

## COMMENDATION FOR GALLANTRY

### ***Australian Army***

#### **Sergeant B, NSW**

For gallantry in action as the commander of an explosive ordnance detachment in Afghanistan in 2008.

#### **Corporal Bernard Ronald RYAN, NT**

For gallantry in action while an advanced medical technician in the Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team at Kwajeh Ahmed, Afghanistan on 24 March 2009.

Corporal Ryan, despite being seriously injured by an improvised explosive device and while under enemy fire, acted selflessly and highly professionally by issuing instructions to others and moving himself under great pain to administer life saving first aid to two soldiers who were very seriously injured by the explosion. After he had treated the other injured soldiers he treated his own wounds and continued to monitor and provide sound advice on the casualties.

#### **Corporal Scott Philip TAMPALINI, NT**

For gallantry in action while an Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team member in Afghanistan at Chora 19 December 2008, Kakarak 16 March 2009 and Sorkh Morgarb 18 March 2009.

Corporal (then Lance Corporal) Tampalini demonstrated courage under fire and initiative on several occasions. On 19 December 2008 while under sporadic enemy fire, he moved quickly to secure a landing site to allow for the air evacuation of a wounded Dutch soldier. On the 16 and 18 March 2009 he deliberately exposed himself to enemy fire on numerous occasions to return fire and allow other members of his patrol to move to safety. His actions were an inspiration to both the Afghan National Army soldiers and his fellow Australians.

#### **Corporal Nathen Fane WEBB, Vic**

For gallantry in action while a section commander in 2 Platoon, Combat Team TUSK, Mentoring and Reconstruction Task Force 1, in the Chora Valley, Afghanistan on 29 December 2008.

Corporal (then Lance Corporal) Webb bravely led his section in action against enemy forces whilst under heavy fire and with total disregard to his personal safety. By the use of targeted aggression he took the initiative from, and consistently reengaged, the enemy. His actions contributed to the platoon inflicting significant casualties on the enemy, safely withdrawing their own casualty and breaking out of encirclement.