

May 8, 1967

Dear Mom + Dad:

Did you get my last letter I sent. I guess it takes about four days for mail to get back to the States. Today is Monday so it should be Sunday night at home. I sure wish we were coming home now. I've never been so homesick since I left. We haven't got our ships yet and were still working trying to build up a company here as far as buildings and things go. Next Sunday I will be leaving here for a week and sent to another unit to get some training and then come back

here to our unit. We have been sending some of our guys to different units and bringing in experienced men. We are supposed to send some more in a few weeks and there is a chance that I might go to another unit. I hope so. I would like to because it would already be built up. We've been pulling guard almost every night and I really hate that. Last night we could hear fighting about 1500 meters out in the jungle. It sure is a horrible sound. I haven't been able to sleep since I've

been here. I guess we got here just in time for the monsoon season. When it rains here it really comes down. We had about 3 inches of water in our tent the other day and we have dirt floors in them. Sure is a dirty life over here.

Haven't been able to wash except in my helmet. Our clothes are dirty and damp and smell like Owens barn.

By the way, I wrote to Mike twice ~~to~~ from Virginia and he never wrote back so would you call him and tell him I am asking him to

write OK? Have you heard
from greg lately? I haven't
written since I left. I don't
~~now~~ know how much longer
he will be in Calif. and I
don't want to write and
miss him. When he comes
home tell him I said hello.

Give everyone my address
and tell them to write.

I give it to Judy to.

I wrote to Vick and Ann
lastnight and told them to
give Aunt Francis my address
too.

Has ginger been up
lately? I wrote to her the
other day so she should

be writing before too long.

Sue will be glad when mail starts coming in.

How is Alan doing on his driving? When is he going to get a car?

I just heard that a 1000 lbs of our mail hasn't even went out yet so I guess mail service will be rather lousy around here until we get straightened out.

Sue hope you get my letters before too long so you can start writing. If you think of it will you send some gun oil.

weapons and things sure
do rust fast around here.
Send me five dollars so
I can get my clothes cleaned.
I didn't bring enough
with me. And did you
get the money order I sent?
Every month I will be
sending home about 100 dollars
for you to put in the bank
for me. I'll be making
about 200 a month now.
Well I guess I better go now
so take care and write
soon. Loads of Love and
always thinking about you
and don't worry to much.
Love you all. Ron.