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ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

COLORADO 80840
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TO EACH GRADUATE:

I sincerely regret to inform you of the recent death of your classmate, Capt Harlow K. Halbower, who was killed when his O-1F was struck by extremely intense hostile ground fire while on a FAC mission 15 miles west of Saigon, RVN, on 2 Jan 1966. His aircraft was damaged beyond control, with the ensuing crash causing immediate death.

Since I did not know Harlow, it is extremely difficult for me to add significantly to the cruel facts surrounding his death. Yet I am sure that each of you, from your personal acquaintance, will be able to draw a private estimate of our loss. I trust that considerable thoughts and prayers will accrue to him and his family. I had the opportunity to talk with his wife and both sets of parents, and I discovered that although saddened by his death they are nevertheless proud of him and happy that he was doing what he most wanted. Perhaps their content with that fact is the best possible testimony to the quality of his service.

Funeral and burial services are being held on Wednesday, 12 Jan 1966 at the Parsons Funeral Home, 602 E. Main Street, Anthony, Kansas, starting at 2PM.

For those of you inclined to write, the following addresses are furnished:

Mrs. Dee Halbower (wife)
6138 Castle Drive
Wichita, Kansas 67213

Mr. & Mrs. K.W. Halbower (parents)
711 N. Kansas
Anthony, Kansas

Dr. & Mrs. H.L. Galloway (in-laws)
6138 Castle Drive
Wichita. Kansas 67218

I regret that it is my duty to convey this information to you, but trust that you join me in bidding his soul Godspeed.

Richard T Mathews

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