



Distinguished Flying Cross Award Citation

Captain Holbert is awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism while participating in aerial flight evidenced by voluntary actions above and beyond the call of duty: Captain Holbert distinguished himself by valorous actions in Lay Ninh Province. Captain Holbert, platoon leader of a UH-1C Gunship platoon, was flying in support of friendly troops surrounded by a numerically superior enemy force. Making numerous firing passes over the enemy positions, his aircraft continuously came under murderously accurate enemy fire. One by one, the aircraft in his platoon were lost to enemy fire, but he stayed on, departing the area only to refuel, rearm and make emergency repairs to his battle damaged aircraft. Again Captain Holbert led his gun teams back to the area of operation. Mother aircraft was forced down by the intense enemy fire. Disregarding his own personal safety, Captain Holbert braved the enemy fire to make repeated gun runs, keeping the enemy away from the downed ship, until the downed crew could make its way to the friendly lines. His actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

Branch of Service: U. S. Army * Theatre for DFC: Vietnam * Aircraft: UH-1C Helicopter/Gunship