

UNITED STATES ARMY

SPECIAL SERVICES

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DEAR MR. SMITH:

YOUR LETTER 5 MARCH 51 ARRIVED TODAY. THE DELAY OCCURRED BY MY CHANGING OUTFITS. ON DECEMBER 18, 1950 GENERAL ALMOND PROMOTED ME TO MAJOR JUST BEFORE WE EVACUATED HUNGNAM. AT PRESENT I COMMAND THE IX CORPS AIR SECTION.

MY SUCCESS WITH NAVION HAS GIVEN ME GREAT FAITH IN THE PLANE AND I REGRET THAT NONE OF THE 260 H.P. NAVIONS ARE ON ORDER. MY HOURS IN 2 L-17'S (BOTH OF WHICH ARE STILL IN OPERATION) TOTAL OVER 1300 HOURS.

I HAVE PICTURES OF THE L-17 OPERATING FROM THE BADOENG STRAIT, INCHON, ASCOM CITY, RIMPO, SEOUL, WANSAN (FROM "ALMOND BOULEVARD" ONLY 50 PACES FROM FRONT STEPS OF COMMAND POST), YONGHUNG, HAMHUNG, KOTORI, CHOSEN RESERVOIR, PUCKCHONG, PUNSAN, YALU RIVER, HUNGHAM BEACHHEAD AND, OF COURSE, SOUTH KOREA.

IF YOU CARE TO FORWARD ME A COPY OF THE RYAN REPORTER AND A FEW QUESTIONS TO USE AS A GUIDE, I WILL TRY TO WRITE OF MY USE OF THE NAVION. MOST OF MY PICTURES ARE IN YOKOHAMA. HOWEVER, I'LL TRY TO GET AND LET YOU USE SOME OF THEM. LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU LIKE. I AM

SINCERELY YOURS,

(SIGNED)
WILLIAM B. CAPPS