im sure would make no difference but yet an interesting thing to know that Bob is a full blooded American Indian. I can't

~~He~~ remember for sure but I think he is too Indian, don't quote me as I'm not sure. I do know however that his father is chief of the tribe to day. Don't be mislead though, he's never lived on a reservation or anything like that. On the outside he was attending Oklahoma university. He's a fine person and really quite handsome, if interested here's his address —

Bob Simpson

H.H.C., 196th Lt. INF. BDE.

APO SAN FRANCISCO 96256. If this doesn't sound like club wow all never write again. There's almost a page wasted as it shouldn't take that long to sell anybody on Bob. Went swimming today in the S. China Sea, the water seems to be much saltier than that of the Atlantic or Pacific. By the way sweet I'll compare tans with you now. Jay ~~with~~ where is that playmate of the month picture anyway, sure would put wind in my sails! Had another USO show the other day, the only good part was when Nancy Sandon did a strip

man that's all I can say is man. She is the sister of Mike Tardon w ho plays Little Joe on Bonanza if you recall.

Oh Connie I'm so damn tired right now and yet I still must stay awake 4 to more hrs. Hey you know what it is 3:40 AM, Mon the 11th. You said happy Anniversary to me, well I return your greeting even though it will be late. But at least you'll know I was thinking of you as always. With no one to talk to all night it sure is lonely and I think that may be one reason I feel so tired. I do talk to other operators but we use morse code and to me that isn't exactly the same. I forgot to mention as if you'd be interested anyway, but my mother fell and broke her arm and injured her back, she'll be OK but I guess it's quite an inconvenience.

Let's see your all of 18 yrs ain't you, and I was thinking you were my sisters age but she's almost 20. I wish she would go back to school but I guess not. At present she is playing

piano at some night club in  
Dancing and having a ball at it  
I gather. You know that stupid  
spider bite is still with me, I  
wish it would Pi Pi now, how  
that for viet namese. At mean, get  
lost. I don't know if I ever told you  
but I figured that we are about  
12 483 miles apart, give or take a  
few of course. Long ways isn't it  
Connie, seems as if a life time will  
pass before the fateful day in July  
will arrive. Have ~~said~~ decided  
that if you want pictures of me before  
a month or two you will have to  
write mother, I'm sure she would  
bite your head off. She'd be most  
happy to comply with your wishes  
just for the asking. It will take  
me a least that long to get pictures  
developed. I am very sorry but I can't  
do any more. As for tape recorders,  
please let me handle that as I can  
buy that just need cheaper over

here at the P.K. <sup>5,</sup> I'll have to wait until next month as we are short already but when pay day comes again I'll see what I can do about sending you a recorder. As it best for you to receive packages at home or school? I saw the nicest little neglasha (spells?) in the village but I need your size. Please send it and I'll get one for you also I'll send you something to replace your T shirt. ~~HA HA~~ In fact you better tell me your measurements including Ht., wt. everything so as to be sure of a good fit as sizes here may run different. I have a good idea but might as well be sure. Some day I will take it upon myself to check you to see if you're telling the truth! Hope to go out in the field tomorrow as time seems to pass much faster. When I get home and see you I'm sure it will look more like the hawk and the dove than two people meeting. Well come another chapter in your book of horrors must end. Be nice and everything!  
Yours Fred

JHUR.

[November, 1987]

Dear Connie

It doesn't seem like Thanksgiving here, but at least I don't have to worry about eating too much this year. I hope you have a nice holiday and I hope you won't get to fat on all that Turkey. I just came back from the village where I got a shave and haircut. Jim said to say hello to the pretty girl in America and he hopes you are doing fine. He has confessed you are much better looking than Moma-son his mother, but he still thinks it's a close race. One thing Moma-son has over you is

that she painted her teeth  
black, which among older  
people is a very pretty thing  
to do. That's all right though,  
you are fine just the way  
you are. I've just brought  
my mail, & wish I had  
gotten a letter from you,  
maybe tomorrow. I got  
a package from my aunt  
filled terribly and junk &  
don't eat anyway. Now that  
I have sent you a roll of  
film so there you should  
send some more pictures of  
yourself. I really enjoy them  
so why don't you see if  
you can fix me up.

