

FOR OSWALD CAPTURE

## Dallas Hero Due National Honors

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M. N. McDonald doesn't think of himself as a hero, but he may be one of the best-known policemen in the nation next month.

For his deed—the capture of Lea Harvey Oswald—the soft-voiced Dallas policeman may find himself visiting with President Lyndon Johnson next month.

McDonald will be honored April 10-11 in Pueblo, Colo., by the Police Protective Association of Colorado, whose officials hope President Johnson will accept their invitation to present a plaque to the policeman.

If Mr. Johnson cannot, the Colorado governor will make the presentation.

The red carpet will again be rolled out for the officer and his 31-year-old wife, Sally, when they fly to Chicago to receive more honors May 2.

The National Police Hall of Fame and Reader's Digest will present McDonald a plaque for bravery there May 2.

But his moment of deepest pride, McDonald confided Friday, will come when his own police department bestows on him the Medal of Valor.

He will receive the medal at the same time the department

posthumously honors the name of Patrolman J. D. Tippitt by presenting his widow the Medal of Honor and the Police Cross. The ceremony date is waiting on the delivery of the medals from a jeweler.

McDonald captured Oswald in the Texas Theater half an hour after Oswald shot down Tippitt shortly after the assassination.

The citations will read that McDonald risked his life to make the capture.

But McDonald modestly says he did no more than what any other Dallas policeman would have done in the same plight.

Oswald snapped a pistol at McDonald as they wrestled in the theater. The gun failed to fire. McDonald owes his life to a faulty shell. The same gun had killed his companion officer.

"I knew I had to get this man. He had killed a buddy officer and I knew he'd just as soon kill again," McDonald told The Dallas News in an interview last January.

He says he still feels the same way today. It wasn't really a matter of being brave that drove him to the capture, he said.

"I think rather that it was something I had to do."



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