



Government House
CANBERRA ACT 2600
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Gallantry Decorations

The Governor-General is pleased to announce the following Gallantry Decoration:

MEDAL FOR GALLANTRY (MG)

Australian Army

Second Lieutenant John Patrick O'HALLORAN (Retd)

For acts of gallantry in action in hazardous circumstances as the Platoon Commander, 5 Platoon, Bravo Company, 6th Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment during Operation BRIBIE, South Vietnam on 17 February 1967.

The *Mention in Despatches* awarded in August 1967 for the same action has been cancelled.

By Her Excellency's command

Gerard Martin PSM

Official Secretary to the Governor-General

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Second Lieutenant John Patrick O'Halloran commanded 5 Platoon Bravo Company as they fought for their lives throughout a fierce, close engagement which lasted until darkness fell and the enemy withdrew. Throughout the engagement, Second Lieutenant O'Halloran displayed individual gallantry and inspirational leadership against a well defended and heavily armed enemy. His gallant actions whilst under fire were inspirational to his platoon and to all those involved in the action and were in keeping with the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.