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Dear Charles -

It's been a "mere" 6 months or so since I requested you to autograph this copy of your book! Despite the lag-time inherent in being a procrastinator by nature and starting a new job assignment in January, the real delay has come from trying to track down four more copies of this hard-back edition for former "A," 1/3 comrades with whom I'm still actively in touch. To-date, I've had no luck, but I'll keep trying (if you, being the author, have a source, let me know!).

At any rate, your autograph & any comments you'd care to share on this copy will be truly appreciated. As we discussed on the phone, the book is, to a large degree, the story of my tour also: I reported to "A" in late Nov. '68 (just prior to Taylor-Common), and after being the XO --- & occasional Acting C.O. there ("Mad Mac", with whom I still communicate regularly, drew shrapnel like exposed →

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skin drew mosquitoes on a night ambush!)). -- I took over "B" after Sam was killed in August. We continued bumping the area between Mutter's Ridge, Dong Ha Mtn., + the Con Thien - C2 Fire Bases until the Regiment "stood down" in late Sept - early Oct. I went to 4th Marines HQ, + left RVN with them in November for Okinawa.

Hope you're doing well. Do you ever attend the 3rd Mar Div Reunions anymore? I got out to San Diego in '92... but have missed the last two. Will be returning from Pamplona just a couple of days before the '95 Reunion starts, so I won't make this year's either.

S-F,

Al Chesson