

**Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star  
John Douglas McGuire**

30619. Major  
Royal NZ Infantry Regiment  
Victor Five Company

Date of Award: 4 May 1971

**Citation**

Major John Douglas McGuire arrived in Vietnam on 5 May 1970 as the Officer Commanding Victor Five Company, 2nd Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment/New Zealand (ANZAC).

Since arrival in country Major McGuire has commanded Victor Five Company continuously on operations.

During its service so far on operations in Phuoc Tuy Province his Company has killed 22 VC and captured seven prisoners. In a series of successful ambush operations Victor Five Company has showed itself to be a well-trained, well-organized and competent rifle company.

The success achieved is largely due to the leadership and imagination of Maj McGuire. His aggressive spirit and cool control of his company in action reflects great credit on himself, his Regiment and the New Zealand Army.