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Dear Mom & Dad,

Well here it is about 5 days since I wrote last. This time we were on a real big operation of about 6000 men. We tried to catch about 2000 U.C. but they gave us the slip. We did get about 4 is all. My Platoon didn't have anyone hurt which was good.

I don't think that anywhere in the world has as many ants as Vietnam. The big red ants are everywhere and they bite just about like a bee stings.

We sure got wet on that

operation. It rained every night for about 5 hours and it rained hard. All I had was my rain jacket. The operation took place about 50 miles from here. We went by helicopter from here to there & back. It was different but nothing new.

Our old VC buddies who fired at us every night the first week are back again. Last night they decided to shoot up the place again. I guess that while we were gone they shot up the camp a little. Not much else has happened.

I got a lot of mail while we were out. I even got a letter & a package from Treva & Bob Johnson. Some candy & 3 books. I was really surprised

to hear from them. Sure wish
I rova wasn't sick. I got a letter
from Rev Pearson to. Some from
Bob & Bob too. I sure been
getting a lot of mail.

I been here for 1 month &
9 Days but my overseas time started
the 21 of Sept. when the boat left
San Francisco.

Well I guess I better close
now and get busy.

Love Ray,

P.S. Can you send a few things.

1. A lot of this Jiffy Top Popcorn
2. A pair of rain pants to go with my rain coat.
Sort of heavy ones not light plastic. (Rubberized grey)
3. Some presweetened cool-Aid.
4. A small gas Lantern so we can have some light

5) 5 steel brushes like you use
at home on machinery.

6) Some more plastic bags.

7) Candy, Popcorn balls, fudge, etc.

Well I guess that's about all for
now. ~~Take~~ Take it out of the
money I send home & also
could you get a fairly good transistor
radio that has about 10 transistors
and an antenna. AM-FM type.

And plenty of batteries. It'll probably
cost quite a bit but it would sure
pass time.

Well that's about all so I'll
close again.

Love
Ray