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Dear Mike,

Mike is hard for me, because my respect for you doesn't want to allow anything less than Sir.

I really can't tell you how absolutely thrilled I was to receive your letter, thank you so much for responding.

One of the greatest rewards of being the E/20th-C/75th representative has been finding those of us who have been out of touch for so long and re-establishing that comradeship that we so deserve. Finding you has been one of the high points. I cannot express how much importance I place on your involvement as we move toward establishing an Association of our own and bringing together those of us who served together. In my opinion, you represent such an important part of our history and lineage that any endeavor would be incomplete without you.

In your letter you related several points that have been hotly debated at the reunions and it was good to hear some of the organizational facts that have been somewhat cloudy up to this point.

And on the lighter side, your stories of the 4th Div laigs and the trip to the officer's club with Frank had me gut rolling in the floor!

Weren't you commander when FSG McCray came out of his hootch one morning in Ahn Khe and stepped on a grenade that was tied to the door? I'd like to talk to you about that one!

Someday I'd like to write a book about some of the things that really went on 'behind the lines'.

As a matter of fact, I am presently a contributing writer for BEHIND THE LINES. It's a journal of military special operations that was started several years ago by some Vietnam era 75th Infantry rangers and has become very successful and internationally known. I recently wrote an article about one of our OP missions in January of 1969 just before Tet, on which we wasted two companies of NVA to include a Russian advisor. As soon as it's published I'll send you a copy.

In researching our KIA's for an ongoing project by the 75th Infantry Association I was given a personal account by Mark Miller who was with Lt. Green when he was killed. In it

he says there was also one of our men from the 3rd platoon who was part of a reaction force who was killed by friendly fire in that action. I have not been able to find any verification of that, or come up with a name. If you remember anything about this would you please let me know.

Also, are you in touch with Frank Moore, or do you have an address for him?

Mike, after looking at a map (LRP's only do that when absolutely necessary, right!) I see that Waynesville is only about 20 miles or so from Asheville. My wife's parents live in Asheville and we come up to visit when we can. We will be making a trip up there in the next month or so and I wondered if it would be possible to stop by for a short visit on the way back. I'd love to have the opportunity to sit down and talk to you.

Good luck in your rehab program. I know it's not as easy as it used to be for any of us. You know what they say about old Rangers; they never give up, they just give out! But go ahead and make me proud, I know you can do it!

I'll close for now, but I just want to say again how good it is to be in touch!

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