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U.S. POWs  
Say Bombs  
Were Close

NEW YORK — (AP) — Three American prisoners of war were quoted yesterday as saying bombs from U.S. planes fell within 22 yards of their prison camp, caving in their roofs and smashing their Christmas decorations.

A spokeswoman for the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam released the quotes, which she said were in a Dec. 23 Telex dispatch of a North Vietnamese news agency received by the Asia Information Group of Berkeley.

The message identified the POWs as George Alan Rose, 30, Melvin Kazoki Matsuoy, 27, and Gregg Ormar Hanson, three airmen shot down on June 13, June 21 and July 29, respectively.

POW lists drawn up by antiwar groups list Rose as a resident of Fayetteville, Ark., and Hanson as a resident of Thousand Oaks, Calif.

Urging their families to help end the war, the airmen wished them a Merry Christmas and said the renewed bombing interrupted their own holiday preparations.