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1ST AVIATION BRIGADE
APO San Francisco 96307

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AWARD OF THE ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL FOR HEROISM

1. TO 320. The following AWARD is announced.

BREED, ROLLA M. 05406364 FIRST LIEUTENANT USA
116th Aslt Hel Co, APO 96289

Awarded: Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device

Date action: 4 August 1966

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism while engaged in aerial flight in connection with military operations against a hostile force: First Lieutenant Breed distinguished himself by heroic actions while serving as the pilot of a UH-1D aircraft returning from a combat mission when he experienced a complete engine failure near X Long Cong. Lieutenant Breed executed a successful autorotation, landing in a known hostile area with no damage sustained by the aircraft and no injuries to the crew members. Immediately he secured his aircraft and directed the aircraft gunners to occupy defensive positions. The landing site of the helicopter was rapidly taken under hostile sniper and automatic weapons fire. Lieutenant Breed successfully directed his gunners in returning this fire, thus enabling the unit maintenance aircraft to land in the area and effect the needed aircraft repairs. Noting that the refueling operation had been impeded, Lieutenant Breed, with complete disregard for his personal safety, ran across the flat, open area to assist in this operation. Braving intense enemy fire, he continued to assist in the refueling of both aircraft for a period of approximately 25 minutes. His calm deliberate efforts facilitated the departure of both aircraft and crews with no damage sustained to the aircraft and no injuries to his personnel. This outstanding display of aggressiveness, courage and devotion to duty is 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 Secretary of the Army under the provisions of AR 672-5-1 and United States Army Vietnam Message 16695 dated 1 July 1966.

FOR THE COMMANDER: