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Dear Richie,

I am now out of the infantry and in the pacification program. In June C. Co found more rockets than any company in Vietnam. Our C.O., Capt Austin, appeared on C.B.S. and N.B.C. in interviews out in the field and back at the Water Plant. We found over 150 rockets.

I received a real high rating from the Colonel, probably because I was an armor officer serving in the infantry. The rating only means something for career officers, when it comes time for promotion. That's not me.

I am a C.O. for an advisory team. We have 6 P.F. platoons under us. We advise and train them. We

also help the village chiefs in each local village with civil projects and the defense of the area. Our main job is to train these people to take the American's place when we leave.

Many of these people are from North Vietnam, including my interpreter. They give a morbid description of life in North Vietnam. They figure, as I do, that if the V.C. got any part of this government, life would be either the same or worse than it is in North Vietnam. The mass murders that took place up there, would also take place here. There are many, many people here who have made arrangements to move their families to another country, should the U.S. sell them out.

There is an article in the July 15 issue

of Newsweek which describes in detail my job. Also the July 8 issue of U.S.

News World report describes the Popular Forces also. These people are good soldiers. They are just now getting the equipment they need to participate in the war.

I just completed teaching them how to fire and clean their new M-16's.

Well, write soon. Say hello to your family for me. How is Roz doing.

Bobby