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Mrs. James L. DeVoss  
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Dear Mrs DeVoss,

We have just been notified here at the 354th TFS that Jim has been transferred to Wright-Patterson AFB and will not be returning to duty with us. We will truly miss him, and I wish to express to you how much we have enjoyed having your husband in our squadron.

Jim was definitely one of our finest and most talented officers, and his numerous extra jobs have been difficult to fill since he left us so suddenly. His cheery smile is much missed around the squadron and we are the worse for being without him. We all share your pride in the wonderful job he did for his country here in Southeast Asia.

We were all stunned when Jim went down, but he did a marvelous job of handling his stricken aircraft, and this probably saved his life. If he had not remained with the plane and turned it back toward dense and relatively uninhabited territory, his rescue would have been difficult if not impossible. We all have faith that your cheerful presence and the doctors at Wright-Patterson will soon make Jim "as good as new" again.

Major Elmer Olson is collecting and shipping Jim's belongings to your address. We will also send along his 354th "Bulldog" plaque and "Golden Bee-Bee" with our congratulations for a job well done.

If there is anything we can do for you, just write, as the facilities of the 354th are always at your disposal. Please tell Jim that we all wish him a speedy recovery and hope to be on his wing again soon.

Sincerely,



BILLY M. MINTER, Lt Col, USAF  
Commander