Dear Mom and Dad,

Hi, I received a letter from you last night but didn't have time to answer it. I'm sitting here at my desk, I just finished a letter to Cindy, and I thought I would answer your letter now.

I'm doing very well and really enjoy my new job very much.

I was very distressed today when I heard President Johnson's speech. Do you realize what a blunder he has made? This only proves to the North Vietnamese that we are weakening. They aren't ready for peace and I feel that we are stopping the bombardment of North Viet Nam. It will be easier for them to supply their units here. This means to me, that all the men who have died here have died
in vain. What we should do is go up to Ho Chi Minh and draw him to hell!! Just prior to my writing to you, I wrote to one congressman in Michigan telling him just exactly how we feel about this. We all the ones that give our lives while they sit on their big fat ass and let us do all the dirty work. I feel very strongly about this because I had 3 friends of mine killed so far, and I just can't find any justification in the actions of our politicians. I can't really blame Johnson because this is what the American people want which pisses me off too, because they don't know what it's like to be shot at or have to run to a bunker at night because rockets and mortars are exploding all around. They...
have a lot to learn, and in all probability, will experience this someday.

Well besides this how is everyone at home? I hope by now Dad is back at work. I'm very glad Heidi is doing so well in school till hervision is real proud of my sister. She boys are doing well. Alette I assume will need to keep up the good work in swimming. You've done your job Mom. I hope you don't work too hard. Don't worry about me. I'm doing fine. Well this is all I have for now. Give my regards to everyone and I send you all my love.

Your Son,

Amy
No. 13. 9. Term April 68

Mr. & Mrs. Karl Zeithammel
Rt. 6 Box 64
Battle Creek, Michigan 49017
Quang Tri
Dear Mom and Dad,

Today is Friday, about 9:00 at night, and I just returned from the Show. The name of the show was "A Fist Full of Dollars," which was a very good show. My job is going real well, and I like it just fine. The time goes by real fast. The weather is very hot and humid.

I received a card from you yesterday and I want to thank you very much.

I received a Easter card from Mr. and Mrs. Stults, which was the only mail I got today. I think our mail is being held up somehow. I don't get it very regular. How are you and I may been writing each other. What does she say in her letters? She told me that she was going to send you more pictures.
of us, has she?
I bought a little Vietnamese
doll for Heidi, which I plan on
mailing tomorrow. Don't say any-
thing to her or I want it to be
a surprise to her. I'm going to
try to send her a few nice things
for the family, but I'm trying to
save as much money as I can. Also,
I plan on going on R & R in
September, and I have to have a
little money for that.
Well this is all for now.
Give everyone my love, and take
care.

Love,
Tony.
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Mrs. & Mrs Karl Zeithammel
Rt 4 Box 64
Battle Creek, Michigan
49017
Christmas
Dear Mom & Dad

Hi, I received your letter from 31 March today. I’m glad that Tante Ludwig and Mrs. Been are sending me package, they will be greatly appreciated. Also, send me some fruit, mom things such as fruit cocktail, peaches, and things in this order. Send a few cans of spaghetti too. Say what’s this I hear about tante Annie being in the hospital? What’s wrong with her? I got a letter from Mr. & Mrs. Ward, and they mentioned something about it. Please write and tell me. Thanks for Paul’s address, I’ll write him tonite.

I was very surprised to hear that Mr. Roberts ask for my address. I hope he does write me.

You know, I’ve been thinking of going to Huntington Park for my R & R. It’s illegal, but
I don't care. I've told Trudy of the possibility of my coming, I'm not sure yet, there are many things I want to do. She got her coming out of my paycheck month starting this month for the Savings Deposit Program. Then I want to save money to buy someone's rings next year, and I also want to get some silverware for her. I figure a trip to LA will cost me $300. I'm not sure yet if we all know later. By the way, I was thinking of you to BC to see if she got only 7 days to the cost would be enormous. She probably got XER in August or October. Well folks that's it for now. Take care, and I love you all.
Yours Son.
Mr. & MRS Karl Zeithamme
Rt 6 Box 64
Battle Creek, Michigan 49017
Dear Mom & Dad,

Hi! I received your letter from April and also your Easter card. Thank you very much. I got a call from a girl. Well, I think it's pretty funny. Pretty soon, I'll start dating too. Is April in 8th or 9th grade this year? You know, I forgot! Well anyway, Mom, and all the kids will seem more grown up by the time I get back next year. You know, I didn't even know that today was Easter until someone told me! Time is really flying by. Each day just seems to fly by. It's really unbelievable!

You know, about 2 days ago, it was so hot, that you could stand it, and the last 2 days it's been cloudy, rainy, and cold. The temperature
has been around 70-80 and we been
the wearing a sweat-shirt! This
is because your body gets used to
that the heat, and when it cools off
it seems cold. The nights are
beautiful, the moon is out, and the stars are shining, you
must feel it.

