



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF  
THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

TO

AIRMAN SECOND CLASS WILLIAM D. BROTTON

Airman Second Class William D. Brotton distinguished himself by extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as a Pararescue Specialist on an unarmed HH-3E Rescue Helicopter over North Vietnam on 23 and 24 April 1967. On these dates, Airman Brotton displayed outstanding determination and professional competence while participating in the rescue of an F-4C pilot downed deep in enemy territory. On the first day, the rescue attempt was frustrated by impending darkness, deteriorating weather, and a serious malfunction in the aircraft's flight controls. Early the next day, Airman Brotton again penetrated deep into hostile territory, this time without the element of surprise, and successfully aided the pilot in locating and rescuing the downed airman. The professional competence, aerial skill, and devotion to duty displayed by Airman Brotton reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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