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Dear mom + dad;

How is everything at home? fine I hope. Things are going as usual here. I've been working on my ship now for a week getting it ready to fly. We are going to be operational starting this week. We got paid the other day and I drew \$246.00. Next month will be only about \$175 to 200.00 because we got two months Combat pay this time. I am sending some home, about 150.00 by sending a money order. About film for my camera. You will have to send all my film from home. They have every kind of film you can think of but can't get film for any instamatics. They even sell the cameras. So send some film as soon as you can. get a couple rolls of color prints and the rest slides.

Did you get the last two rolls
I sent yet? Be sure to let me
know when you get them and
how they turn out. Has Greg
been home yet. Should be there
any time now sure wish I could
see him. Well this isn't very
long then isn't really much to
say so I better go back to work.

I'll write a longer letter
next time. I am sending another
roll of film today also. Don't know
how long it takes to get home.

Write soon

Love Ron

Back again I made out
these money orders and wrote
your name on the back of one.
Then crossed it out. I tried to
get another made but they
said you shouldn't have any
trouble cashing it anyway.

If you can't cash it send
it back and I'll try to get
another one made. I will have
the stubs here with me.
I hope you can cash it without
any trouble. I got your letter
yesterday June 2. You asked about
the helicopters we have. They
are OH 10's. They are a little
different from the B model.

They have more room in them.
There is 4 men to a helicopter
the two pilots, crew chief and
gunner. The crew chief also guns
while flying. There is a machinegun
on both sides of the helicopter. I
sit on the left side and my
door gunner sits on the right
side. We flew supplies and some
officers into Saigon twice yesterday.
We flew to Chu Chi, Tay Ninh
and Long Bien. I want you to

send a couple of prints from
the film I sent home. Did you
get the first two rolls yet I sent
them a week ago and just
sent one more today. This last
roll has the pictures of that
air strike. There are some pictures
of some Vietnamese kids on it to.

I can't remember what else is on
them. Let me know when you
get them sure hope they don't
get lost. Haven't been getting
any mail from anyone for almost
two weeks now. I've written
to Gingu about nine times but
she doesn't answer anymore so

~~I gave up on everyone~~ I wrote
to Greg about two weeks ago and
got a letter from him the same day
I got your last letter. He said
something about going infantry.

Still don't know for sure -
you will find out when he gets
home.

The guy in the pictures at
DC was Bill McClain from
Montana. or Jim Johnson from
Montana. They both were with
me during Cherry blossom parade.
How did the pictures in the
cherry trees turn out. were
they nice and the one from
up on top of Washington monument?
Did the ones of the squirrels
turn out OK? I didnt lose my
wallet in Virginia but was
that picture of the car good.

It was a new Corvette. Sue
was nice. Don't forget to send some
more film OK? Sue do see
some nice places when we
are flying because we go every place.
That one thing good about it is that
we get to see a lot of the Country.
I didnt fly today now I am trying
to dodge details. most of the money

I spend is spent on Coke
and juice. Sure do drink
alot of pop over here. Sometimes
its hard to find and when
you do its warm. Cold drinks
are hard to come by. We are
building our own club now.
We have been using the
infantys club. We have a generator
running some ~~refree~~ ice boxes
they scrounged up. We also
have lights in our tents
wich is also run off of a
portable generator.

Don't worry to much about
helicopters getting shot down.
My friend Larry Christy got shot
down twice the first week
he flew over here. ~~None~~ no one
was hurt. He got an oil line
and fuel line shot into but they
landed and got it fixed in the
middle of a rice patty.

He was also on that week
of training. Another guy here
got shot down the first time
he went up to. Just because
a helicopter gets shot down
doesn't mean it falls out of the
air and crashes. A helicopter
can land from above 300 feet
with the engine completely out.
They auto rotate to the ground.
It's hard to explain it but they
can land if the engine is out.
Providing they are 300 feet or
above.

Well guess I better get this
in the mail so it will get
home. So take care now ok,
Love you all.
Ron