Well folks, that's all for now.
Have a happy Easter. I send you all
my love.

Your Son,

Amy

(P.S.)

And Dad I'm glad he back at
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Mrs & Mrs Karl Zeithammel
Rt 6 Box 44
Battle Creek, Mich 49017
Dear Mom & Dad,

Hi there folks, how is life treating you back in the dynamic city of Battle Creek, Michigan? Well I hope. I received your letter from April today, also I got the pictures you enclosed. They turned out good but you can still tell I had poison oak on my feet. Boy, some sure looks good. It's been a long time since I've seen such nice furniture of real American people. Oh well, I've still got 18 months left to go. I also got a letter fromudy and Beth, and a letter from Miss. I think Joanne's sister in Afric; I had a little trouble reading
it. Say, by the way, what happened to Santa Annie? Why is she in the hospital? I wish you would have written me, and told me. I hope she's O.K.

I'm doing real well, we are in the process of moving her, which is a real hectic job. The heat doesn't help either.

Well, that's all for today. Take care, give my regards to everyone.

Love your son,

Dory

(P.S.)

Boy, Santa Ludovina & Uncle Rudy aren't killing themselves by writing me. Give out 1 letter ever 1st wrote them!
18 April 68

Dear Mom & Dad,

Well, we are in the middle of moving, and believe me, it's a hell of a job! It's real hard, and I've got a terrible tan! In fact, she's almost black! We've been loading and unloading sand lap all day long, and it's such a job. You get all sweaty, and that sand just grinds into your skin.

Enclosed is a picture taken of me a few weeks ago. This was while I was still with my old team. It was a late the day before my first putter, so we had the day off. It isn't very good, but I thought you might like
to have it. As soon as I get that camera, I’ll be able to send more pictures home.
Well, that’s all for now. We’ll call and give my love to everyone.
Yours lovingly,
Tony.
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MRS KARL ZEITHAMMEL
RT 4 Box 64
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21 April 68

Dear Mom & Dad,

I received your letter from 15 April today, and I'm deeply shocked at Grandma's death. I can hardly believe me I'm don't know what to say. I hope you're not taking her to hard, at least it was easy, and she had no pain. I'm really sorry mom, I don't know what to say.

I got a letter from Billy today, and she doesn't think I should come to see her. She thinks I'll get into trouble. Thousands of guys did it every month, and they don't enforce the rule that much anyway. I guess I won't go. I thought
She'd want me to come and see her, but I guess I'll go to Japan or Australia now. I'm not sure. I'm glad Heidi liked the doll. I plan on sending you all something before I leave here. I'm also glad that you had a nice Easter. I didn't even know that last Sunday was Easter. I wish that you would write again. Wilt that all yours? Take care and give everyone there my love. Yours,

[Signature]
Dear Mom and Dad,

How is all going? Fine I hope. I just felt like typing a letter to you today, because I imagine that you have trouble reading my hand writing at times. You know, I've thought about what you said about me going to Los Angeles on my R&R, and I guess that you and Trudy were right about what you said. I can wait until next year before I come home. I really miss Trudy, and I just wanted to see her. I would have of course called you, and it would have been so nice to see some round eyed people again, instead of these slant eyes! I will still call you when I do go on R&R, which will probably be in September, or October.

How is Dad doing? Tell him for me that he better lay off the chow, and do a few exercises, and lose some of that beer-belly that he has. Did the doctor put him on a diet? If he did, make sure he sticks to it, because I'm not there to take care of him. Boy, If I were, I'd have him outside doing PT every morning at 5:30! Mom, how is your job doing? They better not be working you too hard, and they better treat you good!

You said in your last letter, that you wanted to know a little about my work, well, all I do is type up reports of the Commanding Officer, and work on peoples record books. I'm also in charge of filing away the different papers that we get each day. Another responsibility that I have is that I am the mail clerk, and am in charge of getting the troops their mail. This is a
very important job, because the troops really depend on their mail, that's all they have to look forward to each day. I get it from the Battalion mail room, and then sort it into Platoons, and then squads. It can be quite a job sometimes, but I like it real well.

Well that is all I have for tonite, give my love to everyone for me. Tell the kids they had better behave themselves, or else they will have to contend with me when I get home. I'm sure they wouldn't want a MARINE on their backs! Take care.

Love,
Tony
very important. For instance, the prices needed to be read on their
fees. If they were too low, I would not have accepted. I knew I
had to take the responsibility. I was going to be a doctor.

In the same way, I like to keep my

faith. The Bible has taught me so much about life and
how to live. I want to share that knowledge with others.

In the end, I feel I have made the right

decisions.
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