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all kidding aside, true it is a strain but I shall force myself, I am seriously considering a three month extension only here. If I did that I would only have two months left in the bright green pleasure machine when I returned from this rice paddy wonder land, and I might be able to get an early seperation.

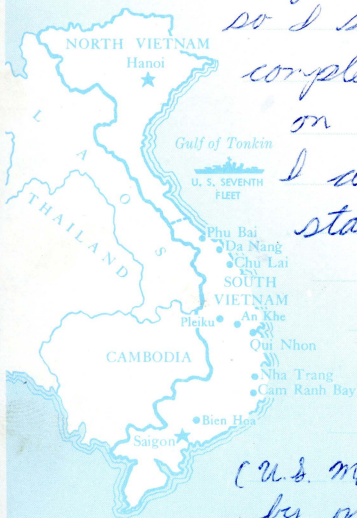


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Oh well, enough of this idle jabber. Now are things with you and yours. From what I can recall of California, last year at this time it rained alot, but after being over here I shall make no assumptions about weather anywhere ever again. I have discovered that the only sure fire way to tell what the weather is going to do is to wait until it does it. Well another Thanksgiving is almost upon us I see. I think I'm going to celebrate by cremating a can of C-rat turkey loaf, actually I dont plan things like that but a Chef Doyler ~~See~~ I aint.

I see my thoughts are beginning to wander so I shall cut out before this becomes completely ridiculous. I pride myself on being only a simi-idiot and I dont want to blow my amateur standing.

Like later
Larry



(U.S. Marine Corps, 193 years of tradition unhampered by progress.)

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