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Dear Mom & Dad,

Well I finally have a minute that I can write. I hope you didn't worry cause I hadn't written.

We finally moved deeper into Vietnam and are in the process of setting up a permanent base camp.

They have sure kept us busy to

We are in the middle of what they call "War zone D" at a little

town called Phuoc Vinh. It is

supposedly bad here. We have

been hit every night, except

last night. We haven't lost

anyone as yet, We are really
Lucky, I have been out 4
of the 6 days we have been
here on patrols & search &
clear operations. I'll have to
admitt that I have really been
scared some times to. The first
patrol I led of 15 men we got
fired at all night. we went about
2 1/2 miles from here in jungle
that is so dense you have to cut
your way every inch. It is
all solid jungle here and real
wierd.

My men are really taking

it good to. Had a bad flu and a
I have had only about 6 or 8
hours sleep since we have been
here and work the rest.

My men really built me
a good bunker here.

We have blown up one
VC camp since we have been
here but we cannot say for
sure that we have killed any
VC.

The mosquitoes are so bad
over here that I'm one big welt
and scab. I've got some
kind of rash all over
and it really itches.

We haven't had a bath now in about
8 days & everybody smells bad.

Well I guess I'll close now
and get a letter off to Bev, Jean
& Marv if I get time

Love Ray

P.S. Why don't you send me
some cookies & razor blades

If you can find a plastic map
case that won't crack send it to.

& Don't worry.

I do have that GI insurance