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Dear mom + Dad:

I haven't had much time to write since ive been up here. we've been flying every day from five in the morning and wouldn't get in until eight or nine at night. Still don't know how long we will be up here. I wish we would stay because we haven't had hardly any trouble at all. Its actually been a good time because only one or two ships have been shot at. we are living in barracks with electricity and cement floors. There is an jet air base about a mile from us. Dau Heng is pretty bad compared to being up here. Last week the Koreans captured a whole load of weapons and two VC and my ship went in to pick them up. one VC was shot up and was on a stretcher, the other was blindfolded with his hands tied. They threw them in the ship with the weapons and we took them to a Korean CP. I got some pictures of the VC and all the weapons. Ill send them home as soon as I can.

I've got 3 rolls to send but two will already be developed because the price of developing the film was included in the price so I am sending them to Hawaii and I put your address on them. We were shut down at a Korean CP out in the jungle last Monday when an Airforce Piper Cub, like the ones at T-Bird came in low level over the CP to drop some mail and all the time I was watching him come in, he got just about over the CP when a Chinook helicopter flew across in front of him. He pulled up and missed the chopper but didn't have enough power to come out of it and crashed nose first about 60 yards from us. We jumped into our ship and got to it right away but it was on fire and burning like crazy. So we landed and the Koreans pulled the observer out and we flew him to a field hospital. The pilot couldn't get out and all we could do was watch him burn. After we took the observer back we returned and the fire was out and they were taking what was left

of the pilot out of the wreck.
Couldn't even tell what he
was. I got some pictures of
the plane burning as we were
hovering over it. I think I took
about three pictures. Then later
on we went into a hot LZ
and took out some wounded
Koreans to a hospital. It sure isn't
a very pleasant sight to see men
all shot up. I was glad to go in
there and get them out.
out of all the junk they captured
I got a North Vietnamese flag that
the two VC had. They also had a
Russian flag, But I got the Vietnamese flag.
I will send it home soon too. Its
kinda dirty and has two holes in it
but its not every day they capture
a flag. One of the Korean officers gave
it to me.

I got some real good pictures
since we've been up here. Been
waiting to get to someplace to get
stamps so I can send them
home.

