



Government House
CANBERRA ACT 2600
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Distinguished and Conspicuous Service Decorations

The Governor-General is pleased to announce the following Distinguished Service Decorations:

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (DSC)

Brigadier Patrick Francis McINTOSH AM (Retd)

For distinguished command and leadership in warlike operations as the Commanding Officer of the Australian Medical Support Force, First Australian Contingent, to the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission Rwanda from August 1994 to March 1995.

The late Brigadier Damian Stanley ROCHE

For distinguished command and leadership in warlike operations as the Commanding Officer of the Australian Medical Support Force, Second Australian Contingent, to the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission in Rwanda from February to August 1995.

Colonel Peter George WARFE (Retd)

For distinguished command and leadership in warlike operations as the Commander, Australian Contingent to the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission in Rwanda from February to August 1995.

COMMENDATION FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Captain John Edward NERNEY CSC (Retd)

For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations as the Health Advisor to the Australian military mission during the United Nations Peacekeeping Operation in Rwanda February to August 1995.

It is notified for general information that the Governor-General has cancelled the award of the Conspicuous Service Cross made to:

Brigadier Patrick Francis McINTOSH AM (Retd)

The late Brigadier Damian Stanley ROCHE

Colonel Peter George WARFE (Retd)

By Her Excellency's command

Gerard Martin PSM

Official Secretary to the Governor-General

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Brigadier Patrick Francis McINTOSH AM (Retd)

For distinguished command and leadership in warlike operations as the Commanding Officer of the Australian Medical Support Force, First Australian Contingent, to the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission Rwanda from August 1994 to March 1995.

Brigadier Patrick McIntosh expertly led the Australian Medical Support Force in an exemplary manner during the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission in Rwanda. He showed considerable initiative and leadership in overcoming operational and training challenges and his work established a unit that became the benchmark for all other elements of the United Nations Assistance Missions in Rwanda. His commitment, energy, dedication, high personal standards, tact and resolution are reflected in the excellent reputation the unit established in Rwanda, the United Nations and the Australian Defence Force.

The late Brigadier Damian Stanley ROCHE

For distinguished command and leadership in warlike operations as the Commanding Officer of the Australian Medical Support Force, Second Australian Contingent, to the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission in Rwanda from February to August 1995.

Brigadier (then Lieutenant Colonel) Roche's leadership as the Commanding Officer of the Australian Medical Support Force, Second Australian Contingent of the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission in Rwanda was extraordinary. His calm and professional manner during the Kibeho Massacre, while directing the efforts of the Australian troops resulted in the effective treatment and timely evacuation of hundreds of people and saving countless lives. The outcomes achieved through his distinguished command and leadership are in the finest traditions of the Australian Army.

Colonel Peter George WARFE (Retd)

For distinguished command and leadership in warlike operations as the Commander, Australian Contingent to the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission in Rwanda from February to August 1995.

Colonel Warfe's leadership as the Commander Australian Contingent of the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission in Rwanda was remarkable. His leadership qualities ensured a high level of medical service was achieved despite at times hostile conditions. He was instrumental in the planning, formation, and implementation of a new United Nations Mandate for Rwanda and liaising with the Rwandan Government to ensure the success of the new Mandate.

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Captain John Edward NERNEY CSC (Retd)

For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations as the Health Advisor to the Australian military mission during the United Nations Peacekeeping Operation in Rwanda February to August 1995.

Captain Nerney's distinguished performance as the Health Advisor to the Australian Contingent of the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission in Rwanda was remarkable. His superior skills, judgement and scientific practices were an inspiration to his preventive medicine team and contributed greatly to the success of both the Australian and United Nations missions in Rwanda and are in the finest traditions of the Australian Army.