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Dear Phil,

Greetings, I hope you are well. I thought I would drop you a line to tell you that, at last, LIFE ON THE LINE has gone to the publishers. Yours is amongst the 33 stories that I finally squeezed in the book - 100,000 words takes a long time to put together.

The publisher intends to print at least 7,500 hardback copies and will release it in paperback sometime afterwards. I would guess that it will take at least nine months before it appears. Regarding copies of the book; everyone will get a couple of free copies (glad I didn't use 100 stories) and will be able to obtain more at trade/cost price.

Talking of books, a copy of AIR WAR IN VIETNAM, or VIETNAM - THE WAR IN THE AIR, as it is called in the US, will shortly be on its way to you. I have arranged through the Outlet Book Company to send copies to a number of friends in the US your good self included. Let me know what you think of it when it arrives. It is based on that Aeroplane Monthly magazine series, but with twice the words and 230 pictures.

Your wounding is by now one of the most famous in history. I enclose a copy of NAM magazine with your experience incorporated into a Dustoff article. You should have received a rough draft of it some time ago. If you need any more copies, do let me know.

I am now working on THE HELICOPTER WAR IN VIETNAM, so if you know of anyone else with a story to tell, however brief, do let me know. I am also hunting for pictures for the book.

Enclose also some of your slides. I think I have two more still and they are away at the publishers with your story.

Take care and give my regards to the family.

All the best,

Phil