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Carole Nelson Vietnam War Correspondence #13

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Actually what happened was I was moved from Dong Ha to Hueang Tri and between running patrols, building trenches, and setting up tents, things were fairly busy. Then after I broke my glasses when I took part in a rather wild chase scenario through the mountains of Vietnam which left me a good deal behind.
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I had to go to Pha Nang for a new set and when I got back I found
I was out of the bush and back in
radio relay since there was only five
experienced operators left in the company.
To make it short I was sent up here
to Hill 960 which is a beautiful 3,000
foot "hill" overlooking what's left of the bank
and nothing around for miles except
more "hill", the sun, the moon, the stars,
and half the North Vietnamese Army.
I mean in obvious surroundings like this
you really begin to appreciate the wonder
of nature, provided of course you keep
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Anyhow they just sent another
operator up here and things have
slacked off a bit before there were
two of us standing a 314 in. watch
which was definitely humble but now
with three I'm catching up with my
sleep and letters and anything else
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I see that school time has rolled
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flies when your having fun. (Ha Ha ?) That's about it, mail is extreme slow both getting in and going out of this misbegotten piece of rock so my letters will probably be fairly erratic in their arrival, not they aren't already but now I have an excuse. However I will try to do a little better than my previous record.

Also just in case you're interested I the great L.T. White Tarry crusade you are definitely ahead, in fact in the last three months outside of a package of stale donuts from Paul, you are the only participant. You know it stems from my own atrocious writing habits and the natural insight they give me I might become slightly disturbed. However being slightly optimistic, something that the Marine Corps has weakened but which rallies every now and then, I have convinced myself that just saving up for one huge terrific letter.

Well that about it this time around. Keep your eye on the CBS news who knows I may make the big time.

Love Tata
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[[text: VIA AIR MAIL
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