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August 8th Letter from Don Yeager to Yeager Family

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DEAR MOM + DAD-

AUG 8

HOW'S EVERYTHING WITH YOU ALL? I'm
OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF A VILLAGE
NOW. WE'VE BEEN OUT HERE 5 DAYS,
+ WE JUST GOT OUR RUCKSACKS
YESTERDAY, SO THIS IS THE FIRST,
CHANCE I'VE HAD TO WRITE. WE'RE
SUPPOSED TO BE LOOKING FOR U.S.
SUPPLIES, BUT OUR SEARCH HASN'T
TURNED UP ANYTHING MUCH - WE'VE
KILLED A COUPLE PEOPLE, BY "ACCIDENT,"
+ A CHARGING WATER BUFFALO. MY
PLATOON STAYED BACK TO SECURE
OUR LAGER SITE + THE RUCKS, +
THE OTHER TWO PLATOONS MOVED WEST.
THEY GOT SNIPER FIRE, BUT I HAVEN'T
HEARD IF ANYONE GOT HURT, OR
IF THEY GOT THE SNIPERS. THIS
STARTED AS A BATTALION SIZE OPERATION,
BUT I THINK WE'RE THE ONLY COMP.
LEFT, I THINK. IN LESS THAN A
WEEK, THERE'S SUPPOSED TO BE A
MULTI-BATTALION SIZE OPERATION, INCLUD-
ING 2 BATS OF ARVNS. IT'LL PROBABLY
~~BE~~ TURN OUT SNAFU AS USUAL. WHAT
A DEAL. MAYBE I'LL GET A LETTER
FROM YOU TODAY. I GOT 2 FROM MARY
YESTERDAY, + SHE'S HAVING SOME

APSHOTS ~~TO~~ ^I TOOK OVER HERE
RE-PRINTED + SHE'LL MAIL 'EM TO
YOU. SHE GOT AN 'A' IN HER
CLASS THIS SUMMER, + SHE SAID
THE CLASS WILL BE VERY USFUL.
I TOLD THE DUDES IN THE
REAR THAT I'LL WANT TO TAKE
R+R IN HAWAII, + I WANT IT
AROUND THE MIDDLE OF JAN., BUT
I CAN CHANGE IT IF I WANT
TO. IT WOULD BE GREAT IF
YOU + MARY COULD COME. SHE
SHOULD HAVE A SEMESTER BREAK
ALONG ABOUT THEN. WE HAVE
LOTS OF TIME TO CO-ORDINATE
ANY PLANS, SO NO RUSH. HOW'S
MICK + THE GIRLS? TELL 'EM
TO DROP ME A LINE + LET ME
KNOW. DELBY WRITES ME OCCASIONALLY,
BUT I CAN'T WRITE BACK 'TILL WE
GO ON BERM GUARD AT C.2. ENGLISH
AGAIN, AS I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH
TIME, WE SHOULD GO IN IN A WEEK.
I'M SORRY ABOUT NOT SIGNING THAT
INSURANCE - I WAS REALLY RUSHING
AROUND AS WE HAD A C.A. TO MAKE,
I'M FINE. LOVE, Don