Yesterday morning I woke up and ~~had~~ found a large scorpion sitting in the middle of my chest. I could feel something tickling me, but it didn't tickle when I discovered what it was. All I could do is lay there & didn't want to get stung by something like that again. He finally crawled off and I quickly disposed of him. How would you like that, I'm sure I'd just as soon wake up and find you lying on my chest, only thing is I doubt if I could lay still at all. One thing I'm afraid of.

is when I see you the first time I might squeeze you so hard that you might break, I'll just have to keep reminding myself to be gentle. I bet you are fragile too. Come be nice and stay away from all those guys, I hope every one you touch turns to stone. I will write again soon

I love you  
'Adam'

Dear Connie, (E.V.E.?)

Received your letter this afternoon, it is about midnight here and about 12 hrs difference where you are. I hope you enjoyed your lunch. In the past few days we been working from about 6:30 AM to 2:00 AM every day, this accounts for the lapse in letters, not because I don't want to write as often, what ever are you thinking? In the future I will set aside a few minutes more often but don't get that crazy idea about short letters again please! If I were to write as often as I'm thinking of you I'd never get a chance to stop long enough even to eat and would soon die of starvation, I'd still be thinking of you though! Next about Maurice, that's really my name anymore questions. By the way let's not ~~use~~ use it about the film, I'll send it out as soon as possible, don't worry. You know it's been 3 weeks since we written the folks, see how you rate! We grown another mustash, I can't spell it I hope you understand, if you were here I'd tickle you with it! Bob received Nancy picture today, I haven't seen it, but he's very pleased, I believe his writing her a letter tonight also. About extending over here, I don't have to make a decision for quite awhile so I believe I'll let it ride at present, however if there was anyone who could sway my thinking it's you and you don't do a bad job. Remember though I could give a damn about a car, sunbathing, water skiing which I can't do any how,

it's just you, Connie Stearns, to care about  
 seeing (or doing). All that other crap is nice but  
 you are far more important to me! You ask  
 me for my feelings and thoughts where  
 you are concerned. Well Connie, that's not hard  
 to answer at all, I could write a book or use  
 one word. I can sing it, hum it, whistle it,  
 and even dance it. If you weren't so dizzy from  
 reading all that already, I'd tell you more, but  
 if you look very carefully and read "between the  
 lines" I'm sure you'll come up with the ~~right~~  
 answer. I often wonder what will happen the  
 next time we see each other, got any ideas  
 except that you'll probably run, wouldn't do any  
 good though I bet I'd catch you. Got a  
~~letter~~ letter from Tom last week, his fat and fine.  
 All he does is drive a jeep, I'd sure hate that.  
 His stationed down south where it is nice  
 and safe, must be nice. Say I don't believe  
 I ever told you, if you want to follow us on  
 the news ~~we~~ we are part of America Six  
 which includes 11th Armored Cav, 101st airborne,  
 11th Army, 2nd Arng, and 196th HET INF BDE which  
~~which~~ excludes HHC, 431, 1st 14, 156th SIG, 2nd of the 6th  
 and F Troop. We are all one in the same really.  
 Well must ~~no~~ move on and get ready for tomorrow!  
 Be nice and everything! I miss you very much.

Love  
 Adam?

SAY AGENT 37-2536,

Where are those pants?

