

24 Oct.

Dear Mom & Dad,

Well here I am in Vietnam. We have been here for 3 days now and gone on two operations. I took my Plt, ^{out} on one and the company went out on one. We did see 3 Viet-Cong but we never got fired at.

We go out again Friday and Friday night. I kind of imagine we'll run into some this time although there aren't many around here any more.

Don't mind the wet Blurry Paper cause it's so hot over here all you do is sweat.

Right now I'm at Bien Hoa but will move soon. I'll let you know later. We cannot say

right now where we go to.

I never even got the least
bit sea sick on the way over
here so I feel good about
that. Not for many did cause
the trip was smooth all the
way except for 2 days & then
we ~~rocked~~ rolled a little.

It sure is hot.

Why don't you take the money
I send home and make payments
on the trailer & then I'll buy
it from you when you get a
house.

The ants over here

are big and mean. My tent
is always full of them.

It has rained every day so
far so we got in on the tail end
of the monsoon season.

Well I better close now
cause we get our first hot
meal in 3 days

I'll write tomorrow.

Love Ray

P.S. I sent 4 letters
from the ship.

Dear Mom + Dad,

14 Oct.

Well I guess I'll write again today to let you know everything is going fine. I haven't done anything that is really worth writing about except go on road marches.

When you read the news papers and it says that casualties are light their crazy. Casualties lately have been quite heavy in these other units. Anyway that's the way it seems to me. Maybe not but we have a few every day.

We will be leaving this Bien Hoa area soon and start our combat tour then. I sure hope I don't lose anybody then.

The VC are light around here and not too much activity around.

We can here some gun fire every once in a while but not much.

You should see all the air Traffic around here. Every where you look there are some type of aircraft up. There hasn't been one minute but what you here constant humming of them to.

I here there planning on sending 70,000 more troops over here now. We make it about 145,000 + then that many more will really give us a lot of men here.

Well I better close now and clean my rifle. I want to write to Bev. + Bob to + Jean + Duke but I don't have their address. Tell Marco to write his address to.

Love Ray (over)

I have gotten 3 Letters from
Bev + Bob.

That's pretty good.