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VIA AIR MAIL

MR BERT WINGERD

RIVERDALE, CALIF

17 Jan 68

Dear Mr Wingerd:

I'm sorry Tim's letter came
as such a shock but Tim had
signed what is called a lightly wounded
strip which prevents us from notifying
anyone if he is wounded and is not
serious. Tim was wounded on
the 4th of January while performing duty
as a crew chief on an assault in the
Aca Natchy Tay Ninh, RVN. His
aircraft was struck with a rocket and
it's lost on the ground while loading
on troops. Tim was struck with
fragments from the rocket which
resulted in a wound to the right
jaw, the fracture of the right jaw
and right arm plus some minor wounds
in the legs. I was with Tim from
the time he arrived at the hospital
until he came out of surgery. He required
some work to align his jaw and close
two wounds along the jaw line.

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These both came out beautifully. The arm is a simple fracture but will prevent him from writing since it is in a cast. The fracture of the jaw required that the doctor brace his teeth together in order to hold it stationary, which makes talking difficult but not impossible. Tim came through all the operations beautifully and was in both good spirits and humor when I saw him yesterday. Tim has been evacuated out of the States today and his address for the next few days will be: 106TH GENERAL HOSPITAL APO San Francisco, 96503. This is in Japan and is the normal evacuation route to the States in the event Tim will require some time to recuperate. However the doctor assured me the last time I talked to him that he would make a full and complete

recovery. He will have two small
scars on the right side of his face
by the jaw bone. These will disappear
later I'm sure.

As I said I'm sorry I could
not write before because of the regulation
which stopped me. I can assure
you Tim will be all right and
should be in the States before too long.

I want to take the opportunity to
say how pleased and proud I was
to have Tim a member of my Company. He
was far and above, one of the best crew
chiefs I had. He is an outstanding
example of young American manhood, you
have every right to be extremely proud
of your son. He was a definite asset
to this organization and I miss his
contribution to the operation of this Company.
Of all of the young men I had met
Tim's level of responsibility the future
of America will be in good hands.

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I hope this will relieve your
mind and put you at ease. I
can be of any further assistance
feel free to write to me. My address
MAJOR Jack O. Johnson 077484
188th ASLT HEL Co.
APO S.F. 96268.

Yours Truly,

Jack O. Johnson
MAJOR, Artillery
Commanding

I find it difficult to take the opportunity
now to send you a card and I am
at present in the hospital. I am
very sorry that I cannot be with you
at the moment. I am very glad to hear
that you are well and hope that you
will continue to be so. I am very
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