

In September 1966, soon after his arrival at Tan Son Nhut, the Air Base suffered a very disastrous airplane crash that injured and killed many observers, both Americans and Vietnamese. Lt Col Johnson with the USAF Security Police assisted in detaining the crowd, caring for the injured, and carrying off the dead. Much of the Vietnamese Air Force housing area had been demolished; live ordnance stores were scattered over a large area. The USAF Security Police, cooperating fully with the VNAF, helped isolate the area which afterwards was carefully swept clear of any potential hazards.

During his tour at Tan Son Nhut considerable progress was made in the orderly flow of vehicular traffic. This, in no small way, was the result of the combined efforts of the Vietnamese authorities and the US Air Force Security Police commanded by Lt Col Johnson.

It is recognized that security is only as strong as the weakest link. Joint <sup>security screening</sup> procedures were established and conducted with equal vigor by both Vietnamese and USAF enforcement agencies. Facilities for the security of the Air Base were jointly agreed upon, then developed and erected in an atmosphere of mutual satisfaction and accomplishment. Some of these were: <sup>fencing, replacement of mines, installation of</sup> repair of the perimeter lighting, additional observation towers, defoliation of the high grass, and finally the erection of a hardened command post. With the Combined Defense Plan in its final stages, Tan Son Nhut can boast as having the most formidable base defense force in the world today. This could not have been possible without the cooperation of all concerned of which Lt Col Johnson played a very important role.

Perhaps the greatest contribution he made was during the 4-5 December 1966 attack on Tan Son Nhut when a sizeable force of VC successfully penetrated the perimeter defenses determined to wreak horror and death to both Vietnamese and Americans. Acting under his leadership, the USAF Security Police forces and elements of the US Army, in cooperation with the Vietnamese, not only repelled but destroyed the enemy force. This single incident of overwhelming defeat to the VC forces won world-wide attention and has played a significant part in the successful conduct of the Free World Forces in South Vietnam.

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