

## **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL (DSM)**

### **AUSTRALIAN ARMY**

#### **Corporal Benjamin James DALY, NSW**

For distinguished leadership in action as an infantry section commander during Operation CATALYST in Iraq.

On 26 September 2006, Corporal Daly commanded a section in action against an enemy force of more than 30 heavily armed fighters. His distinguished leadership contributed significantly to the safe extraction of the remainder of his Combat Team. During the course of a contact lasting more than an hour, he displayed great personal courage and composure, suppressing the enemy effectively through the highly disciplined application and escalation of force, and withdrawing his section under fire without loss.

#### **Corporal Bradley Ronald WATTS, WA**

For distinguished leadership in action as a Medical Assistant with the Special Operations Task Group – Task Force 637, while deployed on Operation SLIPPER Rotation 3 Afghanistan, from May to September 2006.

Corporal Watts displayed distinguished leadership in action and outstanding clinical judgement during a rotary wing aero-medical evacuation conducted in a very high threat environment. Corporal Watts volunteered to leave the relative safety of the evacuation aircraft to retrieve a seriously wounded coalition soldier. Corporal Watts led a small team of soldiers who, while under fire from Anti Coalition Militia, evacuated the seriously injured soldier. Throughout the entire evacuation Corporal Watts rendered vital medical treatment, thereby saving the soldier's life.

#### **Corporal Wesley Dean WOOD, Qld**

For distinguished leadership in action as an infantry section commander during Operation CATALYST in Iraq.

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