

Dear Mom + Dad:

I got your letter today, sure was glad to hear from you again. I got another money order here for a hundred dollars to put in the bank.

Really haven't been doing anything for the past week except fill sandbags to build bunkers for the ships. Sure will be glad when we start flying again, the time just drags by when we're sitting on the ground. I flew yesterday but only for about five hours. We have about 10 ships now and are waiting for the rest to come in. It's Saturday night and raining like mad. It's been raining for the past three nights now and always starts about 7:30 and rains most of the night.

So Greg isn't home yet, I haven't heard from him for a month now so I don't know anything about him either. I haven't written to him because I don't know if he will be there or not. I'll just wait until he writes to me I guess.

The guy in the picture with the wings was flying as my gunner one day while we were flying on a C.A. My real gunner was in Saigon at the time.

His name is Roger Hitzemann, he's from Indiana.

I got the fruit and wallet you sent, that fruit cocktail sure was good.

I have a small newspaper clipping here from when we got mortared. They called the damage moderate. If the call 17 ships moderate they are out of their minds. Some of the guys here picked up Honor Hanna on their radios and she said the VC destroyed 50 aircraft and killed 100 G.I's. She sure does spread the SHIT, I would like to get her in my sights sometime. Got a letter from Ginger yesterday she said she got a letter from you, sounded like she was real happy about it. Guess she's having a pretty good time in Utah, said it's raining quite a bit.

I got two letters from foots and George. So we been writing to them when ever I get time. L. is and Ann sent some cookies the other day and they are gone already. Everytime I get some I just sit and eat until they are gone.

Guess I told you I made E-4 that sure was fast. It take about 6 months time in grade of PFC before even getting four. The other guys here made it to. I might be changing companies pretty soon. There is another infusion this month and they have to send so many guys to other companies so when it comes time for us to come home the whole company won't come back we leave and other guys come in. I'll let you know if I have to leave here. I'll either go to Cu Chi or Tay Ninh. Cu Chi is already built up and one of my buddies got sent down there the first month we were here. Its a lot bigger than Dau Tieng.

Guess I better go now so take care now.
Love Ron.