

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL (DSM)

Royal Australian Navy

Lieutenant Richard Eric BRICKACEK RAN, NSW

For distinguished leadership in action on 20 and 21 August 2010 while leader of an explosive ordnance team in Kipto and in Shah Zafar in Afghanistan on Operation SLIPPER.

Lieutenant Brickacek distinguished himself through his exemplary courage, composure, selflessness and leadership in perilous circumstances. On two occasions following fatalities and injuries from improvised explosive device attacks, he ensured timely and effective first aid and evacuations were achieved and he protected others from some of the worst experiences of battlefield action by personally sanitising the incident scene and recovering the fallen comrades.

Australian Army

Major B,

For distinguished leadership in action.

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

Lieutenant James Peter FANNING, NSW

For distinguished leadership in action on 24 August 2010 while a platoon commander and a lead mentor with Mentoring Team Delta, the 1st Mentoring Task Force at Derapet, Tangi Valley, Afghanistan.

Lieutenant Fanning's platoon was engaged by enemy fire from multiple locations and at close quarters, and become fragmented as a result. His courage, tactical insight, composure and calm direction in the face of extreme adversity inspired the men around him, enabling the patrol to recover from the dire circumstances and overcome the enemy. During the conflict, Lieutenant Fanning also coordinated the evacuation of a wounded soldier and mentored his Afghani counterpart.

Major G,

For distinguished leadership in action in warlike operations.

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

Major R,

For distinguished leadership in action.

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

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Warrant Officer Class Two T,
For distinguished leadership in action.

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

Sergeant Brett Mathew WOOD MG, deceased, NSW
For distinguished leadership in action while deployed with Special Operations Task Group Rotation XV on Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan.

Sergeant Wood consistently provided outstanding leadership on operations. His quiet professionalism earned him the respect of subordinates, peers and superiors. He was uncompromising in enforcing standards and provided expert tactical advice to his commanders. His actions on operations directly saved lives, and he repeatedly led his troops gallantly against enemy positions while under fire. His selfless courage and distinguished leadership in action are an inspiration for all. Sergeant Wood was killed in action on 23 May 2011.