

COMMENDATION FOR GALLANTRY

Australian Army

Private Nathan David BENDLE, Qld

For acts of gallantry in action on 7 September 2011 while deployed on Operation SLIPPER as a member of Mentoring Task Force 3 in Afghanistan.

While attempting to apprehend a withdrawing insurgent commander, Private Bendle and a fellow soldier came under intense, plunging fire from an insurgent force numbering three to five on their southern flank as well as fire from their quarry. Despite facing extreme personal danger, Private Bendle and the other soldier advanced over 100 metres with no cover, concealment or friendly suppressive fire to close with and neutralise the insurgent commander.

Private D

For acts of gallantry in action.

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

Corporal Scott James SMITH, deceased

For acts of gallantry in action on 21 October 2012 while an Explosive Ordnance Reconnaissance Technician in Special Operations Task Group Rotation XVIII in Afghanistan

Corporal Smith's actions in warning and advising his Commando team commander and clearing safe areas and routes in the face of significant threats from improvised explosive devices and accurate small arms fire undoubtedly saved the lives of other team members and partnered Afghan forces. His clear thinking, courage and selflessness were of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Private Kyle Anthony WILSON, NSW

For acts of gallantry in action on 7 September 2011 while deployed on Operation SLIPPER as a member of Mentoring Task Force 3 in Afghanistan.

While attempting to apprehend a withdrawing insurgent commander, Private Wilson and a fellow soldier came under intense, plunging fire from an insurgent force numbering three to five on their southern flank as well as fire from their quarry. Despite facing extreme personal danger, Private Wilson and the other soldier advanced over 100 metres with no cover, concealment or friendly suppressive fire to close with and neutralise the insurgent commander. Their actions also drew fire away from the remainder of their section enabling them to reposition and engage more fully in the battle.

Royal Australian Air Force

Sergeant K

For acts of gallantry in action.

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