

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (DSC)

AUSTRALIAN ARMY

Lieutenant Colonel John Loughlin GOULD, NSW

For distinguished command and leadership as Commander of the Special Operations Task Group during *Operation SLIPPER* Rotation Two.

Details not available at the request of Lieutenant Colonel Gould.

Lieutenant Colonel Peter John SHORT, ACT

For distinguished command and leadership in action as Commanding Officer of Al Muthanna Task Group Two on *Operation CATALYST*, Iraq.

Lieutenant Colonel Short commanded the Al Muthanna Task Group in Southern Iraq with an abiding sense of responsibility, considerable personal energy and selfless dedication to duty. An outstanding officer and leader, he commanded the Task Group with distinction in action. He significantly enhanced Australia's reputation as a coalition partner with military skills of the highest order. He is a credit to the Royal Australian Infantry Corps, the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.