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VIA AIR MAIL

Miss Connie "E" SLEAMON  
7470 BYRON  
RM 517  
DETROIT MICHIGAN  
48202

Dear Ceve,

How's that for a start!  
Sounds good to Adam! al-  
though I vowed I'd never  
write you while I was  
drunk, I'm doing it anyway.  
I've got a case of the Ass.  
I'm sick and tired of rank  
and higher rank. Just  
because someone has got  
more rank he's always  
right, no matter if he is  
or not. Today I guess  
was one of those days but  
dam, some people call  
dead wrong. I'm sorry

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for spouting off, but I  
guess at least it's off my  
chest, thank you for listening,  
sometimes I guess I have a  
habit of talking to you  
even though you're not  
here. I wish you were  
here, you'd most likely  
not be if you had a choice  
and I don't blame you.

You see how I soften  
when I'm thinking of  
you, I'll tell you about  
what I was dreaming  
about last night.

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This is stupid I know but  
it's the way I feel. I was  
dreaming about what we  
would do when I got  
home, but, on second  
thought it's too far fetched  
to even happen so forget it.

Crazy letter isn't it but  
I can't or don't want  
to or something say even  
what I think. Connie I  
sometimes wonder if I'm  
afraid of you, we never  
had that trouble before

but somehow I'm afraid  
to say the things I want  
to, to you. Boy, that's a  
problem believe me, it's so  
easy to write things yet  
I'm afraid you wouldn't ~~get~~  
or wouldn't want, to hear  
what I've got to say. It  
really isn't important  
anyway I suppose, I'm  
sorry for imposing be-  
lieve me! Hope you get  
all your friends back,  
love you very much

Adam

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VIA AIR MAIL

Miss CONNIE SLEHMON  
7470 BYRON  
RM. 517  
DETROIT MICHIGAN  
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Dear Connie,

How are you today, fine I hope. In fact just smile at this very instant and I'm sure your whole day will be better. Keep smiling dammit. Not much different here, will be moving tomorrow or the next day, dread the thought very much. Have ordered 2 tape recorders, they both will be forwarded to you, so you'll have to send one back to me, but that the only way I could get them. They are not the most expensive but are adequate to serve the purpose. You can consider one a birthday present however I'm not sure when ~~that~~ you will receive them, so even though it's a little early Happy Birthday, wish

I even there to spend you and  
 collect a birthday kiss. I do  
 hope you will receive them  
 soon, but don't give up they are  
 on the way. I wanted to call  
 you on your birthday but I  
 don't think it possible, maybe  
 another time. Bob has gone  
 on R&R. ~~So~~ I suppose he's  
 having a good time. I think  
 he went to Bangkok, at most  
 R&R sites girls swarm G.I.'S  
 so he's ~~probably~~ probably doing  
 all right for himself. Waiting  
not patiently for a letter from  
 you. Be nice. Wish I were  
 with you.

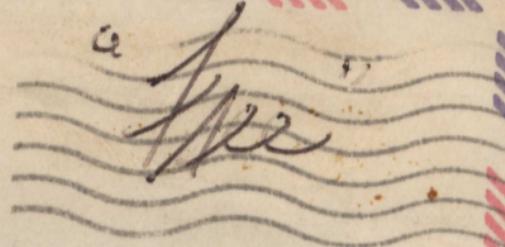
"I love  
 "Adam"

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VIA AIR MAIL

Miss CONNIE SLEAMON  
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RM 517  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48202

Nov 20

Dear Connie,

Please excuse the red pencil but its all I have handy. Received your letter today. You will also notice how fast we been replying. Im sure Im ahead of you as usual. Your letter was very encouraging except for the part about being left with only a memory. Im sorry to announce that the only way that would ever happen is if I don't make it out of here, and believe me there is nothing that can or will stop me. So you are stuck with me now. I will not, ever, let

you get out. How does it feel to be a prisoner. Wish I could be home for Xmas but if you save all that spirit and holiday cheer I'll have it when I get home. I put up my antenna yesterday only to have it knocked down by a tank 'damm'. Well get it up sooner or later, I guess. Well I guess I didn't say much but time is so short today maybe let have a friend tomorrow. Connie I'm not sure if I'll go crazy before I see you again or not. I'm half-way already. Be nice  
OVER Love 'Lidam'

Can get no birthday  
card here, but with  
all my love I wish  
you a very happy  
birthday. That's another  
thing I'll take care of  
later, to send you  
that is. And don't worry  
the tape recorder will  
get to you sooner or later  
just have with me.

