

## **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (DSC)**

### ***Australian Army***

#### **Lieutenant Colonel G**

For distinguished command and leadership in action.

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

#### **Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Robert SMITH CSC, Qld**

For distinguished command and leadership in warlike operations and in action as the Commanding Officer, Mentoring Task Force 3 on Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan from June 2011 to January 2012.

Lieutenant Colonel Smith's leadership of Mentoring Task Force 3 drove a focused and unwavering commitment by all ranks to develop the competence, confidence and independence of the 4th Brigade of the Afghan National Army. His efforts, in a highly demanding environment, substantially enhanced the effectiveness, influence and credibility of the 4th Brigade. The concept of mentoring that he designed and implemented has been widely adopted in Afghanistan by the International Security Assistance Force.