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Pass the Pipe and Sugar Cane...

Light on the Shrapnel, Please

11/10/04

Life is good,
Such as it is;
The dead body
Forgotten in the rear;
Photo on film
For I D on remains
All we need.

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Middlin' warm,
Some wind. clear and
Zero chance of rain,
A hundred percent
Chance of Charlie
With light to moderate
Intermittent small arms...

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Great day for
A picnic by the paddies
And between return shots
The Yards go for it...
Puff on a pipe
Chaw some cane and
Maybe kill some Cong.

~

Gunships, tubes
Put on quite a show;
Rockets from the west,
One O Fives from south,
Erratic round lands
'Midst seven of us
And no one hit.

~

The captain
Claims the shrapnel chunk,
Just missed my head.
What's left of Charlie
Slips slowly away
While the potshot picnic
Has a final fling.

~

Our chopper
Returns; as the heat's
Now off. The nasties gone.
So it's back to base
Hot chow with cold drink
Twilight Volleyball after.
Life is good.

~Gerald A. Ney~