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VIA AIR MAIL

Miss Connie Sleamon

7470 BYRON

RN 517

DETROIT Michigan

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Dear Connie,

Boy you're sure keeping me in letters, it's so nice to hear from you so often. I must admit you might have a slight edge on me but I'm sure it won't take me long to overtake you once more. I've been ever so busy here, almost ready to move into the new Mars station, it is very nice and really modern compared to tent city where we are now. It's really quite simple but if you were here we could make it a honeymoon palace. It doesn't seem like Christmas is so near but I guess it is. This will be the first Christmas I spent where there was no snow, I sure miss that. The weather here is very rainy, muddy, and I guess all I can say is a bitch. Three nights ago a centipede of a very poisonous variety crawled in bed with me. He was about 9" long and it sure didn't take me long get the hell out of bed. I woke up when I felt him going for a strawell across my neck, I don't understand

way & didn't get bitten, lucky I guess. I caught the dam thing, took some pictures, named him or her Connie, killed it and buried it. 2 guys died from drinking beer in the village that had acid in it, ~~&~~ we haven't had anything like that in a long while, but it looks as if fellows are going to have to watch it. We've been seeing a lot of old Charlie lately, I hope things slow down soon, & getting to dam ~~now~~ nervous lately. I don't suppose you remember, but Sims sister said she would make you something, she gave it to me today. I'm ~~not~~ not sure if you can wear it, might be to small, she told me it was also to please me, well I guess it would, not that I exactly recommend such garments to young ladies. So if you'll keep in mind it's a gift from someone else other than me till send it, however I want you to promise to wait until I come home to wear it. I'm glad to hear you are enjoying your break from ~~the~~ school, sounds like you next

ten weeks will be very interesting. Maybe you will then be able to help me after this place drives me nuts. You can tell your state trooper friend that your husband? doesn't like the police harassing his wife. next time Connie for god sakes get his badge number. Before I close for ~~ton~~ now I sure want you to know that I'm sure that one day we'll be together and I hope for a long time to follow. I often think back to the state Park a Higgins lake and wonder how in hell we ever got together. I'm sure that first night I didn't impress you at all. And the next day, even then it seemed such a short time with you wanting to get home. I wasn't sure then why I wanted to spend my last night home with you, a girl I hardly knew at all and who by the way gave me the wrong telephone number, but I don't ever wonder now because I love you. Someday Connie will start out ~~again~~ again but at least not from scratch. Be nice especially to the police and be careful.

Love

Adam

Slemon

anything else you want to change?

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One more thing Connie, on your last two letters you have  
had my address wrong. My KMO No. is ~~26256~~ not 27656

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VIA AIR MAIL

Miss Condie Sleamor  
3687 DIMONDALE st.  
SAGINAW, Michigan  
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WED.

Dear Connie

Received your letter today explaining about your modesty, your loved loves, and everything. There is one point however I would like to argue concerning the no. of letters written and who is ahead. Today was a very eventful day, I made the first phone call through our Mass station to my folks, it worked very well. It seems we've worked so hard for it but today made it worth all the pains we went through. My folks and sisters were all on the phones and quite surprised, it was nice to be able to talk to them. All my sister, Chari, did was giggle. My mother talked 90 wpm, and then Dad with his wisdom and passive additude all made for an interesting conversation filled with questions, warnings, and well wishes. Mother ask about you, even though she's trying to figure out ~~which~~ who you are. Up until today she thought she new you as she had mistaken you for someone else I had brought home to dinner a long time ago. At any rate she sends her regards along with the rest of the family, they're by the way waiting patiently to meet you. I also 2 days ago received in the mail a Tent made

