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June

Dear Mom & Dad,

Please excuse the writing paper but it is all I have.

I am not on mile High anymore. Our company flew farther west 3 days ago. We are all alone in the boons now. Right now I am 12 clicks from Cambodia. Four days ago they dropped a lot of bombs from B52s all around the Kontum mountains. They must have got a lot of gooks because they are all supposed to be retreating back to Cambodia. That wasn't good enough for our battalion commander so now we are out here chasing them. We are supposed to fly 6 clicks farther west today. We are waiting for the choppers now. They keep flying us just ahead of the gooks so when they pass us we call in artillery on them. Everything I own I carry on my back. We set up a small night logger and we are quiet as mice because we don't want to give our position away. I took out a small patrol 2 days ago. I went about a click from the rest of the company. I stayed out all night and I heard a lot of gooks. We heard them talking and breaking through the brush. I am glad it was a night patrol because the darkness helped us stay hidden. When I heard them talking I called the CO and told him and I had artillery
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coming in all around me. In a way it was kind of fun but I hope the dinks keep moving fast because as soon as we are sure they are all gone we will get pulled back out of the field. We haven't had any resupply for 3 days now and most of us are out of C rations. We are suppose to get mail and food today if the fog clears up. If it doesn't we will just sit here another day. I am still real safe because the dinks don't know exactly where we are and we do have a lot of support. Yesterday one of our small patrols made contact and they had gun ships in within 30 minutes. They had all kinds of artillery also. When we do get extracted I will give this letter to the door gunner on the chopper and he will mail it. I just heard my C.O. on the radio and he said we might not get out of here for 2 more days. We will be plenty hungry by then. They can't drop resupply in here because it will give away our position. That also means I can't mail this for 2 more days. Oh well, by the time you get this I will have plenty of food.

Since this is all the paper I have and ~~it~~ it is kind of hard to write out here I won't be writing ~~Na~~ ^{Na} ~~any~~ until I get another chance.

Love Bob