

8 April 1966

Mr. Richard Hugh Johnson
833 Richmond Road
Susanville, California

Dear Mr. Johnson,

It is with regret that I inform you of the combat injury to your son, Larry which occurred on 6 April 1966. I am elated to tell you that it is not serious and that he has suffered only minor and temporary injuries due to an ejection from the OV-1 Mohawk.

Your son was performing on an operational visual mission over a hostile area and was forced to eject as was the pilot, Capt Harry E. Duensing, when the aircraft received enemy ground fire and became uncontrollable. As a result your son sustained a minor back injury and a laceration of the leg.

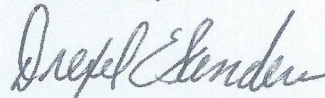
Both he and the pilot were rescued within an hour after the accident and were transported to a nearby medical facility for immediate treatment. The next morning they were evacuated to the hospital at Clark Air Force Base, Philippines for a thorough examination which is a normal procedure.

We have received no additional information as of yet, but rest assured that it will be sent promptly to you when we do. I hope that this letter hasn't upset you too extensively as that certainly wasn't my intent but hopefully to help place your mind at ease and erase any doubts that might have blossomed from lack of news from your son.

You have a fine son, Mr. Johnson, of whom you should be very proud as he has truly performed in the highest traditions of the military while serving his country.

If I can be of any further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to correspond.

Sincerely,



DREXEL E. SANDERS
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