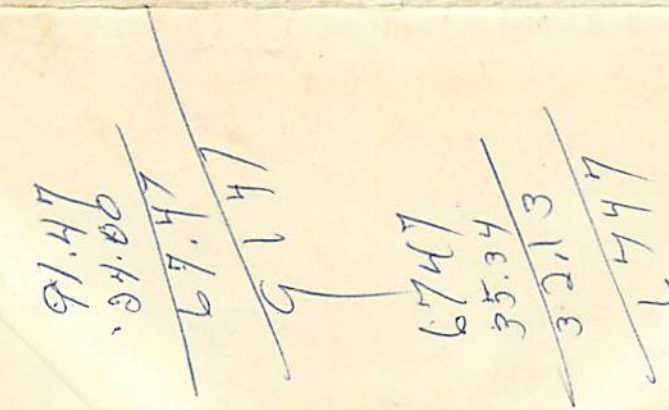
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Dear Mom & Dad,

I've been in Vietnam 4 days now and haven't seen any excitement yet. I'm still on my way to my Battalion area. I'll be near An Hoa which is about 30 miles south of Danang. We've spent all our time here in Danang so far. I'm waiting for a helicopter to come in and pick me up to take me South to my unit. I understand that there are 1500 gooks in that area and they say that they are going to take An Hoa. I doubt it very much. The Marines have been taking a lot of casualties down there.

Well 13 months over is going to be a very long time over here in Viet Nam. I hope and pray that this war is over before that time.

The people over here live worse than the people do in Mexico. I just thank God that I'm an American.

I went and volenteered for a CAG unit. It stands for Combined Action Group. It's being a social worker and helping out the people in the villages. The biggest problem is that these places are often over run.

The weather is about 90° here. It sure is warm. Remember it is only winter here. The monsoon season here is about over with for a few months.

Well I finally got to my unit. I got flown Southwest about 30 miles from D. Nang. The people here have been having their new year. It lasts for about 10 days. The place I'm in is called AN-HOA. It has a small airstrip which is being enlarged and they are building a power plant here too. The gooks know what we're doing and they plan on taking this place. Last night they hit this place and one guy was killed. There were 9 guys who got their throats cut last night. Man this stuff over here is real. It will take every prayer possible to make it out of here alive. They expect rocket rounds to hit here tonight. It ought to be quite an experience.

I'd better close now because it's getting dark.

Love and pray for Peace,

Larry