



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE AIRMAN'S MEDAL
(FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER)
TO
STAFF SERGEANT JOHN F. TOBEY

Staff Sergeant John F. Tobey distinguished himself by heroism involving voluntary risk of life near Taegu, Korea on 16 August 1968. On that date, Sergeant Tobey, with complete disregard for his own safety, repeatedly left his rescue helicopter in efforts to evacuate flood endangered Korean citizens. He materially assisted in the rescue of more than seventy people, including ten that he carried to safety on his back, one at a time, through thirty yards of a rapidly moving flood swollen river. By his courageous action and humanitarian regard for his fellow man, Sergeant Tobey has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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