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Well, when I am not playing war it is alright here. Lastnight I went to the E.M. club and they had a real good band, we had a pretty good time.

I got my military drivers license the other day and I can drive up to and including 2-1/2 ton truck. The same day I had to drive to Long Bien and I got checked at the gate for my license. Before that I was driving without a license and it is punishable with a \$100.00 fine and a article 15. They almost sent me to the 173rd Airborn (out in the jungle) but my sargent told them he me needed me.

Rumer is our company (190th AHC) is moving out in June or Sept. Some say we will go back to the world, some say to 173rd or 1st Air Cav.

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Well, I just completed my four days of in-country training. We are were trained how to fight th in the jungle, and all the stuff. We had to jump off a 34 foot tower with a rope tied around us. It was a little scary but fun.

Well, how is every little thing? I got a letter from Judy Robills yesterday and Donna. I was glad to hear from them.

Before I go any further, don't belive believe alot you read in the paper. It is not half a bad it its as it says. If they say 20 killed figure about 10 or less. We have only been hit once so don't worrg worry.

How does Otto like FeeFee? I'll bet his nose is as big as she is.

So you don't like the idea of becoming a grandmother? How come your not going to tell grandma and grandpa?

I sent a \$200.00 money order, let me know when you get it.

You know that kid I was telling you about from Middletown, N.Y. whe well he and I are pretty good friends now and he was born 18 Dec 49. What a coensadense.

We have a paper over called Stars & Stripes and I read in there where there was a real bad accident in Saratoga Springs. A bus turned over on the northway and three people were killed. That must of been pretty bad to make news over here.

It is real hot over here now. This month and next month are supposed to be the hottest. The dirt on the paper is from my arm, the water is just running right off me. After the hot season we have the monsoons I where it rains all the time.

I wrote to Marty and Randy of about two days after I got here and I haven't heard from them yet.

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Joe

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Enclosed is a picture of me and a bunch of guys at the club. The kid on the far right is going to play pro baseball when he gets out.

Well, I'll sign off here.

Joe

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Well, how is everybody? You really must be in love with that dog because that is all you talk about in your letters. I am glad you got it. It will give you something to do. My roomate's dog got ran over the other day, it she was a good dog her name was Tamie.

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Joe

P.S.

Put the pictures away so I can put them in a album.

Ma & Dad,

I got a letter from Dianne today and she sounded fine. She said they were having trouble with her car & Johns. They sold Johns for \$800.00. I'll bet John doesn't ever even check the car over before he drives it. She said the battery went dead and her lights are all screwed up. You would think that John, being a pilot and everything, could know enought to check the car over every once in a while like he has to do to his plane. What would he do if he was up about 2000 feet and he forgot to add oil.

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