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1ST AVIATION BRIGADE
APO San Francisco 96307

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"NGUY HIEP"

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AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

BREED, ROLLA M. 05406364 CAPTAIN ARTILLERY USA
116th Assault Helicopter Company, APO 96353

Awarded: Distinguished Flying Cross

Date action: 21 March 1967


Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism while participating in aerial flight evidenced by voluntary actions above and beyond the call of duty: Captain Breed distinguished himself on 21 March 1967 while serving as aircraft commander of a UH-1D helicopter involved in a hazardous resupply of a forward artillery base of the 3rd Battalion, 4th Infantry Division. The situation was considered a tactical emergency. The Viet Cong were attacking in human waves with mortars and automatic weapons. Their attack with superior numbers of more than five to one, was rapidly depleting the supply of ammunition in the American defensive position. The 116th Assault Helicopter Company was called upon to perform the emergency resupply on the beleaguered unit. Captain Breed showed superb flying skill, extreme devotion to duty, and uncommon discipline in the face of intense enemy fire throughout this encounter. He flew his aircraft into and out of the landing zone heavily loaded with ammunition and casualties. During this time the landing zone was under continuous attack. Heavy enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire raked the area. Only through his skillful maneuvering, extreme courage, and professional accomplishment was this mission successfully completed. The unit being resupplied, gratefully received the ammunition and dealt the Viet Cong a tremendous defeat. His actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself, his unit 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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