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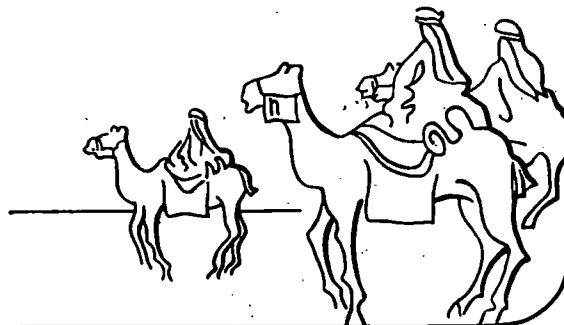
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Dear Glenn,  
I hope the new  
year brings you all  
the happiness in the  
world. May God bless  
you and keep you.

Love  
Mike  
Bradley

May the  
Peace and Happiness  
of Christmas be yours  
today and throughout  
the New Year  
from the 1st Air Cavalry  
Division IN VIETNAM

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Glenn,

I got your letter today and was really glad to hear from you. I did not know if you would write back or not. I thought possibly you would not know who I was after this long of a time and I am sorry that I did not write any sooner, but I forgot your address. What do you mean the "horse mouth"? Do you mean I am related to a horse? Maybe in some ways I am!!!

Don't you dare wear out my "Earth" album, that is all I think about. Do you know the last time I listened to that record for any length of time? Well, I was with this good looking girl and we were talking about something or other. Anyway, this girl works at the hospital now and she drives a '63 Chevy II, white with blue interior. And if you will remember I told you about the "Sea" when I was home, but I still like the "Earth"! There is just something about the "Earth" that makes people want to touch each other, hold each other and just be thankful for their company.

Hey, do me a favor, I asked Danny to send me some info on the new "IN" cars but I guess he is too busy. So will you please pick up some info and send it to me? You see I can order a car over here and save \$1,200 besides have it waiting when I get home. Well, I must close for now and if you get a chance why don't you drop a line.

P.S. "Happy New Year"! Nic, Ni's  
Hic, Hi's.

Love,  
Mike



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JAN 16, 1969

Dearest Glenn,

How can you be so mean that you are listening to the "Earth" without me. I long to listen to that record ever since I have been in this god forsaken place. It brings back alot of good memories of people, places and things that I am fond of, if I dream enough it brings memories of a warm summer night in June, a wonderful girl and a moment that I will never forget! It is funny how fast time passes us by bringing moments of happiness in to only thoughts of past adventures before our aging bodies and minds, but we do know that these things will last for all time to come.

I am interested mainly in the cars that are considered fast, fast looking but still have a hint of beauty that everyone can see. I have just about decided between 3 cars: a Camaro Z-28 302 cu in, a Corvette and a Chevy SS 396, mostly the latter. Well there is not to much more I can say, but God Bless you and wife soon.

P.S. 169 days!!!!

all my Love,  
Mike



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Dearest Glenn,

Your last letter surely did not offend me in anyway, I have been just as dad-gone busy trying to dodge mortars and rockets that I guess I put everything else out of my mind. We are now getting ready for the second stage of the "TET" offensive against all of the allied bases, it seems like ole' Charlie just will not leave us alone. Well it will be approximately 112 days from now that I will be home, if I decide not to extend to get out of the service 5 months early.

I have found a car that really turns me on it is called "THE JUDGE" and it is a hi-powered Pontiac G.T.O. I have already sent Buks Pontiac a list of options to see how much it will cost. Mr. Buks said he would let me have the car at only \$200 above his cost as a dealer plus have it at home waiting for me when I get home from Viet Nam.



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How about sending me a picture of you in your birthday suit so I can have something to remind me what I am missing in this place. If you don't mind that is?

I guess you know by now that I am back in the field again, seems like I just can not sit still for a minute. But with a little luck and alot of "co-op" from a certain person I am sure that this can be taken care of. Say in 112 days? Well as you can see Viet-con really has not changed me that much, I still have a one track mind. I guess I had better DI DI for now for I am not one for writing very much so be good and take care see you in 112 days.

