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Dear Mom + Dad,

I am still located close to Ben Me Thout on the same fire base. We are suppose to move tomorrow. The 173<sup>rd</sup> airborne division got into some trouble about 45 clicks south of here so we have to go down + help them out.

Today we stopped 5 elephants and searched them. That is fun. Yesterday we were searching an elephant and one of my men accidentally dropped a full case of Vietnamese rum on the trail. We gave them a case of C-rations and we kept a couple of the bottles that didn't break. It tasted about like 86 proof floor wax but it was pretty effective.

I am no longer platoon sergeant. In the past week we got an old F-7

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and E-6 in the platoon so little E-5 me lost his job. After being platoon sergeant for over 3 months it is kind of depressing to have to go back down to squad leader.

All is not lost though. I have heard some rumors that my orders for E-6 are in the rear. If that is true I am getting paid for it now. I don't know if I can believe it until I see it myself. I will write and let you know as soon as I find out for sure.

Love  
Bob

P.S. I don't think the old E-7 will be with us long. They never stay

in the field very long.