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**MENTION-IN-DESPATCHES CITATIONS (MID)
Service in Afghanistan**

ANTHONY, Niall Baird
Master Corporal - PPCLI
Task Force Afghanistan

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CG: 24 February 2007
GH: 27 October 2006
DOI: 15 January 2006

“For outstanding leadership following a suicide vehicle borne IED attack while deployed with Task Force Afghanistan on 15 January 2006”

“On January 15, 2006, Master-Corporal Anthony was the second-in-command of a patrol that was the target of a suicide attack carried out with a vehicle rigged with improvised explosive devices, the largest attack of its type ever seen in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Through the chaos and carnage, and without concern for his own safety, Master-Corporal Anthony took actions that ensured the survival of two wounded Afghan children and two fellow soldiers trapped in a burning vehicle. His clarity of thought and ability to perform steadfastly in a tragic and hazardous situation brought great credit to him, to his unit and to the Canadian Forces.”



Medals: Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan and MID – NATO with bar former Yugoslavia

Promoted to Sergeant.

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BRADLEY, Jaime Richard
Sergeant
Task Force Afghanistan

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CG: 24 February 2007
GH: 27 October 2006
DOI: 12 December 2005

Awarded “for exceptional leadership following an IED attack while deployed with Task Force Afghanistan on 12 December 2005.”

“On December 12, 2005, Sergeant Bradley’s patrol convoy sustained an improvised explosive device attack in Ghorak, Afghanistan. As the patrol commander was seriously injured, Sergeant Bradley assumed command of the scene. He cordoned off the area, cleared a lane to the damaged vehicle and directed the Afghanistan National Security to apprehend two suspects. Despite the threat of subsequent attacks, the loss of a quarter of the convoy’s fire power and the distance separating them from potential reinforcements, the casualties were rescued and evacuated thanks to Sergeant Bradley’s sound judgment and vigilance.”

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**MENTION-IN-DESPATCHES CITATIONS (MID)
Service in Afghanistan**

CARTER, Ryan Andrew
Corporal – 1 PPCLI Battle Group
Op ARCHER - Task Force Afghanistan

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CG: 24 February 2007
GH: 27 October 2006
DOI: 24 May 2006



“For outstanding professionalism displayed during an enemy ambush while deployed with Task Force Afghanistan on 24 May 2006”

“Private Carter was deployed with 5 Platoon, B Company, 1 PPCLI Battle Group during Operation ARCHER in Afghanistan. On May 24, 2006, during Operation YADGAR, his platoon was ambushed and came under intense enemy fire, which isolated his vehicle from the remainder of his platoon. Despite the evident danger and the vulnerability of his position as gunner on a light utility vehicle, Private Carter laid down continuous fire, suppressing the enemy and allowing the remainder of his platoon to safely break contact. His fearlessness and composure throughout this attack were exemplary and brought great credit to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”

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CLIFFORD, Peter John
Lieutenant-Commander – Canadian Forces Health Services
Chief Medical Advisor Task Force Afghanistan

MStJ CD

CG: 24 February 2007
GH: 27 October 2006
DOI: Feb to August 2006



“For outstanding dedication as Chief Medical Adviser and Primary Commander for Multi-National Medical Unit while deployed with Task Force Afghanistan from February to August 2006.”

“From February to August 2006, while serving as the chief medical advisor and primary care commander for the Role 3 Multinational Medical Unit, LCdr Clifford displayed uncommon dedication and tenacity, greatly contributing to the hospital’s medical support mission. Using exceptional leadership, he supervised the clinic staff through significant mass casualty events, carried out uncompromised patient care and assisted with mortuary affairs for all coalition forces casualties. LCdr Clifford is a talented physician whose initiative and foresight ensured the welfare and survival of numerous ill and injured soldiers.”

Awarded **Member of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem (MStJ)** in 2000 as a Lieutenant(N) serving at CFB Petawawa.

Medals: MStJ – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan and MID – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – NATO with bar UNITAS – Peacekeeping – NATO with bar former Yugoslavia – EIIR Diamond Jubilee Medal - CD



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**MENTION-IN-DESPATCHES CITATIONS (MID)
Service in Afghanistan**

CUMMINGS, Clark Alexander
Bombardier (Now Master Bombardier) – 1 RCHA
Op ARCHER Roto 1 - Afghanistan

CD

CG: 24 February 2007
GH: 27 October 2006
DOI: 18 July 2006

“Corporal Cummings served with 1 RCHA on Operation ARCHER Rotation 1. On July 18, 2006, while engaged in a firefight at the Garmser District Centre, his light armoured vehicle’s main gun jammed. Despite continuous direct and indirect fire from rocket-propelled grenades, small arms and mortar rounds, Cpl Cummings left his vehicle to secure a hand crank from another vehicle to repair the main gun. His actions were instrumental in allowing his team to remedy the misfire and carry on with the firefight. Cpl Cummings’s dedication, resolve, and willingness to put himself in harm’s way for the good of the mission reflect exceptionally well on him as well as on the Canadian Forces. For outstanding dedication demonstrated during a fire fight against the enemy while deployed with Task Force Afghanistan.”



