MEDAL FOR GALLANTRY (MG)

AUSTRALIAN ARMY

Major Daniel Sebastian CASH, Qld

For acts of gallantry in action in hazardous circumstances during operations against Taliban and Anti Coalition Militia while deployed on *Operation SLIPPER* in Afghanistan, from June to October 2006.

Major (then Captain) Cash twice flew a helicopter into a landing zone that was under heavy small arm, machine gun and rocket propelled grenade fire. On both occasions while disembarking and re-embarking the assault forces, the enemy aggressively sought to destroy the helicopter through heavy fire. Applying great skill, determination and courage, Major Cash was able to complete both missions without loss of life. His gallant actions were of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Corporal Jeremy Thomas HOLDER, NSW

For an act of gallantry in action in hazardous circumstances as a Medical Assistant within the Special Operations Task Group – Task Force 637, while deployed on Operation SLIPPER Rotation 3 Afghanistan, from May to September 2006.

Corporal Holder displayed outstanding gallantry and a high level of clinical care as the Commando Platoon medic. During the conduct of a successful search and clearance operation, he treated and assisted in the evacuation of 6 Australian soldiers wounded by a volley of Anti Coalition Militia rocket propelled grenades. While personally under fire, he triaged and treated all 6 casualties, directed Combat First Aiders to assist with treatment, reviewed his patients regularly, and assisted the expedient evacuation of all casualties.