Dear Ted,

Not much news or startling yesterday. Spent most of the day with Ted helping him get his gear ready and get underway. Not a few more people, but really didn't accomplish much.

The morning Jack Fletcher and I went out to the airport to see Ted off. Standard stuff, grubby airport. They did have a plane crash and catch fire on landing. Apparently got a few holes in the Corg and had to fix it. Put it out with very little damage, done with Air Force F-4.

Well Ted is gone now and me on my own. I look forward to it to be quite a bit frustrating. He had a special service can't account for himself and
as a good enough salesman to convince a few people that he was performing a necessary function. It's not to be sure he was and the whole thing was being called into question just as I arrived! As I said earlier, my arriva was not unconnected with this, as they just couldn't put Ted anywhere because he was so senior and the army is bound to control everything. With me, of course it's different, and as I said, he's been shuffled here already taken place. We shall see. Although Ted had an extremely interesting job, he wasn't contributing too much in my opinion. This is shared by others—not obviously, including Ted. I do hope to can work into something where I can do can work into something where I can do some good. I feel that I have the brain and background to make a meaningful contribution, but it's not so easy.
simply be smothered in the huge
mass by bodies the army has created
here. The problem is to try and evolve
the job into a producing organization
without getting it done away with and
me cast into outer darkness. Initially, this
means I shall have to defend Ted's
concept which I am by now to mean
hold on.

When did the exchange indicate the
show might come? I may have to
order some from the Naval Uniform Shop
as mine are going fast. They have
Freemans which I don't like nearly as
well as French Shrines, but I deny
going to be standing on my own two feet
before long. I could get them sold but
the tops are about short and it hardly
seems worth it.

The rage here is "living letters"
tape recordings which can be mailed.
friend across the hall just bought a tape recorder and said I could use it. So one of these days I'll send you a tape which you can play on Anne's machine at 3 4 19s. If you like it a lot better than lecture, I'll get a recorder. However, I doubt that it will be worth the $20 or 20. You can erase the tape and record on it and mail it back. Just tape the box up and address the label. Jack Cornwell says they did this for a while but as soon tried if I the novelty has worn off.

Your # 11 came today. Sorry you had such a harde getting medicine for Anne. I don't know where I shall live. At present I have a room all to myself. It would be quite content to stay here. However, it would be much more convenient to live at Tan Son Nhat even if the quarters are not as nice.
Needless to say I well have no choice in the matter, the army being as it is. I hope I can stay here until after they rocket that place. It's such a lovely target and only a few locals about. They will surely blast it before too long with their rockets. The main protection is the sheer immensity of the place. It all depends on what they want to hit. I would think they would go for Westmount or the plane. It would take hundreds of rockets to shoot up the whole headquarters.

IOD stands for Intelligence Operations Division. My SRSS (Surveillance Section) is under a branch of IOD known as FAB (Field Activity Branch).

Didn't really do too much today. Came home about noon and have to go over to MACV 2 (see map).
It's time to get my blanket warm orders. Then off to Nha Trang for several days. We are flying up in a special Forces plane leaving about 8 tomorrow. Probably stay 2-3 days - also want to try and get up to Danang before coming home. If possible and locate Bruce Higgin. Be good bear.

Love,

J. Bean

P.S. you don't have to put 516/65 on my address. I put it on once Ft.

Well Ted is not so we have to.

on my own. I look a bit frustrated. He's always convenient for.