

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS 35TH COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP (PACAF)  
APO SAN FRANCISCO 96321



REPLY TO: 13P (Capt Todd/2948)

20 MAY 1969

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

TO: 35TH BWS

1. I wish to congratulate the following security police augmentees under your command for their actions on the evening of 27 May 1969:

Kirk W. Lambert SSAN:  
R. Barretto SSAN:  
E.R. Cleaves SSAN:  
R. Strykowski SSAN:  
James L. Scott SSAN:  
Michael D. Smith SSAN:  
Thomas R. Parsons SSAN: 305-54-3334  
James A. Butler SSAN:  
J.H. Johnson SSAN:

2. On this date they had completed their augmentee bi-monthly training, when a fire broke out north of the air base living range. It was started by a slap flare demonstration. As the fire department was being notified they ran to the scene of the fire and fought it with whatever tools they could find. With ingenuity and initiative, they seized a couple of old machetes, hoses, rakes, branches, shovels, the shirts off their backs and their feet while others ran for fire extinguishers. For over an hour and a half they battled the grass fire as it burned closer to the bomb dump. Although the fire department had arrived, they could only fight it from one side due to limited access roads. Your troops were left to control on foot the other side the best they could. Only through their untiring efforts despite burns and minor injuries it was brought under control. To me this typifies the qualities we seek in security police augmentees, and the type of personnel you have provided us who have served the installation so well during the periods of threat and attacks this year, please extend my sincere thanks and appreciation.

DONALD E. REEVES, Lt Colonel, USAF  
Chief, Security Police

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