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Dear Mom & Dad,

I'm in the rear resting up. I got a letter from you just the other day. I'm sitting next to a bunker writing this letter and listening to some sounds from the radio one of the guys gave me. It's about a 30 radio. It plays nice. He liked me quite a lot so he gave me his radio. He also has a recorder and I use it to send tapes to Cindy. I'll mail you a tape if you can get hold of a tape recorder. It's the cartridge case cassette type. It has two ft and I can tape on both sides.

We'll be heading for the rice paddys tomorrow. I don't want to go but I'll have to.

I got a birthday card from V. Schultz. It's the first birthday card I've gotten. This guy Col. Thomas Valentine is in the 1st Div and he's stationed in Da Nang which is 30 some miles

from here. He's got it made. All he does is guard the ammo dump. He probably never gets to see a Viet Cong. He's so far in the rear that he'd never see any action and fighting.

My tooth problems are over with for awhile. They aren't going to do anymore work on me until I get back to the states.

I got paid $300 for last month and this month. I sent it to Cindy. She handles all my money. I owe Uncle Sam $187 for income tax for last year. My company has got my income messed up. So I'm paying that much more in for taxes.

You won't have to bother buying me any shirts. I'll need two or three pairs of trousers though. If Gary needs more clothes, let me know and I'll have Cindy send him some shirts.

I got your letter with the addresses. So no need sending me the addresses again.

This guy by the name of Johnson is a friend of mine here. He's been here 5 months now. He's lives in Seattle and he dated René Tyler a few times. He also knows Ben. Tyler and the twins. I was really surprised. I asked him if he knew a René Tyler when I found out he was from Seattle. I guess René was the most popular girl in school. He's the one who gave me a radio. I'm trying to witness to him so pray for him too.

I'm fine and not always. I take salt pills everyday. So you might say I'm popping pills! You sweat so much that the sun takes the salt out of your system.

I'll close this letter for now. Write soon.

Love,
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