

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (DCS)

Australian Army

Lieutenant Colonel Justin Frederick ELLWOOD, NT

For distinguished command and leadership in action as the Commander of Rotation Three of the Overwatch Battle Group - West during Operation CATALYST.

Lieutenant Colonel Ellwood distinguished himself as a conspicuous commander and an inspirational leader throughout his tour of duty in southern Iraq. His calm, assured and resolute actions when responding to incidents of enemy activity instilled confidence in his Command Team and inspired the Battle Group to combat ongoing threats of direct fire, improvised explosive devices, suicide attacks and indirect fire successfully throughout its tour. Lieutenant Colonel Ellwood positioned his Battle Group central to the delivery of reconstruction and rehabilitation efforts within his area of responsibility. His achievements are of the highest order and in the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Lieutenant Colonel David John WAINWRIGHT, Qld

For distinguished command and leadership in action as the Commanding Officer of the 3rd Reconstruction Task Force on Operation SLIPPER.

Lieutenant Colonel Wainwright has consistently displayed inspirational command and leadership qualities while directing security and reconstruction operations in Oruzgan Province, Afghanistan. He demonstrated outstanding vision and determination to improve local conditions in the region, and his achievements in establishing essential services and vital security infrastructure made a remarkable contribution to the stability of Afghanistan. His performance and achievements have been of the highest order and in the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.