

JANUARY TWENTY-SEVEN

FSB MARY ANN, RUN

Dear Folks,

Guess I will write a few lines before I have to go wake up the cooks. They get up at 4:00 o'clock every morning to start breakfast.

We finally all got back to Mary Ann a couple of days ago - there is only one company back at LZ Young - they will come back after the 1st holiday if nothing happens. There is supposed to be a one day cease fire but that really don't mean a hell of a lot.

I got mail from everyone day before yesterday - seems like it all comes in batches. I got some pictures from Larry of the wedding at Syracuse and the snow etc. They were all real good - the tapes from Larry were in good shape. May send them back shortly - shouldn't be too difficult.

I still haven't got any packages since R & R - undoubtedly on the way. I may need it more than I figured before. At supper tonight

the lifers wouldn't let anyone eat if their sideburns were too long. about half the grunts were kicked out of line without getting to eat. The sergeant major said mine were $\frac{1}{8}$ " too long but I ate anyway. I guess he didn't know who I was but saw me around just enough to be a little worried. He'll probably throw me out next time. Stuff like that is what causes so many lifers to get frayed - bad thing about that is I have to move too close to them for comfort.

Wanda must have had quite a time with her new baby there for a while - hope he is OK now. Paula wrote me about C.R.'s operation - he should be home by now - will write them later.

there isn't much else to write so I will close for now. Will write as anything new comes up. So long

As ever

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