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Wednesday, 18th April

Dear Mom,

Well not much new around here at present, am still trying to clear the area of flies and masquitos - the weather is getting very warm, we went into sun tans last Sunday.

Say what do you think I should do? I can come home about Sept. for 45 days and then come back here for another year or wait until next Feb. and come home on rotation, maybe for good, maybe not.

Visited a nearby Chinese village today and went up to the school house where very young children were being taught - the teacher wanted read off a few words and then the kids wanted all repeat what she had said - in getting to the center of the village where the temples are located we had to pass thru a sort of market street - here the Chinese were selling everything from straw brooms to



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Candy; of course the sanitary conditions weren't too good - the butcher had his meat spread out in the open air upon wooden blocks, the meat was completely covered by this - everything that was being sold was laid out in the open air - almost all of the women had small babies strapped to their backs - there is one thing I can say for the Chinese - there are no beggars like you find in India.

Well guess that's about all for tonight. am o.k. and feeling fine.

your loving son,

James

P.S.

Don't forget to use new APO # 279