

Saigon, Vietnam
12 March 1967
Sunday Afternoon

My Dear Family:

Happy Birthday Phil! I don't know if you are going to have the Birthday dinner at noon or in the evening - but I wish you happy birthday now and hope this is a good day for all of you.

The AFPS station is on the radio and they are playing light music. This is a good lazy day and I am enjoying setting my own pace and schedule.

I was up fairly early - Harry Baerberg and I walked over to early church service and then stopped by the big while I got my camera and colored glasses. He got his swim suit and towel and we walked down to the Rex Bar. A light breakfast for both of us while we read the Sunday edition of Stars and Stripes - the official ~~and~~ armed forces newspaper.

Then Harry went to swim and seen himself and I went wandering and picture taking. It was interesting to walk through part of the business district - taking pictures of things as I went along and found them of interest - cock fighting, peddlers, Saigon river scenes - I shot two rolls and finished a third. They will be mailed to Chicago for processing and I will enclose with this letter the "Stars" from the mailer. I am trying to take more care with lighting since seeing the slides while at home in February. I hope the extra care is making a difference.

I came back to Chien Si and took quite a few slides of people on the way - individuals, couples, families going by on various forms of wheeled vehicles.

Is the remodeling finished now? Have they also done the windows in the boys room and the sun porch? It will be great to have it finished and you must be anxious to have it completed if it isn't at this point.

This evening I plan to go down to the Pub about 1730 and have a steak that I'll cook over charcoal. For \$2.50 you can pick out a tenderloin, Sirloin, T. Bone or filet - cook it as you want - and then have mashed potatoes, vegetables, salad (choice of several) and iced tea or coffee. I went without lunch this noon and am looking forward to the meal tonight.

So many times in all of this when thinking of you I think of the lake and this summer. It is going to be wonderful to be out there and enjoy the chance to be together and share the A Frame with friends. We are fortunate to have it and it is good to look forward to enjoying it.

My love to you.

Dad.