

**Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star
David Paul Beattie**

580917. Sergeant
Royal NZ Infantry Regiment
Victor Five Company

Date of Award: 4 May 1971

Citation

Sergeant David P Beattie arrived in the Republic of South Vietnam on 22 April 1970 and since that date has held the appointment of Platoon Sergeant 3 Platoon Victor Five Company, Second Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment/New Zealand (ANZAC).

On 28 September 1970 in Phuoc Tuy Province Sergeant Beattie after setting a tactically sound ambush engaged a group of enemy which resulted in eight VC being killed and a further one captured. After the contact important intelligence was gained from the prisoner and documents found which eventually led to the location and the identification of the Chau Duc District Headquarters.

Throughout the tour in the Republic of South Vietnam Sergeant Beattie has been an inspiration to his platoon and has shown high leadership qualities in the best tradition of the Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment.