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Sept 29,

Dear Mom, Dad, Kids

I thought I would drop you a few lines while I am just sitting here. I just got done eating dinner. I got your letter today with ~~the~~ my new address on it. I've got some that has been sent up from 6/10, they aint to much to tell you about this outfit. They all work about the same. But they dont bother you as much.

They been some new guys come here but they were from A and B Btry. The last two nights they haven't bothered us

But for 3 straight nights they poured the rockets and motors in, Mom I think we are somewhere between ZAI-Khe and DIAN. The guys here say that they stay out in the field abt
They say when they finally to go back to base camp there only there for a week or two. The sargents arent to bad Mom if you can find one try get me a type recorder that already has types with music on it. I dont want a regular type recorder. The kind I am talking about you can buy types that already has music on it. Try to get some good music. Take my money and buy it But it cant be to big.
Well hour is ever body

there doing, Tell the kids hello for Me. asked dad if he going to drive his Chev to calif to meet me. How is your weather there. It just got thru raining here. It wont be long until the hot season starts in. Tell all of grandma hello for me, Tell keith he owes me a letter.

Well mom all of you take care and dont you work to hard around the house, So I guess I've better be closing for Now. I'll write soon.

So long.

Bob.

P.S. If you find the kind of type recorder I want when you send it throw me some paper & envolvents in with it.

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Oct 3,

Dear Mom, Dad, Kids

I thought I would drop you a few lines to see whats going on Back there. Everthing here is about the same. We aint had to much more trouble. We had a couple stray motar and rockets come in. and that about it. Its rained ever night for the last week. It looks like it just got out of the 6/10 in time. They are set up about 2 miles from us. They got hit pretty bad last night. We had to fire support fire for them. They said over the radio they almost

got overrun. They say they know for sure that one boy was killed. But the one that got killed might have been in infirmity on the priseter.

I got you pictures. Boy they was good to look at, I must look at them ever 5 minutes. Mom dont ever think I get tired reading your letters. over here thats the only thing to look forward to except for May 1st. And know are all of you. Tell the kids hello for me. Tell Dad hello for me and they sure were good looking tyghns. They are a boy in the section now that I went thru A.I.T. with. I got a letter

from Keith a couple of days ago. Tell him I'll write soon as I get a little time, tell all of grandma's hello for me and I'll drop her a few lines soon. Well mom all of you take care and don't you work to hard around the house. So I guess I'll be closing for now. I'll write soon again. So I'll be closing for now.

So long
Bob.

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OCT 10,

Mom here are some pictures I took with my camera, they are took where we are sit up at now.

The one picture with the machine gun where you can see the tent is where I stay and the little thing in the back is our toilet.

The rest of the pictures is our Gun.

Mom these are the pictures
& I took with the film
you send me. Tell Mike this
is my truck C-22. Feel Real
it aint no screamer but it
will run 55. The other picture
with the boy with me was
taken in our motor pool. I spend
alot of my time there. His name
is Thomas Rush

together almost all the time. These 2 pictures were the only ones that came out. It aint much but its a little.

So long
Bob

They were took Sept 9,

Mom these are the pictures
I took with the film
you send me. Tell Mike this
is my truck C-22. Feel Bad
it aint no screaner but it
will run $5. The other picture
with the boy with me was
taken in our motor Pool. I spend
alot of my time there. His Name
is Thomas Buchanan. He is
from North Carolina. We are

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OCT

10,

Dear Mom Dad, Kids

I thought I would drop a few lines to let you know I am ok. Hope all of you are the How are things there. Things here have been pretty quite for the last few days. We are going to be out here until the last of Nov, or the first of December. I'll have my Time over half in then. They are guys going home over week

from here. But thats ok
it be my time in
a little while. Mom you
wont get any money this
month. I havent had a
chance to get a money order.
I am going to try to
get an R&R in January.
I dont know where I'll
go, tell Mike I'll send
him a couple of patches for
his uniform when I get
back to base camp. Mom
dont worry about getting
me anything for Christmas
they dont hardly anything
I could use. I bought me
a camera, its a polaroid

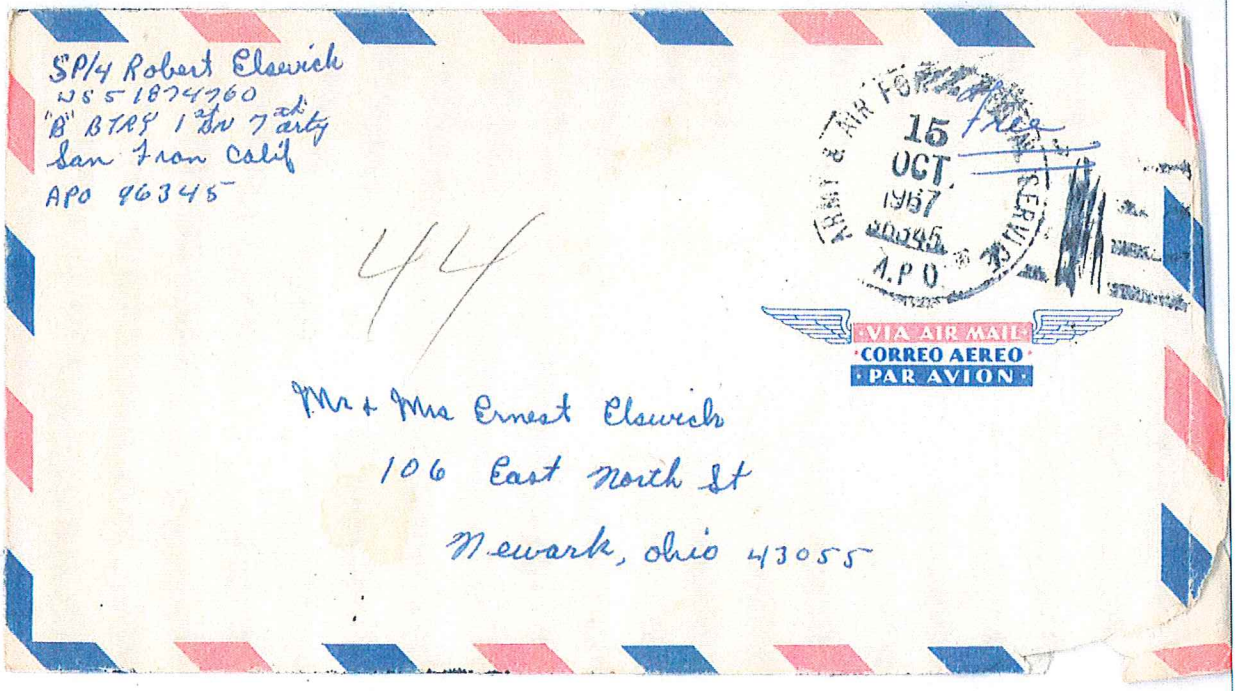
swingin. How are the kids tell them hello for me. Tell Barb thanks for the letter and I'll try to drop her a few lines soon. What is dad been doing. Tell him hello for me. Mom these pictures is the position where we are at now. This is the gun I am on. I don't drive a truck at last not yet, so I'll be closing for now. Be all take care. I'll write soon.

So long

Bob

I love!

Mom I just got your letter about the tape recorder. It has to be the kind where you install batteries. We dont have batteries here that you could run it off of. I can buy a recorder player here.



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Oct 13,
201 days
left.

Dear Mom, Dad, Kids

I thought I would drop a few lines to let you know I am ok, hope all of you are the same. Boy the weather here sure is getting hotter. I hate to see what it will be like in Dec or November. We aint had any trouble for a week or so. They told us today that we would be here until sometime in December. They said we might have to stay here Christmas instead of going to base camp. We get some paper and envelops in our ration packages. Thats were we get our cigarette and candy.

Mom I got 2 packages yesterday for you. They were mailed oct 2. But I have never got your package with the tomatoes in it. I also got the pictures you send. They were really good. Mom you wont get any money this month. I didnt have a chance to get a money order. But I'll send quite a bit new month. I get all of mail good now. It usually takes about 4 or 5 days for it to get here. How are the kids. Tell them hello for me. and to be careful while going to school. Tell Brad I said hello and he better start working on his cher. bcau my days are getting shorter. and them fords scream. Tell grandma I'll try to drop her a few lines tomorrow. Ill be more you

over

take care of yourself and
don't work to hard around the
house! So I guess I'll be
closing for now, I'll write again
soon.

so long

Bob

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oct 15

Dear Mom, Dad and kids

I thought I would drop a few lines to say hello. I am getting along ok. Hope all of you are the same. Things here have been pretty quiet for the last few days. Well mom this time last year I was on my way to Fort Sill for my AIT, I just got 305 days left in the army. Then they can

stick it you know where. It's raining out a little now. But it was really hot this morning.

Bob Boggs said in his letter he thought his unit was going up tonge the POL for 30 days. That all the town is for up there is. 30 days. Are the kids doing good in school. Tell them hello for me. What is dad going to do when it gets to cold to work on cars. Tell him if I were there I sure wouldn't mine helping him in

cold. HA! Well how is
all of grandma's doing. Tell
all of them hello for me. Mom
I not driving a truck yet.
I going to try to stay
away for it if I can. I
glad to hear you and
Mike got over your flue.
Well Mom I guess
I'll be closing for
now its time for supper
and almost time for
the spooks HA! So I'll be
closing for now.

so long
Bob

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194 Days left
oct 19,

Dear Mom, Dad, Kids

I thought I would drop a few lines to say hello. I am getting along fine and hope all of you are the same. Well everthing is going along good here. It was raining this morning but the sun is shinning now. We have had it pretty easy for the last couple of weeks. I think we go back to Base Camp sometime in December. I am going to try to get my R&R in Dec. I think I will go to singapore. But I dont know for sure, I know most of the guys here now. They are a pretty good bunch of guys.

