

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE AIR FORCE COMMENDATION MEDAL

TO

JOHN F. TOBEY

Airman First Class John F. Tobey distinguished himself by outstanding achievement at DaNang Air Base, Republic of Vietnam on 27 February 1967. On that date, while under a hostile mortar and rocket attack, Airman Tobey went to the aid of seven very seriously wounded military men. After administering first aid he accompanied the wounded on shuttle missions in a helicopter transporting them to a hospital where urgently needed professional medical treatment was rendered. The expert administering of first aid by Airman Tobey contributed greatly to the saving of lives. By his prompt action and humanitarian regard for his fellow man, Airman Tobey has reflected credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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An Early day today. Base under mortar & rocket attack. Sobey, Truffer, and Hackney on flight line before the attack was over, giving medical aid. Last man treated had taken an almost direct hit. No hope but did what we could. Sobey & Hackney "rounded up" an HH-43 to med evac him out and then started on working the flight line area by chopper, taking Careyard evacuating 6 more, all in critical condition (one with both arms, both legs ^{and}, one eye missing, plus an open belly wound) Sure did get some practical application - A.O. we'd carry the into NISA, I'd give doctors a short brief on what had been done (morphine etc) while Hackney grabbed more I.V. bottles and tourniquets. 5 of the 7 lived.

Weddel & Duffy went on J.B. for med. evac of personnel already treated