



Distinguished Flying Cross Award Citation

"Major Shircliff (call sign *Rash 11*) was flying (an OV10 Bronco) in support of ground forces of the of the First Brigade of the First Cavalry Division in III Corp, Republic of South Vietnam. A platoon came under heavy enemy fire after being airlifted (by helicopter) into an area northeast of Tay Nihn West. Major Shircliff was advised of the "troops in contact" and the need for air power to repel the enemy force. He immediately called for two flights of F-100s armed with napalm and 500-pound bombs. Upon the F-100's arrival on the scene, Major Shircliff, using white phosphorous rockets, marked the location of the enemy and directed the fighter/bomber aircraft into the target area. After releasing their external load, the F-100s strafed the location forcing the enemy to cease-fire and withdraw from the area. Friendly forces had few casualties."

Branch of Service: U. S. Air Force * Theatre for DFC: Vietnam * Aircraft: OV10 Bronco