P.S. Don't forget the picture, ????

all My Love  
Mike

April 1, 1969



Glenn,

"April Fools"! I received your letter today and it was really a treat. I only wish that I could hear a whole lot more from you in your philosophical moods. You were completely wrong when you said that I would probably laugh, in fact there was a great big warm feeling inside of me that continued growing all day and is still with me on C.Q. Maybe if you still feel the same when I get home (when I finally get out of this place) we will be able to turn on old "Road" and cast our emotions back to memories of the past, like last summer when I could hold you and not want to let you go.

I am out of the field again, this time for good. They say that I am

# I can't Afford To work



## I don't Have The time

Getting to "SHORT" to be fooling with Charlie and to let the younger men have the job. That really is a great relief but these rockets are murder. You just don't know when they will hit or where it just like Russian Roulette. So keep those prayers coming, they must be doing some good because some one has sure been looking over me.

Hey, just what do you want to do at night besides work? I think you are better off on nights until about July, it will keep you out of trouble and stop me from worrying what is going on while I am not there to watch over you.

Boy, do I wish that I could wake up tomorrow and be home. I just can not wait in fact I was ready to leave the day I got in this darn place.



Have you seen my partner in crime lately? Is he still working at the hospital or has he got another job? If you see him please tell him to write as I have some questions to ask him and I want to know the answers before I get home!

Well I just got through firing all the men for K.P. tomorrow boy, and I glad that I don't pull that stuff; That is some of the great army privileges of rank. Hey I will go up for <sup>1st</sup> <sup>lieut</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>sergeant</sup> next month can you really see me as a leader of men. Ha Ha I might lead them to the nearest bar for a drink but that is it.

I guess you did not think to much of my idea of a picture in your birthday suit? Because I sure did not get one in the letter. Well must O: O: for now. Love always, Mike





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28 April 69

Dear Glenn,

I got your application back today and it was not sealed with a kiss or lip print like it was supposed to be according to the instructions. There is no reason to believe that the statements made were false since this seal was not attached but in all due consideration I will wait and see. Of course you realize that I will have a one track mind since I have not seen a American girl in almost a year so please only hit lightly as you realize must understand my point of view.

Do you realize that in exactly 68 days that I will be on American soil again for the first time in one year. Look out! Tell me what do you want to drink to celebrate since I now am the ripe old age of 21 anything and everything is possible? Also what motel or hotel do you want to have the little private party in? Of course you must bring old Red M. along for creating the atmosphere and between him, us being alone, privately, and with a little cooperation on your part I am sure we will have a great party that will long be remembered.

Watch for a silver Camaro with black stripes going 90 miles per hour down the by-pass with a sword looking stuck during and you will know who it has to be. Yes the car should be delivered July 3, 1969 to Webb's for my greatly little hands



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to quietly take the key and feel rubber for about  
4 blocks, good gosh I can hardly wait. I come on July  
5! What do you mean you might let me drive  
your Chevy II? That maybe what we have to  
go out in as the Camaro will only get about  
6-8 miles per gallon in town and on a lonely  
country road maybe 10. This engine I am getting  
is claimed to put out almost 500 H.P. on a dyna-  
motest and rated at 290 or between. The engine  
coupled with my best foot lockout gas valve.

Well I must D.D. for now. See you  
soon and please answer all the questions asked.

all my love

M. L.

P.S.

60 days!

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May 13, 1969

Dearest Glenn,

You are really in trouble now - you did not even seal the last letter so I could transplant it so I believe that you do not want the application validated. If all the statements were true even if they were hard to answer please seal the next letter so I can transplant it on the application so it will be a official document! I am glad you see my point about the setting and Maker's Mark it will be but I think you misunderstood about the motel and hotels. The only reason for them is for privacy and relaxation now wouldn't it be much nicer to be able to just relax, forget about all your troubles and have a nice drink or two with someone has not been able to any of the above in a year? Of course listening to "Red" adds to the relaxation and helps you forget many troubles and unhappy memories that bother people so often. We must just relax, enjoy each others company and let our minds be free of the tired, depressed world we live in and think of that this as vintage wine that has so long awaited to be tasted.

