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Hello Mom & Dad,

Vietnam being here longer and hating it worse. This place has nothing to offer anyone except disease & hate.

The 8th we got back in from a 8 day operation in the jungle and the morning of the 9th we went out again. Right now I'm sitting along side a Pup tent that's about as dry during a rain as the ocean. We live half like animals and half like people. During the last 10 days I've slept 5 nights in the wet. There's really no sense in it, but what is one to do.

As far as the medic work goes, I'm busy all the time. I've treated everything from jungle rot (that's me) to grenade wounds. That is except a gun shot wound. One of our patrols threw a hand grenade into a group of civilian wood cutters and hurt a few. One had fragments in a leg. The other were just cut up. The other good wound was when a troop chopped his leg with a machet. Took 10 stitches to close.

The deaths and injuries that the ~~to~~ this
brigade has acquired have been accidents.
U.S. shooting down B. A bunch of shared
kids.

This place we're at right now is
40 miles north and east of Saigon. We're
camped in a Rubber tree grove. At least it's
shady here.

The biggest fight in this country
is against the elements. The V.C. aren't
really so thick and aren't doing as much
fighting as the paper makes it sound.
I haven't fired my rifle yet.

How's the broken arms, flu, and the
hone part? How good and pregnant?
Harvey being a good mainie? Does
Bonnie look like she's eating properly?

I hear you have been going out with
Bonnie's man. How did that happen?

So much for now

Love

Donnie

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Hello Mom & Dad,

Got your letter today. Good to hear everything is healing. I must say I'll be lucky if I get out of the army without a broken something. If Charlie don't do it a B.I. nut will. You would never believe the stupid accidents that happen around here.

I've been working in the Aid stations the last four days. Give my jungle rot a chance to clear up. I sure have dressed a lot of carefully acquired wounds. The elements are taking their toll also. Hope to get to davel out of Aid stations quick. It don't agree with me.

Some good news. I got a promotion a couple of weeks ago. I'm now a Specialist 4 (SP/4), that's abouts 50 or 60 dollars more ~~\$~~. Also gives me a little rank now. E-5 is wear the privleges some in though.

I understand Pop bought a little
bullet launcher and he and Bonnie
fired it. If you fired it once you've
fired more times than I've fired
mine. Going to be ready to play
cards in the desert when I get back.
Pop don't get too excited about the
rocks here in Nam. I think the V.C.
has waived all the good one. Eighter
that or threw them at the first
G.I's here

By for now

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