

Dear Mom & Dad:

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I haven't been doing anything now for the last four days, just setting around waiting for my aircraft to get fixed. Last week we were flying over an LZ marking it with smoke and we got shot down. The bullet went through a fuel line and a fuel tank. We stayed up long enough to get back to a landing pad about a mile from the LZ. The next roll of film I send home has some pictures of the ship and the fuel running out from under it. We were flying down in the Mekong Delta when we were hit. So far five of our ships have been down in the last 3 days.

How did that last roll of film turn out? I sent another roll and have another one about ready to send. I got the cookies you sent, got them the day we got shot down we didn't get in that night until 10:30.

Did Greg ever come up to see you? Hope you showed him the pictures he should enjoy them. Do know where he will be going to next?

He sure will be lucky if he doesn't come over here. Have you heard anything from ol Tex lately? Is Mike still in Germany he should be about ready to come back pretty soon. Guess Larry is still up on that Island.

I wonder when SAM will be getting after Roger. He'll probably wait and get drafted because being married won't keep him out.

I got promoted again to SP/4 my platoon sergeant told me the other day. I am waiting for my orders now. By the time I get ready to come back to the States I will be SP/5 or will be up for it. Five is as far as I can get in 3 years. There is a slight possibility of getting SP/6. That's hard to come by. We can get two promotions while in Vietnam and SP/4 is my first.

They made my ship the command ship so now I won't be going into to many LZ's because we'll be carrying the brass with us when we go on CA's. They will be directing

the ground troops from up in the air. The day we got shot down we had a Colonel and Major with us. We wasn't supposed to even be down below 2500 feet that day.

The Command Control ship circles the 12 at 3000 feet and directs troops on the ground. They are going to set up a big radio set in my ship for the purpose. I still want to get my 25 hours of Combat mission in so I will get my Air medal. As soon as I get my flight physical I will be able to wear my wings and will be making another 55.⁰⁰ a month. After seeing what the infantryman go through over here I'll fly anyway no matter where we are. They sure have a rotten job.

Well guess I better go now. Oh did Dad know a guy during the Second War by the name of Kennedy from Pennsylvania. There is a kid in my Company by that name and his uncle was ~~in~~ one who landed on ~~Oahu~~ Oahu beach. He said his name was Bob Kennedy, I thought I heard Dad

say something about a Kennedy
he knew. Maybe not I don't know.
Better go now so write soon
Love Roni