Mom I believe we are about 12 hours ahead of you time. Like if its 7 oclock monday morning here its about 7 oclock Sunday evening there. Did you get the pictures I send you. They wasint to good. Mom I dont think I've lost any weight. By the way it sounds like you all are having a lot of trouble down around youngstown. It always has something about it in the paper we get here. I never have got your package with the tomatoes in it. But I 2 from you was mailed 2 of october. Mom can you get anything around there to keep pictures in. If you ruin them here as fast as you get them. Well how is yuall weather there now. It wont be

to long before the dry season starts here. I think its in Dec. sometime. How are the kids doing. Tell all them hello for me. Tell Dad I said hello and for him to becareful while working. Tell Beth I was glad he got his license. When is Harold going to get his. Tell all of grandma's hello for me tell her I'll drop her a few lines soon. Well Mom I guess I'll be closing for now. So all of you take care and I'll write again soon.

So long for Now.

Bob

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oct 21

Dear Mom, Dad, Kids

I thought I would drop a few to let you know I am ok and hope all of you are aright. Well things here are about the same. We had a few M-79 rounds come in last nite but didnit hurt anything. Beside that its been pretty quite, its getting hotter ever day. How is your weather doing

back there. It probley
be turning cold before
to long. One of My
Buddies re-up for 3
years so he could come
home for 30 days. Sure
I want to come home
to but I never get
that ~~crazy~~ crazy in the
head. This time next
year it will just seem
like a bad dream. Mom
I haven't ever got your
package with the
tomatoes in it. But
I got 2 mailed oct 2. How
are the kids. Tell

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them hello for me. What
dad been doing tell him
hello for me. I am
sending you some more
pictures. They are
almost the same as
the other ones. If
you could send me
some film, all it is
is a polaroid swinger
type 20. Well mom you
take care of yourself.
I want to put the
pictures in, do I guess
I'll close for now.
So long
Bob.

oct 26,

Dear Mom, Dad, Kids

I thought I would drop a few lines to let you know I am ok and hope all of you are the same. well they aint nothing happen around here lately. one of the infintry ambushes got shoot up pretty bad the other night. But thats all thats happen, well its started to rain out now. I hope it dont rain all night. I got your Package with the paper and envelopes, they sure come in handy, But I havent got

your package with the tomatoes in it. It must of got lost somewhere along the line or someone smelled the tomatoes. That a joke of course.

I got your letter today with where my name was in the paper. That boy below me named Rossi Messina. We were in basic training together. I know him pretty good. I believe I know a few of the boys whose mans were on there. Well its stop raining for a while. Well you can forget about me trying to get a machine gunner on a helicopter you have to extend 6 months to get it, and I wouldnt

extend a minute in this place.
Well how are all the kids doing - tell them hello for me. Whats dad up to. tell him I said hello. tell all of grandmas hello for me and I try to drop her a few lines soon. How is Bud and his new girl getting along. Has Bill got anymore papers from the army Well mom you take care of yourself and dont work to hard. So I guess I'll be closing for now.

So long
Bob.

oct 28

Dear Mom, Dad, kids

I thought I would drop a few lines to say hello. I dont know what I going to say. We aint had nothing to happen for a while. The only thing that happen is we are changing our pore pits and that means more sandbags. Boy when I get back if someone near me a sandbag I think I'll slap him in the head. That just a joke of course. They have been talk we are going to be here until Dec 9th But they say that this unit never stays in base camp for no longer

than a week. But time goes by faster that away. Boy its getting hotter over day here now. Its about time for the hot season to start. Well how is your weather coming along. I guess it will be getting pretty cold before to long there. Mom you know I never got your package with the tomatoes in it yet. How are the kids doing in school. I bet they are getting tired of it already. Has dad been working on his cars anymore. I bet he'll find something to do on them all winter. Tell him I said hello. What have you been doing with yourself mom? I guess that's a silly question. I all ready no the answer to that one. But they

aint no sense of you working yourself to death around the house. Tell all of grandmas hello for Me. Tell her I am sorry I haven't written her for a while but I try to write her one soon. None of the guys in this Bity are from around Newark. In fact only a couple are from ohio. We get mail about ever day. one in a while we miss a day but not to often. Well Mom I guse I'll be closing for Now so all of you take care. I'll write again soon.

So long for Now.

Bob.