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SUBJECT: Application for Direct Commission


TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

In the last two and one half months, I have had numerous contacts with Warrant Officer John I. O'Sullivan. He has frequently flown either the Command and Control or a resupply helicopter for my battalion. Throughout this period, WO O'Sullivan has shown himself to be a dedicated and truly professional soldier. He has consistently expressed interest in knowing what's going on in Daily operations and has frequently accompanied me during his off duty time on visits to the units on the ground.

WO O'Sullivan's courage and bravery are unsurpassed. His actions have become a legend in this battalion. On two occasions he has flown missions in extremely bad weather in order to evacuate members of the battalion who had been wounded. In each case, he was specifically asked to make the evacuation because of his flying ability and known interest in helping his fellow man. On one of these occasions he was flying a utility for the battalion and I recognized his voice and asked him to make the pick-up, which he did. In addition, he has twice successfully landed the Command and Control helicopter after it has been disabled by enemy fire. One of these times, he did this in spite of being wounded himself.

WO O'Sullivan has frequently expressed a desire to obtain a commission and continue his military career as a commissioned officer. His six years of enlisted service, during which period he served primarily with small infantry units, ideally suits him for a commission as an Infantry Officer.

As a result of my personal observation of WO O'Sullivan, I strongly recommend that favorable consideration be given to his request for a direct commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army. I firmly believe he would be an asset to the Officer Corps and would be most happy to have him serve under me.

  
J. GODFREY CROWE  
LTC, INF  
Commanding