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Colonel Robert J. Loughry
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Washington DC 20333

Dear Colonel Loughry

Reference my previous letter which included an attached list of personnel of the 377 Air Police Squadron who had been recommended for decorations for their actions during the attack on Tan Son Nhut on 4-5 December 1966.

Attached is an article from the Stars and Stripes indicating those individuals who were awarded decorations. In addition, Silver Stars were approved for A2C John D. Cole and A2C George M. Bevich, Jr., also, a Bronze Star (Valor) was approved for A2C Oliver J. Riddle.

The Squadron Commander indicates that, except as indicated below, all other personnel on the recommended list were awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal in lieu of the medal for which they were recommended. The board failed to approve any form of decoration for the following personnel; however, the Commander plans to resubmit the recommendations for Bronze Stars at the end of their tours.

MSgt Babicky, Frank J.
TSgt Williams, Joseph F.
SSgt Tomkins, Rodney G.
A1C Starr, Charles R.
A2C Reed, Monty G.

In the event there is any additional information you desire on this subject please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely

SIGNED

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SAIGON—Lt. Gen. William W. Momyer, commander Seventh Air Force, Friday awarded three Silver Stars and 13 Bronze Stars with "V" device for valor to air police who defended Tan Son Nhut AB against a Viet Cong mortar and small arm attack Dec. 4.

Momyer said that the men's action was "an act of courage reflecting the highest traditions" of the service.

Silver Stars were awarded to

Maj. Roger P. Fox, of Cleveland, Ohio; A2C Alvin W. Curie, Grand Rapids, Mich., and A2C Tommy C. Poole, Okolona, Miss.

A Bronze Star for outstanding achievement was presented Lt. Col. Grove C. Johnson, Omaha, Neb., 377th Air Police Sq. commander.

Bronze Star awards went to TSgt. Roy D. Brooks, Jr., St. Louis; SSgt. Robert B. Walters, Sandusky, Ohio; A2C Patrick J. Casey, Columbus, Ohio; A2C Henry J.

Dougherty, Jr., East Brunswick, N.J., and A2C Alfred J. Orr and A2C Robert A. Thorneburg, home towns unknown.

Also awarded the Bronze Star were A3C John P. Walker, Pacoima, Cal.; A3C Carl G. Blair, Gardena, Cal., MSgt. Edward Batoe, Amarillo, Tex., A2C Robert W. Valentine, Jr., hometown unknown; 1st Lt. Jack S. Howe, Flint, Mich., Capt. Fred Hover, Whittier, Cal., and Capt. William C. Henry, Pier City, Ill.