

## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (DSC)

### *Australian Army*

#### **Colonel Jason Peter BLAIN CSC, Vic**

For distinguished command and leadership in action as the Commanding Officer, the 1st Mentoring Task Force, and Deputy Commander, Combined Team Uruzgan, on Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan from January to October 2010.

Colonel Blain demonstrated exceptional command and leadership in a highly demanding period of combat operations, during which he planned and directed hundreds of combat operations. He worked tirelessly to enhance the capability of Afghan National Army commanders and soldiers, and fostered positive relationships with tribal leaders, local communities and Afghan government officials. He made an invaluable contribution to the establishment and operation of Combined Team Uruzgan. His inspirational leadership and outstanding devotion to duty were vital to the success of Australia's campaign in Uruzgan Province.

#### **Lieutenant Colonel C,**

For distinguished command and leadership in action.

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

#### **Major General John Patrick CANTWELL AO, Qld**

For distinguished command and leadership in action as the Commander Joint Task Force 633 on Operations SLIPPER and KRUGER.

Major General Cantwell commanded and led over 9,300 sailors, soldiers, airmen and airwomen who deployed to Operations SLIPPER and KRUGER during 2010. His inspired leadership, deep commitment to his people and superior performance on operations formed the cornerstone on which the Australian Defence Force successfully contributed to operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and on the Arabian Sea during a most demanding year. His outstanding achievements are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

#### **Lieutenant Colonel Mark Raymond JENNINGS, Qld**

For distinguished command and leadership in action as the Commander Officer, the 1st Mentoring Task Force on Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan from May to October 2010.

Lieutenant Colonel Jennings demonstrated exceptional command and leadership in a highly demanding period of combat operations, during which he planned and directed hundreds of combat operations. He worked tirelessly to enhance the capability of Afghan National Army commanders and soldiers, and fostered positive relationships with tribal leaders, local communities and Afghan government officials. His actions were vital to the success of Australia's campaign in Uruzgan Province in 2010 to support the legitimacy of the Government of Afghanistan and to develop the capacity of the Afghan National Security Force.