Dear Mum, Dad & Ania,

I'm sorry I didn't write another letter sooner but we have just come back from our first operation in enemy country and it was magic. It's pretty safe out there as soon as Charlie (the enemy) sees us he usually fires a few shots and then goes for his life and you'll get to be pretty unlucky to get shot, but you don't worry about it much out there anyway.

I must tell you about the second night out there, it rained like the blues and everyone was wet and pretty scared (night time is the worse because you can't see anything and yet there are animals moving around...
all the time) Anyway the bloke in the next pit thought he heard a noise and started shooting with the machine-gun, and believe me, myself and about 200 others thought every song in Vietnam was about to charge through a gun emplacement, so for a while jumped into my pit, which to make matters worse, was half full of water, and there we sat until dawn. We didn't lose one bloke over the 7 days and we got about 5 enemy killed and some were wounded and captured. I saw a few enemy, but that was on the back to camp through the paddy fields, there two jokers walked out of the jungle and surrendered, they didn't even have any weapons, and one of them was a long barber, and he gave one of our blokes a hair cut, we gave them smokes and some rations and took them back to one of the
villages, where we landed them over to the Government house. I bought a camera yesterday for $40, they are worth about $120 back home, so as soon as I can get some film, I'll take some photos, could you please send over a few 35mm black and white films and some 35mm colour slides because film is very hard to get over here, get 36 exposures too if you can, that means 36 shots on the film, and would you please send over all the guitar books that she got down there as one of the shops bought a guitar, but it's hard to get music books, it's tough about hanna but I suppose when your time comes there's nothing you can do about, so give her my love please. What was the march and parade like any good? She written letter to Eric & Carol, Judy & Tony, Nana & Stan, Christine,