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Dear Mom + Dad:

Got your letter today and two from ginger. That was the first mail in a week. I've been real busy the past week and haven't done any writing so I better get started. I sure am glad to hear that my pictures turned out so good. I got the two rolls of film you sent and am ready to send one roll home to you. I got a couple of pictures when we went into an LZ and dropped of troops. Got one just as they jumped out and are laying on the ground behind a rice patty dyke. A real combat picture huh? Did those pictures of that air strike turn out or can you tell what it is? The city you asked about

is Saigon and it is really big too. I've been down there about four times now but never to really look around. I can't remember any WABA 40 on a helmet. I would have to see the picture to tell you.

What picture was it on?

The house you asked about is a building that the French built when they were over here and they are now using it as some kind of headquarters for the 4th infantry division.

It's really pretty with all the palm trees and green grass around it. It's located near our airfield. They got me kinda worried about crewing now because they said if the crew chiefs mess up just once they will take them off the ship and put them in maintenance. Sure don't want that. I love flying even

if it is dangerous at times.

I got the two pictures you sent sure was good to get them should have got dad in them to. Its been raining almost every day now sure makes a mess to haul people in these ships with all the mud around here. My ship is now going to be the Command ship for our Company. They are putting in all kinds of radios. We will be carrying the brass around during CAS and he will be commanding the troops from the air got to keep the ship pretty clean now or they will jump all over my butt. Just found out one of they guys lost his ship because the major found a loose safety wire. I dont care who you are you will never be able

to keep things going perfect
all the time. It was pretty rotten
if you ask me. He now is in
maintance. I give that out.

A guy can't crew a ship but they
will put him in maintance
to work on them. We're starting
to get a lot of shit now. might
get transferred out of here if I
can to another company.

Lenger said I she came up
and saw the pictures, said
they were real nice. Did you
see Greg yet? Should be home
by now. Did you ever get
the Vietnamese money I sent
home? Well I guess I better
go now. I have to get up early
again about 3:30 Am. By the
way I got the scapular
you sent too. Bye for now

Love all of you and think
about you all the time. Love Ron