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Dear Charles,

I was very pleased to hear from you - someone from B-1-3. Please excuse me for taking so long to write back to you. I have been very busy, more about that later.

I am not real sure if I can remember exactly who you were. But I can remember one of the platoon commanders from the other platoons and I hope that you fit the description. Were you somewhat short, have dark hair, and did you take over command of B Company on the morning that Captain Sampson was killed?

Do you remember Lt. J. D. Pereira? He was 1st platoon commander and I was 1st platoon radio man from about May or June '69 thru early Sept. '69. I remember the morning that Capt. Sam was killed like as though it was yesterday.

Yes, I have read your book, twice for sure and every now

and then I pick it up and read a particular section again. It was written quite well and makes me feel like as though I am there all over again. You are to be commended on a very fine job. I have about 60 or 70 books about Nam and I'm sure that this was the first one I purchased.

I have never suffered any of the problems with Nam like a lot of other fellows have. Although when we took Hill 461 on Mutter's Ridge in Sept '68 I had point that day and in my mind I can almost relive every step whenever I think about it.

I sometimes regret getting out of the Corps, especially when 1988 came, I would have had my 20 years in already. But at the time I was discharged in '69 it appeared to me that rank would be a problem to get, there were a lot of racial problems, and I could see a drug problem coming.

When I got home in '69,

the fall of I worked at home with my dad on the farm and also took a job at a local feed mill.

In 1972 I started my own business. I have been repairing farm tractors ever since on my own. I also have a club for collectors of Lockshutt tractors and publish a quarterly newsletter.

Now for the reason why I have trouble getting time to write letters - a normal day consists of about 19 hours of work. I hope to somehow change this schedule.

If you get a chance drop me a few lines again and if not I will see you in Nashville next summer.

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