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MiG Kill – on this date:



LODGE, ROBERT A.	MAJ	555th TFS	1	72/02/21	AC	MiG-21	F-4D	AIM-7
LOCHER, ROGER C.	1LT	555th TFS	1	72/02/21	WSO	MiG-21	F-4D	AIM-7



Maj Bob Lodge and 1st Lt Roger Locher
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Monday, 21 February 1972: Major Bob Lodge, F-4D aircraft commander and WSO 1st Lt Roger Locher score their first (of three) MiG-21 victories employing a radar-guided AIM-7E-2 Sparrow missile over North Vietnam. Lodge & Locher (from the famed “Triple Nickel” 555th TFS at Udorn RTAFB Thailand) reputations would grow in stature, rising to become the consensus combat aircrew in 7th/13th Air Force ...through 10 May 1972, when the “torch” would be passed.

“With over 400 missions, they were considered the best aircrew in Southeast Asia” ...Brig Gen (Ret.) Steve Ritchie, 555th TFS, 432nd TRW (USAFA Class of '64, along with his '64 classmate Bob Lodge).



Then-Capt Roger C. Locher
