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Dear mom + Dad:

I got the package with the rain clothes. The pants are about 3 inches to big around the waist and I can't keep them up so I'll be sending them home.

I'll keep the coat, don't bother sending another pair because I'll get along without them. They sure are good rain clothes though. I don't know when I'll get around to sending them back. Maybe Dad can use them for fishing or work.

It rained almost all day today and it really came down. Did you hear anything at home about Dan being getting mortared? Last night at 11:00 PM we were laying in bed and all these explosions started going off and we thought it was our artillery then they were coming in so fast that we knew they were mortars. We all bailed out of bed and dove onto the bunks outside our tents. It lasted about 10 to 15 minutes.

Charlie was after our helicopters and he got them. Hit the airfield with

over a hundred shells. We lost most of our ships. They were blown all to hell. They sure zeroed in on those ships. We're going to get all new aircraft from what I hear. I got some pictures of the ships that got hit on this roll of film. One ship took a direct hit and almost blew the tailboom completely off. My ship has big holes all over it and in the windows. It wasn't even fixed yet from the time we got shot down. I got two pictures of me pointing to the holes in the windshield, that was my ship. We've been waiting for this to happen ever since the ships got here. Our maintenance crews were working on the ships that night and 13 of them got hit but no one was killed thank God.

Now we have to start all over again with more ships. They have been hauling them out all day long. We went out to the airfield this morning and picked up dud shells that didn't

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go off when they hit. These mortars are a sound I'll never forget. They were falling ~~at~~ like rain. Just one steady pounding, they sure can throw them in awful fast. Things are really messed up around here now.

Dont know when we'll get more ships in. These next pictures I'll send home will be developed, they are slides too. We went to Cu Chi one day and I found some film there. The developing price is included in the cost of the film. I'll send it to Hawaii to be developed and send it on to you. Did you get another roll I sent? Mailed another one yesterday. Sue will have a lot of pictures by the time I get home. I got Dad's letter also. Sue was surprised to get a letter from him. Sue was good to hear from him to. Those prints looked pretty good, are the slides really better? hope so. Well better get this mailed so take care now.

Love all of you; Ron

SEND SOME MORE OF THOSE COOKIES WITH THE
FILLING IN THEM OK?