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from a very sheer material along with  
some white blinders such as are used  
on horses. I however solved the riddle,  
realizing you had sent them. I think you  
must have gotten them mixed up with  
someone else, I hope, do you have gay  
shows there or something. One guy came  
in picked them up & wondered who's  
girl had a figure like that, I finely  
told him, I think at first ~~he~~ he felt  
just a little sorry for me, but when  
I showed him your picture he ex-  
claimed, "what a pretty girl with such  
a sense of humor, it's great." I honestly  
will ~~admit~~ admit you pulled a  
fast one on me, I didn't think you  
had it in you. I however will save  
them, for maybe in a few years - well  
that's a disgusting thought, but I  
guess I'd accept you anyway you  
came. Yes I'd better save them as if  
you ever did grow into them I'm sure  
it would almost break me to buy enough  
food and every savings helps. At any  
rate I'm so rich, thank you dear.  
I'm very sorry to hear about your  
let down where the male gender is  
percevelint but I'm afraid I must admit

I don't feel bad in the least. I won't say exactly what I would like to but well better yet will let it slide. By the way, you mentioned modesty, and the fact after only 3 times I had yours drawers just show well do these other guys have to know you? You had better be doing better then that! I'm sure of one <sup>thing</sup> however, if you flash panties like ~~those you sent~~ around you would have no problem ~~with~~ with guys bothering you, maybe that's not a bad idea, why don't you try it! I would like very much to be a guard at Fords, however I doubt if it'd be very good, I'm afraid I'd never get past room 517 without checking it out and I'm sure I would think of some reasons to stay, like being very cold and needing a blanket. Nice job for a guy but if there is guys around what in hell do you wear a T shirt for, Connice you should be ashamed! I'll save that bra also and maybe someday we can get rid of that T shirt, some of us mature faster then others. Just be patient and some morning you'll wake up a new girl then soon ~~they'll~~ they'll appear and

I'll give you bra back. Ok Well  
Donnie I guess that's about all I  
have for now except that I miss you  
very much and be sure and ~~lock~~<sup>lock</sup> your  
slam doors. That's an order P.T. Gleasons.  
Will write again soon

Love  
Adair (Lusso)

P.S.

By the way Donnie do really do miss  
you, should I say more?

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Miss CONNIE SLEAMON  
3687 Diamondale  
SAGINAW, Michigan  
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2. You have 3 minutes, short but ample time if you are organized.
3. You might make a list of what you want to say.

Dec 19

Dear Connie,

I told I'd write today, just goes to show how well I keep my word. Received a letter from my folks, my mother said she's sending you a Christmas card but I'm sure she'll send it to the wrong address, I'll inform her but I'm sure it will be too late.

On the 26th the day after Xmas I'll be in Saigon again for 9 days to attend another MARS meeting. The meeting only last one day but I'm taking longer, as before, because I consider it sort of an R&R. This time I will take more pictures and will forward a roll to you, if you want? I know we forgot something on that raft at Higgins and of all things, we should have let Tom, the captain of the

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ship, marry us in order that  
you would be able to fly to  
Hawaii at Uncle Sam's expense,  
at least that way I'd be able to  
see you sooner. It's getting harder  
and harder to ~~concentrate~~<sup>concentrate</sup> on my  
work knowing how it will be  
until I see you again. I do  
believe I'm getting frustrated.  
Someday, maybe there will  
come when there won't be a  
thing between us let alone  
the Pacific ocean. What my  
dear will you do then. Connie  
I'm still waiting and not to  
patiently for some pictures of  
you, I hope you will hurry  
up and fulfill my request.  
I must start to work &  
here Ft. Lewis calling - Be  
nice, Love you.

