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Dear Mom & Dad,

Here it is one week before X-Mas and I haven't sent any X-Mas cards out. Of course I haven't got any cards to send so I'll wish you a Merry X-mas and a Happy New Year. Next X-Mas I'll be home and have a happy one to. It won't be a bad one I hope but not nearly as good as being home for one.

Have you gotten all my pay checks that have been sent home? Sure hope

so. Should be about \$330
each month. Use that
money cause I owe you
so much now. Being here
isn't much fun but at
least I get paid a lot more
money & cannot spend so much.
I don't get anywhere at all.
We get to Pháo's Vinh once
in a while but not very
often. What would you like
me to send home. Not much
selection here.

I sure do miss ice cream
over here.

The weather has been
pretty nice lately especially
today. I think the highest
it got was about 85° & that's
cold according to what

it usually is.

We go on an operation tomorrow but only for 2 days so it won't be bad.

I wasn't in that plantation at the time of the big battles it is about 40 miles from here.

Have you got a map that shows where Phouc Vinh is on it. The plantation is straight west of here.

I've gotten several X-Mas Cards even got one from Staff's today. I was kind of surprised.

Well I guess I should close now I'd like to write Joan, Marv. + Bev.

Love Ray