

wounded comrade to a sheltered position and returned to the contact area to engage the enemy until they broke contact and fled. Private First Class David's extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

Mr. David, now an inspector for the State of Ohio, also wears the Purple Heart and Combat Infantryman's Badge. His application was endorsed by Mr. Erwin Marks, DSC, 2727 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York 11235. Major Jim Doughtie, DSC, 4221 Bel Pre Road, Rockville, Maryland, concurred!

The Distinguished Service Cross presented to **Lieutenant John I. O'Sullivan, DSC, USA**, 1669-B Cedar Street, Ft. Dix, New Jersey 08640, came to him as a result of his extraordinary heroism while serving as pilot as well as fire team leader of a helicopter gunship team flying in support of allied operations near Quang Ngai. Although



Lt. O'Sullivan, DSC and Gen. Bruce Palmer

under a continuous hail of enemy automatic weapons fire. Lieutenant O'Sullivan led an aggressive attack on three companies of enemy soldiers that were entrenched in a Vietnamese village. Repeatedly exposing his aircraft to the intense enemy automatic weapons fire, he eliminated four enemy soldiers and destroyed two enemy bunkers. His aircraft was then shot down by intense enemy fire as he descended to a low altitude to provide cover fire for another downed friendly helicopter. After surveying the damage to his downed ship, Lieutenant O'Sullivan returned to the cockpit and flew the crippled craft to a nearby air strip. He then obtained another gunship and returned to the area to take command of the fire team. While covering the recovery of the downed helicopter, he eliminated five more of the enemy. Responding to an urgent appeal for assistance from another allied unit, he again braved intense fire as he assaulted three enemy machine gun positions. During this encounter, his gunship was damaged by enemy fire. Undaunted, he continued his aggressive assault, destroyed the enemy machine gun positions, and completely routed the enemy force. Second Lieutenant O'Sullivan's extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

Lieutenant O'Sullivan, a native of Tralee, County Kerry, Ireland, was chosen as Army Aviator of the year for the 1969-1970 period. He is

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shown here receiving the trophy from General Bruce Palmer, Vice Chief of Staff, at ceremonies held in October, 1970. Captain Charles H. Briscoe, DSC, 2007 Vinewood Drive, Bryan, Texas 77801, brought

Lieutenant O'Sullivan into the Legion of Valor fold, as he did with a number of others who served with him at Fort Riley ROTC Advanced Summer Camp Leadership Seminars held at Fort Riley last summer.