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October 18th Letter from Don Yeager to Yeager Family

Don Yeager

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18 OCT.

DEAR MOM + DAD + EVERYONE -

I WROTE ON AN ENVELOPE YESTERDAY - IT WAS THE 17TH BUT THAT O.K. HAS SUSIE SMARTENED UP ANY? I'M SORRY ABOUT THESE SHORT LETTERS, BUT I REALLY DON'T HAVE TOO MUCH TO SAY. I THINK THE MONSOON IS REALLY HERE, BUT IT'S LATE + PROBABLY WON'T LAST AS LONG AS THE NORMAL ONE WOULD. THE OTHER DAY WE WERE MOVING ALONG THE BASE OF SOME HILLS, + WE HEARD TALKING IN THE BRUSH - V.C. WE HAD AN INTERPRETER WITH US + HE TOLD THEM TO "CHIEW HOI" (GIVE OVER TO OUR SIDE) OR DIE - THEY RAN + WE FIRED 'EM UP. THE BRUSH WAS VERY THICK, + ME AND THE LT. + A COUPLE OF OTHERS WENT UP TO CHECK IT OUT. THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I SAW A MAN SHOT. IT DIDN'T BOTHER ME MUCH - HE WAS DEAD THIS NEW GUY + I DRUG HIM DOWN THE HILL THEN WE LEFT. I GUESS THE COOKS BURIED HIM. THAT'S ABOUT IT FOR NOW. I'M FEELING FINE + HAVING LOTS OF FUN. LOVE FROM *Don*