Adam

Say by the way my folks  
informed me it cost 85¢ for  
the called & placed to them. Hope to

see catch you home, Tell your boyfriends to give me a break,

FM PERKERT  
USS 4965 "5

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"FILE"

VIA AIR MAIL

TO  
Miss CONNIE SLEAMON  
3687 DIAMONDALE  
JAGINAW MICHIGAN  
48601

Fri

Dear Connie,

Just got back from TAN SON NHUT. I was there for 2 days, 2 more days I'll be in Saigon for a week, wish I were there now. Busy as ever at the Mass station, at present we are putting a teletype on the air so we can handle Massograms, they are something like telegrams.

It seems with Christmas upon us the moral has hit an all-time low, especially with the younger trooops - about your age Ha.

Oh I forgot you getting older, you'd better hurry or you won't be able to run for miss Teenage America. On second thought don't do it, I want you for my own Miss Young Lady. Do you really think the day will ever come when we can be together again? If it does

I bet even cupid will turn his back,  
 or you will one of the two. I've been  
 riding all over in choppers lately. I  
 love every minute of it too. I wish  
 my eyes were good enough so I could  
 fly also. I guess I do fly anyhow  
 because just sitting here thinking  
 of you puts me in the clouds, I  
 shouldn't really tell you that though.  
 I don't sing Good Night my Someone,  
 Good Night my Love, I sing Good -  
 Night my Connie Good Night my  
 Love, all day long too, because it's  
 the only song I know. As you can  
 see I didn't have to much to say  
 this time but I would like to add  
 most seriously that I love you very  
 much. Be nice, by the way I'm  
 going to try and call you in the  
 morning, I hope your home.  
 ♫ Good night my love. ♫ love

Dam  
 "has Cain been good lately"

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VIA AIR MAIL

Miss Connie Slemon  
3687 Diamondale  
Saginaw Michigan  
48601

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[1968]

Dear Connie,

How are you today Connie, fine  
I hope. As usual all is fine here  
except for one small detail, that  
being the simple fact I don't  
like the snowmen here. Yet the  
records yet, I can't imagine  
where in hell they would be.  
It looks as if I'll beat them home.  
Is there enough snow for skiing  
yet, I'm sure going to miss  
those weekends at Boyne Mountain.  
Do you ski? I imagine you  
do and very well too judging  
from the way you water ski.  
I've decided never to water ski  
around you again, I can't stand  
women who show me up! Maybe  
Someday I'll learn how! Went to  
teach me, did like that very much.

In fact Miss S. lesson I can think of a lot of things you can teach me, I'm not very smart at all, but I am a very ~~an~~ enthusiastic student. The only thing being, I must insist on choosing the subject. Want to take a chance? By the way Connie, I regret to inform you that I'm very very jealous of your dog, he looks so comfortable laying on the couch with you. You tell him I can bite very hard too. Here is something for you, see if you can figure it out the let me know. I'll put this little riddle on the back - say it fast then slow and see if you can figure it out. I bet you can't save it and maybe I'll put you straight on it. HA HA.

TREES  
TREES  
TREES  
SAYING  
ME  
HAD  
JOKER  
THIS  
HAS  
LONG  
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TREES  
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TREES

Have fun Connie, by the way  
I'm happy to say it took me  
less then 30 seconds to grasp  
the message it has. Well enough  
of nothing, be nice, I love  
you

Answer  
Adam

BY THE WAY Connie

YOU LOVE I

NOW CAN YOU FIGURE THAT OUT HAHHA

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VIA AIR MAIL

Miss CONNIE SLEAMON SN  
NORTHVILLE STATE HOSP  
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NORTHVILLE, MICHIGAN

Dear Connie,

[1968]

How are you today, pretty as ever I suppose. I tryin hard to write as often as possible, but you can't complain as it's been almost 3 wks since I've heard from you. As usual things are going well here, nothing to complain about really except the damn Army. I suppose you are meeting a lot of new and interesting people, it certainly would be an experience to be where you are. I just wondered Connie, people look at the address on the envelope and wonder just who I know in such a place, I quickly explain it's my girlfriend, I'm sure a few people are wondering about me. Oh yes before I ~~forget~~ forgot I need your new Zip code, you haven't included it as yet. I can't ~~understand~~ understand

where those <sup>2</sup> tape recorders are  
I will send a letter to the company  
asking about them. Well I'm going  
down hill as far as time is concerned.  
Still a long ways from home though.  
I realize this is a short letter but  
I must go back to work, so I  
promise to write again tomorrow.  
Be nice, love you

