

Sunday
19 March 1967

Dear Mom and Dad:

It is very gratifying to know that Uncle Berlyn and Aunt Mable now belong to your church. I feel certain that Aunt Mable now has peace of mind because she publicly accepted Christ as her saviour. I have often wondered why people wait so late in life to fully realize how much God means to them.

Even though today was Sunday, I had a very busy day. I flew three times today as my Brigade is out in the field again. They came in late Thursday afternoon and stayed until Saturday morning. Saturday afternoon they moved out again and we are now engaged in a bloody battle with the Viet Cong in "War Zone C". Today was a bad day as we lost quite a few men. I met two of the officers Friday night that were killed today. Some people might think this is a small war, but to the families of these two fine young officers it is a big war. I am more depressed than I have been as I feel the closeness of death now. I was flying overhead when the battle started and I saw the company being hit. I put in an air strike, but I was too late to save them. If only I could have done more.

Actually this past week has been as busy as can be. I fly at least twice a day and keep up with my additional duties. Maybe I am beginning to feel more the strain of flying combat missions. I am flying three times tomorrow and my commander said I would take a day off after that. I haven't had a day off since coming here to Dau Tieng. Who knows, mabe a day off would be good for me.

The weather is so miserably hot. The temperature hasn't dropped below 86 in over a week. I am soaked from morning till night. I am grateful I get to clean up every night. Of course, our poor men in the field don't get to clean up for days at a time.

I went to chapel Services this morning and I prayed as I haven't prayed in a long time. No, I didn't pray so much for myself as I did for our men in the field. Even the Chaplain's face showed the strain. We have two Chaplains and one of them is always out in the field. The Chaplain had just come in and he looked Exhausted. I talked with him for several minutes tonight and I counseled him more than he did me. He knew most of the men who were killed today. Have your church continue to pray for these men over here. They are good men and they are fighting for your freedoms and mine. Because of these men and all who went before them, you and all Americans can go to church and worship as you please.

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If my mood seems to have changed, it is because of what I am now seeing and doing. I don't believe I will ever become hard or calloused when I see men die as I love life so much and I want to come home to my family.

I haven't had time to get any easter cards as there are none here. In case I can't get one, I want to wish you a Happy Easter. Think of me on this special day.

Bye for now. I have the early flight and so to bed for me.

Your loving Son,

Tony Lee

The above letter was mailed March 21 and received March 25 by Mr. & Mrs. Tony L. England, Sr., 504 Elm St., Pittsburg, Texas 75686 from their son Captain Tony Lee England, Jr., HHC 3rd BDE 4th Inf. Div. - Captain England was killed March 21 in combat.

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Tonie Lee England, Jr

Captain

19TH TAC AIR SPT SQDN, 504TH TAC AIR SPT GROUP, 7TH AF
United States Air Force

Palestine, Texas

July 14, 1934 to March 21, 1967

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Date of birth: 07/14/1934
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MILITARY DATA:

Service: United States Air Force
Grade at loss: O3
Rank: Captain
ID No: 3057216
MOS: 1115: Pilot
Length Service: 12
Unit: 19TH TAC AIR SPT SQDN, 504TH TAC AIR
SPT GROUP, 7TH AF

CASUALTY DATA:

Start Tour: 01/30/1967
Incident Date: 03/21/1967
Casualty Date: 03/21/1967
Age at Loss: 32
Location: Tay Ninh Province, South Vietnam
Remains: Body recovered
Casualty Type: Hostile, died outright
Casualty Reason: Fixed Wing - Crew
Casualty Detail: Air loss or crash over land
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