

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HEADQUARTERS 3D BRIGADE 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO San Francisco 96268

AVDCTB-00

10 March 1968

SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation

TO: Commanding Officer  
188th Helicopter Assault Company  
APO 96268

1. I would like to take this opportunity to commend you and your unit for the fine support you afforded the 3d Brigade, 25th Infantry Division on the night of 1-2 January 1968. The decisive victory this command experienced at the now famous Battle of Soui Cut would hardly have been possible had it not been for the outstanding performance of the "Black Widows".

2. Hampered by hazards of dust and darkness, in addition to direct enemy fire, your aviators displayed astute professionalism while resupplying our ground troops with badly needed ammunition. The spontaneous resupply sorties you furnished us with during that night are testimony to the "Black Widows" well known teamwork and combat record. In addition, the arrival of your unit at Katum, at the height of the battle, was a significant morale factor both to the combat and combat support troops of this command.

3. Again, I commend you for your untiring efforts. The 188th Helicopter Assault Company has assisted this brigade on numerous occasions. I cannot express too strongly the respect and admiration both myself and the officers and men of the 3d Brigade have for the "Black Widows". I look forward to our joint efforts on future operations.



LEONARD R. DAEMS JR.  
Colonel, Infantry  
Commanding

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HEADQUARTERS 269TH COMBAT AVIATION BATTALION  
APO 96353  
"DISCIPLINED PROFESSIONALS"


AVGC-F

13 March 1968

SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation

Commanding Officer  
188th Assault Helicopter Company  
APO 96268

1. On the occasion of the departure of the 188th Assault Helicopter Company from this command, I take pleasure in extending to you personally and to all officers and men of the Black Widows my congratulations for outstanding performance of duty and my sincere appreciation for the many fine missions performed by your command.
2. Since my assumption of command of this Battalion some six weeks ago the Black Widows have been called upon many times to perform difficult and dangerous missions. Invariably these missions have been performed with high skill, daring, and professionalism. Time and again, your company has been called upon to render prompt and immediate support to other units of this command. This support has consistently been given with the same outstanding speed and efficiency that have so characterized all Black Widow activities. These actions are indicative of high morale, esprit and devotion to duty. All are products of solid leadership.
3. Loss of the Black Widows will deprive this Battalion of a valuable asset not easily replaced. However, I take pride in knowing that the Black Adlers are receiving a tough, dependable, combat ready company, which can be depended upon to render a solid account of itself in all situations.
4. Again, I commend you and the entire company for a job well done and wish you continued success in all future endeavors.

  
EDGAR F. TODD  
LTC, Arty  
Commanding