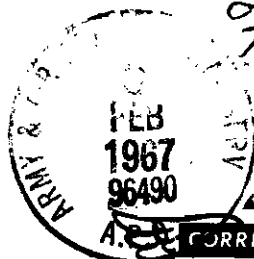


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Feb 1.

Hi Ther

Well I finally got a chance to write you. I am sorry that you haven't received a letter earlier from me but out here in the field we don't have to much free time. My Battalion is operating down South near Saigon. We are near a city called Fan Thiet. The weather down here is real hot and we don't see to much of rain. I received a package from you today and I'd

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like to thank you very
much for sending it
to me. Next week I am
getting a little camera
so I'll be taking some
pictures of me and the
men in my unit. I'll
send you some pictures
of us in a few weeks.
Well I've almost been
over here two months
now. The time seems
to be going by real
fast. Well I'll try
to write again soon. Thank
you once again for the
package

Sincerely
Henry Jones

Mar 3rd.

Dear Parthy

Well we finally got a little free time, so were all trying to ~~catch~~ catch up on our letters home. I just received a bunch of magazines from you and me and my buddies enjoyed them very much. I got wounded the other day but it isn't much of a wound. I put a pungy ~~stake~~ stake in the top of my foot. I am o.k now but it did hurt for a little while. I am sending you some picture of our main camp down here in Phan Thiet. We've

been doing the same old
thing so really there
isn't much new. Well
I got to go back up
to the dist station today
because they've got to
look at my foot. I'll
try to write again as
soon as I can. Thank
you for everything you've
been doing for me I sure
do appreciate it very very
much. Hope to see you soon

Love
Henry

April 2nd

Hi Dorothy

Today I received the letter you wrote me on Mar 22. I've also been receiving your newspapers & such. I'd like to thank you for everything you do for me while I am over here. I really appreciate it very much. I hope that some day I will be able to do something for you like you're doing for me. Right now our company is up near Song Moa it's about 60 miles north of Phan Thiet. We'll be here for a few more days and then we'll go back down to Phan Thiet. We've only been here a couple of days and my company alone has already killed 69 Viet Cong. You were telling me that you have some musicians in your family. Well I've been a musician since I was in 4th grade. I play the trumpet, Baritone, Alto Horn, French Horn, Guitar, and Bass Guitar. When I was in school I won several district & state solo medals. Since Jr high school I've always been in a combo. I've won a lot of professional entertaining

I use to belong to the Musicians Union
in Elgin. Maybe when I get
home I could get together with
your family and do so playing.
I have a guitar over here I
play and all the guys sing.
We have a lot of film bring
this and it bring memories of
home to us. Well it still
real hot over here. It a long
with a hot day in July last year.
I've been taking a lot of colored
slides over here so when I get
home I'll bring them over and
show them to you if you'd like.
Well I guess that's about all
for now. Thank you again
for everything

Love Kenney

May 26

Hi Dorothy

Well it's been awhile
since I've wrote last
and I am sorry for not
writing soon. I hope
you forgive me. I've
been receiving your
letters papers & packages
Thank you so very
much. Well in a few
days I'll be the way
through and then I
start down hill.
I've heard that some
of my old buddies
back home are
coming over here so

maybe I'll get to
see them. Well the
old war is still
about the same as
always. The rainy
season is starting
to set in down here
in Phnom. Their work
won't be going on as
many operations now.

Oh yes you said
you couldn't find
Phnom Thut on your
map. It's about 90
miles up the coast from
Sraigon. We're right
on the ocean. I don't
think that my mom
has received the slides
slide that I sent

home but I am sure
that she'll bring
them over when she
gets them. Well we
been playing my
guitar all lately. I am
trying to learn a lot
of new songs well
I guess that about
all for now. I'll write
again soon

Love
Kenny

June 25

Hi Dorothy

Well I finally got back to the old writing paper. I received that gigantic package that you sent for me and my friends. I want to thank you so very much. I don't even know how I can ever repay you for all the wonderful things you doing for me while I'm over here. Remember a long time ago I told you that I sent my mum all my slides, that was back in April. Well my mum never did receive them. It sure makes me mad

them to everyone when
I got home. I have
now now but I am
not going to mail
them because I don't
want to lose them
also. Well every
thing is still about
the same over here.
Last night we had
a real big storm
and I got all wet
as usual. Well Dec.
is getting close but
it's still aways off.
I wish it would
hurry up and get here
I'll probably be the
happy person in the
world on Dec 11. Well
Dorothy I guess that's about
all for now. I'll write
again. I thank you again
for your pen keys

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Sept 25th

Hi Dorothy

I guess it's been a long time since I wrote. Really though we've been pretty busy. My company has been going out on a lot of operations this last month and a half. We've been going out more than we ever did. We're in now for awhile. We should be staying in for a couple weeks. Well I'll be home in 77 more days. In away it seems like I just got her yesterday; but then it feels like I've been here all my life. I'll sure be glad to get home. I don't

think I ever told you
but I've been teaching
one of my bucolies how
to play guitar and
he's doing real good so
we've been having a little
fun playing when we get
some spare time. Well
I guess you've got a little
more free time now that
the kids are back in
school. Well I guess
that's all for now. I'll
write again soon.

Love Kenny
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