

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HEADQUARTERS 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO San Francisco 96370

GENERAL ORDERS  
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AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

BREED, ROLLA M. 05406304 (SSAN: [REDACTED]) CAPTAIN AIR  
~~DEFENSE ARTILLERY~~, United States Army, Troop D, 3d Squadron, 5th  
Cavalry, 9th Infantry Division, APO 96370

Awarded: Distinguished Flying Cross (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Date action: 31 January 1969

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism while participating in aerial flight as evidenced by voluntary action above and beyond the call of duty in the Republic of Vietnam: Captain Breed distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 31 January 1969 while serving as a Pilot with Troop D, 3d Squadron, 5th Cavalry, on a reconnaissance mission in Kien Hoa Province. After learning that a friendly ground force had several casualties who needed immediate evacuation, Captain Breed flew to the area to attempt the extraction of the wounded men. Finding that the landing zone was impossibly small, he directed two smaller craft to land first as he flew cover for them, but when they were unable to pick up all of the casualties, he courageously maneuvered his craft into the hazardous landing zone and skillfully extracted the men in spite of the fact that his helicopter was heavily loaded. Captain Breed's outstanding flying ability and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the 9th Infantry Division and the United States Army.

Authority: By direction of the President under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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