

## MEDAL FOR GALLANTRY (MG)

### *Australian Army*

#### **Corporal B,**

For acts of gallantry in action in hazardous circumstances on Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan in 2008.

Details not available at the request of the Department of Defence.

#### **Lance Corporal Brendan Michael CLARKE, Qld**

For acts of gallantry in action in hazardous circumstances while a rifleman with Team Three, Mentoring Team C, Mentoring Task Force 1, in the Central Baluchi Valley, Afghanistan on 15 March and 8 July 2010.

Lance Corporal (then Private) Clarke's actions under heavy enemy fire on 15 March 2010 allowed his team to withdraw from contact and subsequently manoeuvre against, and defeat, the enemy. On 8 July 2010 his composure, quick reactions and total disregard for his own safety while under enemy fire at close range, were pivotal in allowing a comrade to extract himself from a perilous situation and in ensuring his other team members were able to manoeuvre to interdict the enemy.

#### **Warrant Officer Class Two Kevin Bede DOLAN, Qld**

For acts of gallantry in action in hazardous circumstances while a joint terminal attack controller for Mentoring Team A, Mentoring Task Force 1, at Sorkh Lez in the Mirabad Valley, Afghanistan on 2 July 2010.

When two members of his patrol were wounded by an improvised explosive device, Warrant Officer Dolan, despite the threat of additional explosive devices, quickly moved to protect his wounded team members by engaging the enemy and, in so doing, prevented an insurgent ambush. Later when engaged in an ambush, he provided effective fire which enabled his team to extract themselves. These actions, and his skilful coordination of offensive support from helicopters and vehicles, contributed significantly to the successful clearance of the village of Sorkh Lez, and allowed a combined Australian and Afghan company to sweep through the area without resistance.