

MEDAL FOR GALLANTRY (MG)

Australian Army

Private David William COX, NT

For gallantry in action in hazardous circumstances while a rifleman and combat first aider in Mentoring and Reconstruction Task Force 1 at Kakarak, Afghanistan on 16 March 2009.

Private Cox operated as a combat first aider in action against enemy forces. While under heavy fire and with total disregard to his personal safety, he moved across open ground to render first aid to a wounded soldier and evacuate the casualty to an area of relative safety where he provided further emergency treatment.

Warrant Officer Class Two John Matthew (Matt) LINES, Vic

For gallantry in action in hazardous circumstances while acting as an Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team member at Kakarak, Afghanistan on 4 January 2009.

While in contact with numerically superior enemy forces and under sustained fire, Warrant Officer (then Sergeant) Lines acted with total disregard for his personal safety to neutralise the assaulting elements and suppress flanking forces. His courageous and gallant actions, and the direction and encouragement he gave to the Afghan National Army soldiers he was accompanying, were instrumental in regaining the initiative from the enemy, were an inspiration to all soldiers in his vicinity, and enabled successful completion of the mission.

Corporal Giancarlo Brasil TARABORRELLI, NT

For gallantry in action in hazardous circumstances while an Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team member at Kakarak, Afghanistan on 16 March 2009.

While in contact with a numerically superior enemy force and under sustained fire, Corporal (then Lance Corporal) Taraborrelli secured a compound and suppressed enemy flanking forces facilitating the recovery of a seriously wounded Australian soldier and the withdrawal of his patrol. With total disregard for his personal safety, Corporal Taraborrelli directed and inspired the Afghan National Army soldiers he was mentoring.