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Mr. Mike Rodriguez
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Dear Rod:

Sorry to wait so long to reply to your last letter. My agency moved in September and preparations for it got pretty hectic. Civilians just don't know how to pack and move on short notice like we used to do in the Nam. It takes much more than hollering "Saddle up!" to get them in gear. Then adjusting to our new place has been a real ordeal. We're now on one of the oldest Army posts in the country--Fort McNair, in use since 1791--and its a nice location on the Potomac River. But our building used to be a stables and we have to fight the rats for residency rights!

As for your main question, the Army made many training films during World War II as well as some films of campaigns, especially the major ones like the Battle of the Bulge. I doubt if any are still classified since we occasionally see them on television. The problem in selecting some for your use is the volume. There are so many that it would take days if not weeks to look at them. I don't have the time so I'll recommend a course you might try. Then there is the problem of access. You're in KC, the National Archives is here in DC. The Archives has a national network of regional branches, and Kansas City may have one. Check your Yellow Pages in the federal government

section under "National Archives and Records Administration," which your tax dollars support. If there is a branch there, they might be able to get some films, or at least a listing of them, from the main Archives here in DC, sort of an inter-library loan arrangement. It would be worth a try. Otherwise, you might find some films at a university library in or near KC.

Got a letter recently from one of Captain Sam's predecessors. The name is Dennis Richardson, and he was C.O. of Bravo Company during June-October 1968. He says there was one other company commander between him and Capt. Sam. You might know him and his successor as well. He read my book some time ago, and wants to know where he can get a dozen or so copies. He could be my marketing manager if the book weren't out of print. Another obstacle on my way to wealth!

Have you found a second career yet? Keep me informed about what you decide. Take care.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles".

Charles R. Anderson