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Letter of Commendation

480th TFSq (C)

1. I forward these letter's with great pleasure. This mission really reflect great credit on these aircrews and on your squadron and our Wing as well. A good example of how COMBAS operate.
2. Please pass along my congratulations for a job of superior airmanship.

  
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**Outstanding Performance**

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1. In receiving this correspondence from the ROK Captol Division Forward Air Controller for our support of the Dak Seang Special Forces Camp it cannot be doubted that the COBRA name is known, known well and highly respected for the airmanship which they put forth. This is another indication of the outstanding bombing that our "jocks" continue to demonstrate every mission in the Republic of Vietnam.
2. I add my personal congratulations with those of the FAC in honoring a job "well done" by one of our COBRA - Fox 4's.



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## Outstanding Performance

## 12th Tactical Fighter Wing

The afternoon of 7 Apr 79 Cobra 01 flight, mission number 4137, was conducted in support of the besieged Special Forces camp of Dak Seang near the tri-border area in northwestern Laos.

The camp had been under an intense ground assault since all morning and at the time Cobra 01 arrived the camp was under heavy automatic weapons fire from a wooded gully on the east side of the camp. This is also the same area where a C-130 supply mission the previous day, had taken such a heavy toll that it resulted in its subsequent crash and the death of all on board. The camp was surrounded by NVA which necessitated an attack from two directions simultaneously, one east of camp and one on the west side of the camp. Therefore, the mission required not only precision bombing, since the flight had to drop their ordnance perpendicular to the wooded gully, but also excellent flight discipline because of the need to maintain a tight formation to the east. Cobra 01 displayed exceptional flying skill in altering its flight pattern allowing two sets of fighters to successfully complete the mission. Also, the outstanding bombing accuracy helped to neutralize the area and prevent the camp from being overrun.

The outstanding performance of Cobra 01 flight, especially in view of the restricted conditions, reflects the highest order of professionalism and flying skill. The aggressive spirit of attack, determination and outstanding airmanship displayed by the crews reflect great credit to the 12th Tactical Fighter Wing and the United States Air Force.

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