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Dear Mom & Dad,

Happy birthday Pop! Another year has gone by. I wish this year would go by a little sooner.

I've been through a lot this past week. Praise the Lord he has seen my through it all. I got pinned down by enemy fire for 40 minutes. I was carrying the radio. I am not a fire team leader anymore. I'm a radioman. The radio adds 30 lbs. to all my weight. It does get heavy.

We've been into 8 fire fights with the enemy for 4 nights straight. One night our PL thought we were going to get over run. The other night but it didn't happen. We've had one killed and 18 others wounded. I had blood (someone else's) all over my leg.

I've been the only one in the Tyler family that has ever been to war being shot at. Big deal - I'm certainly not proud of it.

I received many of your packages in the mail. The bread went down real fast. In fact I had someone steal one loaf of banana bread and one of my chocolate easter eggs. Somebody sent me cool aid that doesn't pre sweetened. I could use another package of fruits and especially home made cookies - lots & lots of them and I want some peanut butter fudge. So if you would please

and me someone of that if you will.

I'm fine except I'm always complaining. We went three days without food and water. I drank water from an old bomb crater to keep from dieing from thirst. It had rain water in it. I hate it never having enough food to eat. I'm always weak and tired. I only get 5 hours sleep a night. I wish something could be done about it.

I haven't received any mail from Ret Tyler or Rene yet. I wrote her a big 8 page letter last month. This mail over here hasn't been getting to us regularly. It's been 4 days since I've had some mail.

Sorry to hear that you didn't get moved into the new church before Easter. I'll probably be home for Easter next year so I'll be able to be there for Easter. How's that sound? I liked the drawing and the set up of the new church.

Barry's got to do his choosing and hunting for a wife sometime. I'm glad that's all over with for me. Cindy & I'd have prayed about the two of us being right for each other for the past two years and now we are both positive that Christ has led us to each other. When you said to pray for a girl of his level and quality, I received a letter from Gail Hines. She is now in Bible college taking the same courses as Barry. She sure has grown

up a lot since I've seen her last. I understand that she is interested a little in him. hum!

So the snow is gone for this spring. I sure could use some snow right now. The temperature here is near 105 to 110° during the day. It does cool down to near 70° at night. It has been raining every evening between 6-8 P.M. for 4 nights now. It feels real cool but it gets me a soaked and my gear wet.

Well there isn't anymore new news. War is always the same — Terrible.

Well please continue to pray for me. God has answered my prayers many times. I praise him for it too.

Love always,

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