Medals: Sacrifice – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan and MID
– General campaign Star – CD



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CUPPAGE, Jason John
Master Corporal – 1 PPCLI Battle Group
OP Archer - Task Force Afghanistan

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CG: 24 February 2007
GH: 27 October 2006
DOI: 17 May 2006

“For outstanding leadership displayed during an enemy ambush while deployed with Task Force Afghanistan on 17 May 2006”

“M/Cpl Cuppage was deployed with 5 Platoon, B Company, 1 PPCLI Battle Group during Operation ARCHER Rotation 1. On May 17, 2006, during Operation BRAVO GUARDIAN, his platoon came under intense enemy fire during an ambush. Despite hits on his vehicle by six rocket-propelled grenade rounds, MCpl Cuppage maneuvered his light armoured vehicle to cover the remainder of his platoon’s withdrawal and took control of the cannon to engage the enemy. His decisive and selfless actions under fire undoubtedly prevented casualties. MCpl Cuppage’s leadership, fortitude, and devotion to duty were exemplary and brought great credit to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”



Medals: Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – NATO bar Kosovo

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MENTION-IN-DESPATCHES CITATIONS (MID)
Service in Afghanistan

DALLAIRE, Kevin Yves Royal
Private
Task Force Afghanistan

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Posthumous

CG: 24 February 2007
GH: 27 October 2006
DOI: 03 August 2006



“Private Dallaire was deployed with 9 Platoon, C Company, 1 PPCLI Battle Group during Operation ARCHER Rotation 1. On August 3, 2006, during combat operations in the Pashmul region of Afghanistan, he exposed himself to great personal risk to provide cover fire for his section. Traversing an open field under enemy fire, Private Dallaire directed his section to keep moving until it reached its destination safely while he provided cover fire. His actions reflect the highest standard of his regiment and the Canadian Forces.”

Private Kevin Dallaire, Sergeant Vaughan Ingram and Corporal Bryce Keller were killed and six others injured on 03 August 2006 as the result of a rocket-propelled grenade attack. The incident occurred near the village of Pashmul, approximately 25 kilometres south west of Kandahar City, near the location where Corporal Reid was killed when his vehicle struck an improvised explosive device earlier in the day. The 40-man platoon was overwhelmed by a force of over 200 Taliban fighters as they pushed to seize a key objective in Kandahar province. During the fight to hold this vital piece of terrain, the 3 soldiers were killed by a rocket propelled grenade. Corporal Bryce Keller was awarded the **Medal of Military Valour (MMV)**.

Medals: Sacrifice – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon, IFIS bar and MID



His mother receives his MID from General Rick Hillier.

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MENTION-IN-DESPATCHES CITATIONS (MID)
Service in Afghanistan

FEHR, Jeffrey Allan --
Bombardier (Acting Master Bombardier) – Royal Canadian Artillery
Op ARCHER – 1 PPCLI Battle Group – Joint Task Force Afghanistan

CG: 24 February 2007
GH: 27 October 2006
DOI: 17 May 2006

“For outstanding leadership displayed during an enemy ambush while deployed with Task Force Afghanistan on 17 May 2006”

“Acting MCpl Fehr’s Forward Observation Officer Detachment was attached to 5 Platoon, B Company, 1 PPCLI during Operation ARCHER in Afghanistan. On May 17, 2006, during Operation BRAVO GUARDIAN, his platoon came under enemy fire in an ambush. When his commander was fatally wounded, he assumed command of the light armoured vehicle, successfully egressing out of the area under a barrage of rocket-propelled grenades and small arms fire. He continued to command the crew effectively, coordinating fire support and managing the engagement. Acting MCpl Fehr’s decisive actions under enemy fire undoubtedly prevented more casualties and brought great credit to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”



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FROUDE, Jason Neil
Master Corporal – 1 PPCLI
Op Archer - Task Force Afghanistan

CD

CG: 24 February 2007
GH: 27 October 2006
DOI: 17 May 2006

“For outstanding professionalism displayed while affecting the recovery of an LAVIII while deployed with Task Force Afghanistan on 17 May 2006”

“MCpl Froude was deployed with the Headquarter Company, 1 PPCLI during Operation ARCHER in Afghanistan. On April 28, 2006, during Operation GAIA THRUST, the tactical command post vehicle became stuck in sand as the convoy came under intense small arms fire. At significant personal risk, MCpl Froude leapt over the back of the light armoured vehicle to recover the stuck vehicle while the remaining members in the convoy engaged the enemy. MCpl Froude maintained his composure through the situation, despite insurgent fire hindering his efforts. His actions reflect his selflessness, fortitude, and dedication.”



