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Dear Mom & Dad,

I got your letter today. The newspapers aren't exactly right but they are pretty close. The only mistakes I saw was those fire bases that got hit aren't 18 miles from Kontum, they are 18 clicks, a click is 1,000 meters. Also they didn't mention the fact that the gooks used gas. Maybe they want to keep that quiet, I don't know. Brille pad was being covered by our 105's when they were getting hit. We can see Brille from here. Where I am right now I am 20 clicks from Kontum.

I had a pretty boring day today. My whole squad was on detail and all I did until about 3:30 was read. They don't send us very interesting books but when there is nothing else to read you even read crummy books. The book I read was all about cowboys & Indians.

After 330 we put some barbed wire out.

It is raining again. It rains about 6 hrs a day and at least 6 hrs at night, at night its usually more.

That package you sent still hasn't got here. Another thing that is hard to get around here is razor blades. We do have a little. Also at night the only light we have is candles, and they are hard to get.

You said the monsoons end in Sept. Boy I sure hope so. This rain is unbelievable when you live in a hole. My hole is pretty nice though. It is about 10' long and 6' wide. We built bunk beds out of old ammo cases so there is four guys sleeping ~~in~~ with me. The

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only real complaint I have is that my air mattress is flat. Just about everybody's is flat. We put them in on resupply so they just send us out a bunch more flat air matts. I think I am pretty smart though. I looked into the future and saw our hole filled with water so I took a top bunk. At least I know I will be the last one to get ~~the~~^{the} wet. After it started raining I found I wasn't so smart. I was the first to get wet - the roof leaks. Oh well, that just adds to the fun. I really feel like I am roughing it now. All we get in the line of cloths is clean socks and clean fatigues about once a week. Notice I didn't say anything about towels or underwear. That's all right as long as you don't put out barb wire and rip the seat out of your pants. Anyway I know I will get new

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pants in a week. That's not too long.
Time goes pretty fast around here. I'm
just going to ~~have~~ home to watch what
I sit on.

Well, it is getting dark and I am
running out of humor so I guess I
will end here.

Love
Bob