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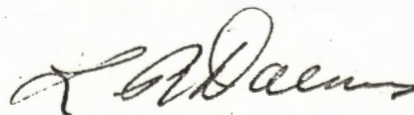
SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation

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