MEDAL FOR GALLANTRY (MG)

Royal Australian Navy

Petty Officer Benjamin James SIME, NSW
<u>For gallantry in action in hazardous circumstances during a waterborne terrorist attack in the North Persian Gulf, Iraq, during Operation CATALYST.</u>

Petty Officer Sime gave a selfless and spontaneous display of gallantry on 24 April 2004 under the most hazardous operational circumstances following a coordinated terrorist attack against Iraqi oil terminals, during which sailors from USS *Firebolt* were critically injured. Petty Officer Sime showed outstanding courage and remained dedicated to supporting a sailor in his care without regard to his own safety. His efforts and his achievements were of the highest order and were in the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Navy and the Australian Defence Force.

Australian Army

Trooper S from the SAS
<u>For acts of gallantry in action in hazardous circumstances in Afghanistan as part of the Special Operations Task Group during Operation SLIPPER, Oruzgan Province, Afghanistan.</u>

On 2 September 2008 Trooper S demonstrated conspicuous gallantry by knowingly and selflessly exposing himself to sustained effective enemy fire in order to protect a severely wounded Australian soldier. During this action he not only provided advanced first aid but continued to effectively engage the enemy. In doing so he almost certainly prevented the wounded soldier sustaining further injuries and ultimately saved his life.

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