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Yesterday we made a combat assault on a hill top. The whole company flew in hot and fast. I was on the first bird and of course the first person on the ground. That is my job. Once the ground I was to pop a red or green smoke and also radio a report to the G-3. The G-3 runs the show from a C+C (command and control) ship about 2,000 feet up. Red smoke means a hot LZ (landing zone) or enemy fire while a green smoke means a cold LZ or no enemy fire. On the CA yesterday there was no enemy fire but a lot of friendly fire. When we went in the friendly fire was moved off of the LZ just seconds

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before we landed.

Thirty minutes after we landed we got some clean ~~clothes~~ clothes and mail. The fresh uniforms were the first in two weeks.

My platoon did smell bad. I received your second package in the mail. I am now drinking a canteen cup of orange cool aid. At first I hated to see the package because I would have to carry it. I was ~~happy~~ counting on receiving the package while I was on a fire base, but the cool aid was so good and light that I had no problem carrying it. I am also glad to get the small dictionary. I can use it in filling out reports.

So far I have been in Vietnam two months. I have been in the field only 10 days.

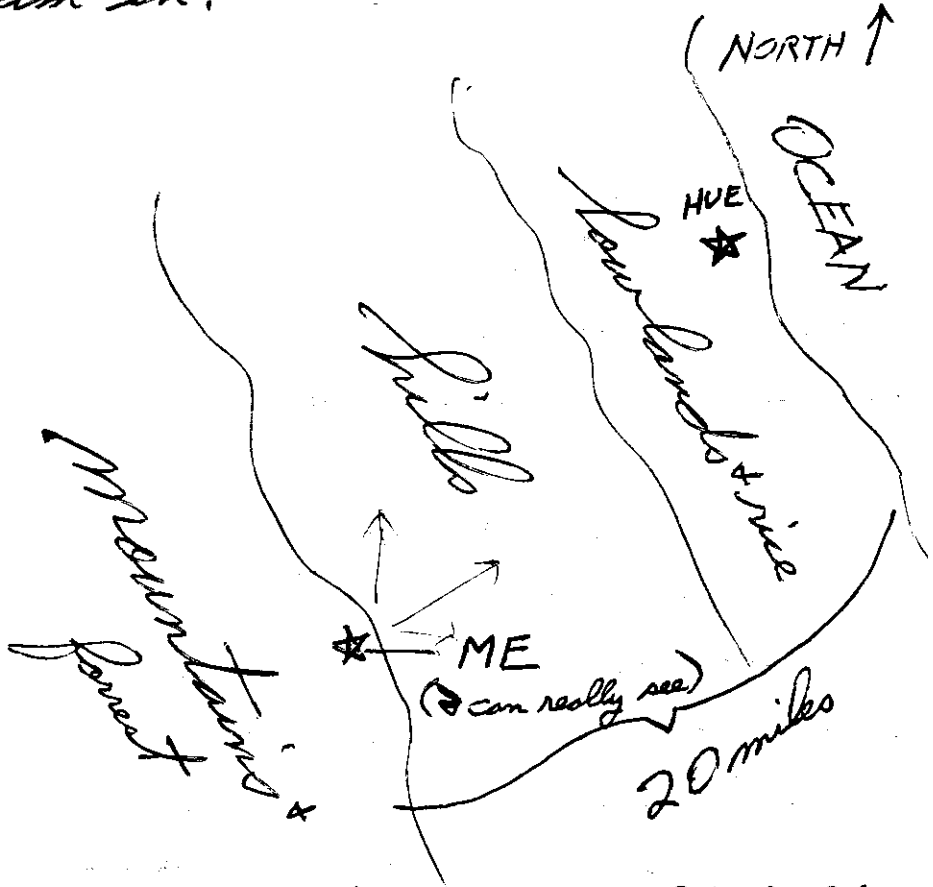
I have been building fire bases most of the time, I have not been really shot at by the enemy yet. None of my men have been hurt because of enemy action either. I have heard about people getting hurt but I have not seen anybody really hurt bad. I have called for a dust off (medical helicopter) and we did make contact with the enemy but as I said no enemy fire was returned.

Right now I can hear a small airplane with a large ~~loud~~ loud speaker. It is trying to talk the NVA and VC into giving up.

At night there is artillery and flares being fired all the

time.

Here is a map of the area I am in.



We are sitting in the field at this time waiting for a scout dog to arrive. Then we will move out. We are looking for mortar and rocket launching

~~The~~ sights. I am in the area that the NVA fire rockets on Hue and other US camps south of Hue. During the last election a US base did get hit with rockets. I can't wait till the Presidential election.

Do Barbara and Janer still out of state people? School has started. How is Tom? You said that you were receiving my letter out of order. That may be true because we don't have a US mail box. I just give the letters to someone and hope they mail them soon. Letters are easy to mail its film and packages that are hard to. I must pay postage and that means going to the rear which

is hard to do. I tried to mail a parcel catalog plus some 101st Airborne information to you but was unable. I try again when I can.

That dog in a bird is up there but it can't see our smoke. We are still trying.

So far today has been easy, safe and enjoyable. The reason you don't hear about the war on the news ~~is~~ is because the war has slowed down.

We are not really looking for a fight and neither are they. We and the enemy are just killing time. Any contact is usually and accident and not planned. Of course if we see we can hurt the enemy without being hurt ourselves we will and the same

goes for the enemy.

That dog and helicopter
are lost.

My job is to keep this platoon
ready for a fight if it ever comes.
It's a hard job. We place out our
guards every night and our guards
see and hear nothing night after
night. After a while my people
start thinking there is no
enemy. That's when I come into
play. It's my job to keep them
tight. Some of my men don't
like me for it. I stay on there
back till they do it right.
Clean your rifle. Where is your
steel pot. Stay awake, etc. It's
ok. but I will be glad to
see 10 months go by.

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