

Parents -

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Nothing happening here except one  
nite I walked into a possible beng. Came  
back to office after a big-cha + one of our  
Sgt's had a bud with him. This guy had had  
3 years of collage + is in recon. That's to the  
Coys what the Green Berets are to Army, elite  
+ danger-seeking. Recon. goes far into gooks  
territory + tries to get info. on enemy  
movement, preparations etc. then runs the  
info back to division + infantry. They don't  
look for contact unless they go out to set  
an ambush, but sometimes they bump into  
the gooks. They operate in 4-5 man teams. An  
officer goes out every fourth or fifth patrol +  
observes; otherwise he stays in rear + states.  
He said they need officers, they don't have to be  
recon-schooled + had talk to his C.O. about  
me, so I'm waiting. Two more months here  
+ I'll start bugging the brass.

We got our new Battalion C.O. -  
Lt. Col. Cheatham - real squared away  
guy - sophisticated, pipe smoking ex-

football coach + high school teacher.

How bad about Mr. Meister - Bud still wandering? What's Buzz doing? Suzy still live in Elgin? Hear from Dick Wilson ever, or the Dawson's? Get Dave's address + I'll send a X-mas letter. How many kids they got?

Don't get carried away with X-mas packages - if they're not consummable I'll send them back. A couple good books is alright - enclosed a couple suggestions. Just hold 'em til next Aug.

How are Elgin football teams doing? What's the forecast for E.H.S. basketball? Don Brown doing anything exciting?

Save plenty of papers + maps + buttons on the campaign - burn the garbage for awhile.

Will send a couple packages, after campaign, of extra clothes, etc.

Acknowledge that \$100 check, sent.

AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO

LT C. R. ANDERSON 0105003

A CO., 3D MPBN.

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