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Dear Mom + Dad,

Here it is two days before X-Mas. We still don't have any snow as yet, then I guess that it never snows in Vietnam.

Today we have several Generals who are going to visit us. One is General Johnson the Army Chief of Staff. That should be worth a little to know he will visit here.

The men have finally gotten several days rest. We got back from our last operation two days ago and don't go out again until X-Mas Eve. That's

tomorrow. Then we go on another one the day after X-Mas so we don't get to much rest. Sure would be nice to just set around for a few days more. I don't like staying back, I'd rather be in the jungle.

It isn't so bad around here any more. Our area has really improved a lot lately and it is called home over here. The men can relax and take it easy here. We have movies every once in a while. Some of them are pretty good but most are real old. But they are still movies.

Guess what, we had

Ice Cream for the first time. It was a little soft but it tasted good anyway.

Today the Mess Sgt. Is going to cook Spare Ribs outside on a grill he fixed up. We don't eat ~~ra~~^c rations very much when we are back here but we spend about 5 days a week on operations so we eat ~~ra~~^c rations for about 5 days a week.

We just had a sniper fire a round in here. Nobody even pays any attention anymore. They never hit anyone.

well I guess I'd better close
and get ready for the generals.
I got the watch and Radio
and everything so far.

Will write again tomorrow.

Love Ray