

My name is Ted Davis and I just finished reading your post on the C123's in SEA website.

I was assigned to the aircrew commanded by Lt. Borque in 1964. I was the assigned Loadmaster for that particular crew. I was asked to replace another loadmaster, Sgt Halloran, on a ferry mission to Hong Kong. Sgt Halloran was on TDY (Muletrain) from Pope, AFB and lived off base with other TDY personnel. I was living in a tent alongside the taxiway for the Saigon Airport...needless to say I took the opportunity to get a free R&R to Hong Kong.

While we were in Hong Kong Lt. Borque's airplane and crew were shot down. What disheartening news to come back to after enjoying my 7 day stay in Hong Kong.

I would like to send you a photo of Lt. Borque and myself on the flight line at Tan Son Nhut just prior to his being killed in action.

My son, who is now serving in the AF, researched the suggestion that Lt. Borque was the first AF cadet to be killed in action. I didn't know that he was also the first cadet to enter the Academy.

The photo is on the "people Photo" page.