The statement about the time passing slow is right, now I have 48 days left here and 52 left in Viet Nam. I can't hardly wait to leave I am just like a small child at Xmas waiting to get up Xmas day to see if Santa came or not, the wait is unbearable. It seems if I have waited ten years instead of ten months to see people smiling without having to force



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themselves to forget the terrible suffering they have been through, to see faces that don't have the deep scars of war or fear stamped on them.

I wish I could be there, with you, to see "Rod McKuen: The Loner." I am sure we could both get a lot more out of it, like the last time we listened to his records, alone. But remember it will not be too awfully long before we can bring back those happy hours to relive them again and forget about the waiting that has been so unbearable.

By the way you may have to take care of me when we drink as it has been along time since I have had anything but maybe the daily ration of two hot runs of beer to drink! So I will not be used to the harder drinking substances as I once was before the great change of body, mind and spirit, I may even become affectionate or something.

I must close for now please write soon as I miss you very very much!

P.S. See you in July!  
The wait is unbearable!  
Write soon!!!!

all My Love, always  
Mike

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30 MAY 1969

Glenn-

I dont think I like the idea of us being in private at the place you suggested, I want to be completly alone with you because it as been a year since I have seen your wonderful smile and held you close to tell you things I did not know how to say befor. This year has changed me alot, I am not a little boy any more I think now I can express my self like I have always wanted to. This wait has been like the first time that you ever had a date because you want to do so much but you can do so little.

Well, as of today I have about 37 days left befor I can come back to the land of the living. I was given the Air Medal the other day and put in for the Bronze Star so I might give Sgt. York from WWI a battle for the most medals received during a war. Just kidding they can have all of their medals back if they can only erase what I have seen and done from my mind!

If you see Danny again tell him that if he has written that he must have written the address with his foot because I have not gotten but one letter from him all year and it may take awhile for me to get mail but I do get it sooner or later. I can not understand why he acts like that even after knowing him as long as I have he is still like a ghost that just comes and goes.

There is just not very much to say but here I am in Viet Nam and there is a war going on over here, sure hope I get to see you again. So I will close for now write soon I can not stand the wait.

P.S. Enclosed you will find a friend of ours.

Love Always,  
Mike

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Army Pfc. Robert M. Bradley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bradley Jr., of Bowling Green, has been promoted to Spec. 4 and awarded the Purple Heart Medal. Bradley was wounded early this month by a Viet Cong mortar shell while serving in Vietnam. He is undergoing treatment for his wounds at an overseas hospital. He is a member of the First Air Cavalry Division.

Army Pfc. Robert M. Bradley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Bradely, Jr., 1931 Cabell, recently received the Purple Heart in Vietnam for wounds received in action. A rifleman in Troop C, 1st Squadron of the 1st Cavalry Division's 9th Cavalry, he entered the Army in January. The 20-year-old soldier graduated from Bowling Green High School in 1966, and attended Western Kentucky University.

### Local Soldier Wounded In Vietnam

A young Bowling Green Air Cavalryman, Robert M. Bradley, was wounded in Vietnam combat Friday afternoon.

Reports from the military say the 20-year-old soldier was wounded in the legs from fragments of a land mine.

He had been in Vietnam less than a month. Pfc. Bradley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bradley Jr., 1931 Cabell Drive. He was serving with the Ninth Regiment of the First Air Cavalry Division. He is recuperating in a Vietnam hospital.

Army Spec. 4 Robert M. Bradley, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Bradley Jr., 1931 Cabell Drive, has been awarded the Air Medal "with cluster" for meritorious achievement in more than 25 aerial missions over hostile territory in Vietnam. He is a member of Headquarters Co., 1st Air Cavalry Division, stationed at Phuoc Vinh, Vietnam. Bradley previously received two Purple Hearts 'wounds received in action'.