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Gallantry Decorations

The Governor-General is pleased to announce the following Gallantry Decoration:

MEDAL FOR GALLANTRY (GM)

Chief Petty Officer Gavin Ronald STEVENS

For acts of gallantry in action in hazardous circumstances as a commander, Tactical Explosive Ordnance Disposal patrol from Australian Clearance Diving Team Three on Operation FALCONER in Al Faw Peninsula, Iraq on 16 April 2003.

By His Excellency's command

Paul Singer MVO

Official Secretary to the Governor-General

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Chief Petty Officer Stevens was commanding a tactical Explosive Ordnance Disposal patrol on the Al Faw peninsula on 16 April 2003 when a suspected aerial bomb was located. His reconnaissance confirmed the bomb had been modified to create a sophisticated sea and land mine. Any change to the ambient magnetic signature or the slightest vibration through the ground to the mine could have caused it to explode. He demonstrated gallantry by successfully neutralising the threat posed by the mine, ensuring the safety of civilians and coalition forces and his actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Navy and the Australian Defence Force.