As ever

Adam

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TO

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[January 1968]

Dear Connie,

I love you, how about that for a starter I don't want to hear about how I don't want or don't know what I'm talking about either. I've wanted to say that for so long but I'm always thinking about how stupid or how mespoken I am. Somehow I feel very close to you, more then just friendship, a feeling that means something that that is part of me.

And yet Connie I feel like I'm a fade or something to you, like well big deal I'm

over

writing a guy, just a  
guy who is in Viet Nam.  
I don't want you to think  
I'm just lonely, I'm not  
as long as I hear from  
you, I may as you know  
extend over here, and I  
would expect you to  
respect my judgment  
as I would get out of  
the Army 90 days early,  
I do however think about  
how I could see you  
sooner and that is the  
only ~~thing~~ thing that  
would stop me, I'll  
stop here, you may  
think I'm any number  
of things, that is up  
to you, I love you  
and that is all. That  
is all for now, Your Fred.

[January 1968]

Dear Connie,

Sorry I haven't written sooner however we've been so darn busy here I wonder where the time goes. Hope you had a very nice Christmas and enjoy singing the new year in. By the way at your home it is about 3:30 PM Christmas Day at present as it is 4:30 AM the 26th here. I just tried for the third time to contact you via Mail but each attempt seems futile. I tried, as directed, to reach you during the wee hours of

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the morning but could achieve no answers from your end. As for today all the circuits in the States seemed jammed with well-wishers spreading Christmas cheer, then I lost State side contact. In turn I'm writing this letter just to remind you of how much I love you and to let you know I'm thinking of you on this special day. I guess that's old hat however I will never get tired of saying it even if these echoed words are

getting wearysome.<sup>esp.</sup> We've  
been it seems running  
all over the northern part  
of S. Vietnam lately. We've  
been aloft so much in  
the last few days I believe  
I'm growing wings, to go  
along with my halo of course.  
Tomorrow is no exception  
as in two hours I'll be  
boarding a C-130 trans-  
port as to start another  
venture southward to  
the big city. This trip  
will keep me in Saigon  
for seven days, five of  
which will be spent in  
utter relaxation. Five

Contacted some sort of  
kidney ailment from the  
panther water in the village.  
I should stay away from  
the local beer I guess.

Nothing to fret about how-  
ever as it's completely under  
control, I dare say the  
only thing painful I  
can complain about is  
my AS K ME no questions!

Thus far it's been four  
shots a day and will  
be no different for two  
more thrillers, meaning  
I'll have to advertise  
my fanny in Siagon  
also. The Army shant

fear of old Ping Pong sitting down on the job at any rate. Another little draw back to consider with the state of a humane pin cushion is the "no pain killer" addititude of the so called saw bone fire water makers medicine man heps - um mad. Maybe I'll find out way in Saigon as I'm not about to spend a dry new years, especially since it also will dodele by without you ~~please~~ except in spirit. I guess I just can't spell, I never could.

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Christmas here was just another day following suite with every other day before it. I will mention again however your Christmas Tree stood very tall among trees as thoughts of each were pondering as to how he would be spending his Christmas under normal circumstances. As I sit here writing I think of how much your little tree added ~~to~~ to the spirits I experienced this year.

Thank you very much Connie for such a thought-fu

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jestier that seems so  
common place for you.  
Again I will also remind  
you that your gift will  
be waylaid a bit longer  
but I'm sure you realize  
I'm not in a position  
to run down to the  
corner store or even P.K.  
for that matter. Will  
write from Saigon, love  
you, be nice - very nice  
on New Years

Happy New Year  
Adam

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