

COMMENDATION FOR GALLANTRY

Australian Army

Private A,
For acts of gallantry in action.

Details not available at the request of the Department of Defence.

Corporal C,
For acts of gallantry in action while a team commander.

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Corporal D,
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Corporal Adam John HEEMSKERK, Qld
For acts of gallantry in action on 20 August 2010 while a section commander with Mentoring Team Alpha, the 1st Mentoring Task Force at Musazai, Mirabad Valley, Afghanistan.

While on a standing patrol task, Corporal Heemskerk's section was engaged with heavy small-arms fire from multiple positions, some at extremely close range, for over an hour by an enemy force that was part of a larger insurgent attack. Realising that his section was isolated and unable to return to the patrol base, Corporal Heemskerk took bold, decisive action at great personal risk to lead his section in repelling the enemy, and then providing support to his platoon in disrupting the attack on the patrol base.

Lance Corporal Shaun Miller KOBBER, NT
For acts of gallantry in action during October 2010 and January 2011 while a sniper team second-in-command in Mentoring Team Four Three Bravo, Combat Team Delta, the 2nd Mentoring Task Force in Chora, Baluchi Valley, Afghanistan.

On two occasions, Lance Corporal Kober displayed outstanding gallantry and disregard for his own safety to come to the aid of his fellow team members. Without hesitation, he moved under fire to provide immediate medical treatment, then engaged the enemy with suppressing fire while the casualties were moved to positions of relative safety. His actions were instrumental in Mentoring Team Four Three Bravo being in a position to manoeuvre against the enemy and regain the initiative.

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Private Shaun Patrick PARKER, Qld

For acts of gallantry in action on 24 August 2010 while a machine gunner with Mentoring Team Delta, the 1st Mentoring Task Force at Derapet, Tangi Valley, Afghanistan.

During the initial engagement, Private Parker distinguished himself by charging fearlessly to high ground to take up an elevated firing position from where he provided covering fire, allowing his Afghan partners to move to positions to engage the enemy. For several hours he drew heavy enemy machine-gun fire but remained in his location, providing fire support and enabling the patrol to assault the enemy position. He also repeatedly and deliberately drew enemy fire to enable the identification of enemy locations for attack by Coalition helicopters.

Private S,

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