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Hello Mom & Dad,

Here I am in the Far East sitting in my arctic 10 man tent shaded by the rubber trees. That's the straight skinny. Feeling good as one can in a hell hole. No more jungle rot. Mainly because we have a decent shower and better living conditions. Sounds like you have our rain. We haven't had a real rain now for a week. It get cool at night and hot as the devil's home in the day.

Mail has really been bad lately, so if you asked questions in previous letters and I don't answer them it's probably cause I haven't got the letters. It's nothing to get a letter that was mailed a month ago. Packages are quicker than letters considering all.

Would you believe that a snake isn't the lowest crawling thing on earth. Tell you what is. It's a medic who's heard that round come close by. Man like with all my gear and over stuffed medic bag I could crawl under a snake. The last few operations we've run into a snipper. Lucky for us, these cats

couldn't hit the side of a barn if they were in it. This last operation we got one of the weapons the snipers use. This guy took a couple shots at the 2nd platoon. They fired right back and Charlie made it leaving his rifle behind. That Charlie will be hurting when his boss gets him.

Things aren't as quiet as they use to be but then not really bad. A sniper isn't a big deal, but he could get lucky. As long as we stay close to this area we'll never get into anything big. I got my fingers crossed.

I got another metal for my collection its a C.M.B. (Combat Medic badge). You get it for being in a combat area for more than 30 days or been in hostile fire twice. The infantry soldiers get an C.I.B. (Combat Infantry badge). It's the only metal I want from over here. The others you get for not thinking or being hurt.

I just got the letter asking me what I wanted for Christmas. Well to be serious I'm not really observing X-mas.

Charlie is only going to honor the first 24 hours. But he doesn't even do that. Why should we? Christmas day our platoon is putting out of day recon patrol. Its too small to warrant a medic. I'll stay back clean and oil my weapons and keep my powder fresh. Ready for Charlie to pull something. Anyway if you want to send something. How about wool work socks, a towel or two, a good water proof two cell flash light, that can be attached to gear being worn, maybe something to make a red lens for it also. How about some more goodies. All would be appreciated.

Its hard to get supply for my M-bag not to mention other type of supply.

Signing off for now with my ~~stet~~ steel pulled down low, my rifle up tight and my powder dry

Love Your Son
Donnie

P.S.

Please Mr. ~~Custer~~ what I'm I doing here?
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