Medals: Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan and MID – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – NATO bar Kosovo -
CD

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MENTION-IN-DESPATCHES CITATIONS (MID)
Service in Afghanistan

JOE, Jason
Corporal – 1 PPCLI Battle Group
OP Archer Roto 1 - Afghanistan

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CG: 24 February 2007
GH: 27 October 2006
DOI: 03 August 2006



"For outstanding devotion to duty displayed following an IED attack while deployed with Task Force Afghanistan on 03 August 2006"

"Corporal Joe was deployed with 9 Platoon, C Company, 1 PPCLI Battle Group during Operation ARCHER Rotation 1. On August 3, 2006, during combat operations in the Pashmul region of Afghanistan, he exposed himself to great personal risk to ensure the safety of his crew after a mine strike against his light armoured vehicle. Although wounded in the leg and burned on the arms, he climbed from the turret to the rear compartment to help the commander evacuate and then returned to the vehicle to rescue the driver. Corporal Joe's actions under difficult conditions were befitting the highest standards of his regiment and the Canadian Forces."

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MACDONALD, Michael Cameron
Corporal
Task Force Afghanistan

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CG: 24 February 2007
GH: 27 October 2006
DOI: 18 January 2006

"For exceptional determination as a member of the IED disposal team which disarmed a vehicle born IED while deployed with Task Force Afghanistan on 18 January 2006"

"On January 18, 2006, Corporal MacDonald, a member of the improvised explosive device disposal team, responded to the threat posed by a vehicle loaded with improvised explosive devices in Afghanistan. In a very dangerous environment, he worked over 14 hours under difficult conditions to avert the potential death or injury of coalition forces members and civilians. His exceptional stamina and determination exceeded what is expected of improvised explosive device operators. Corporal MacDonald's perseverance and his devotion to duty resulted in the largest recovery of an operational device by Canadians."

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MACHAN, Scott
Sergeant
Task Force Afghanistan

CD

CG: 24 February 2007
GH: 27 October 2006
DOI: 12 December 2005



"For exceptional leadership following an IED attack while deployed with Task Force Afghanistan on 12 December 2005.

"On December 12, 2005, Sergeant Machan's patrol convoy incurred an improvised explosive device attack in Ghorak, Afghanistan, which injured four soldiers. Guided by Sergeant Machan's calm and strong leadership, the remainder of the patrol secured the area, conducted clearance drills and breached a lane to the wounded soldiers. Realizing the seriousness of their injuries, Sergeant Machan provided direction to his team to safely extract, treat and evacuate the soldiers despite the potential risk to him and to his patrol. "

MENTION-IN-DESPATCHES CITATIONS (MID)
Service in Afghanistan

MACKAY, Justin Christopher
Warrant Officer
Commander 1 Platoon, 'A' Company 1 PPCLI Battle Group
OP ARCHER Roto 1 - Task Force Afghanistan

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CG: 24 February 2007
GH: 27 October 2006
DOI: 03 August 2006

“For outstanding leadership as second-in-command of 1 Platoon, 'A' Company, 1 PPCLI Battle Group, while deployed with Task Force Afghanistan on 14 July 2006.”

“WO MacKay was the second-in-command of 1 Platoon, A Company, 1 PPCLI Battle Group during Operation ARCHER Rotation 1. On July 14, 2006, his platoon reinforced a US Company fighting near Pasab, Afghanistan. Despite heavy small arms and rocket-propelled grenade fire, WO MacKay helped coordinate light armoured vehicle fire support, enabling the platoon's firepower to be rapidly and effectively employed. After winning the firefight, he coordinated the successful assault crossing of an enemy bridge, securing the far bank and allowing a safe withdrawal to a patrol base east of the village. WO MacKay's outstanding leadership and fortitude allowed coalition forces to retake the initiative.”

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PERRY, Tony Wade
Master Corporal – 1 PPCLI Battle Group
Op ARCHER Roto 1 - Task Force Afghanistan

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CG: 24 February 2007
GH: 27 October 2006
DOI: 03 August 2006

“For outstanding professionalism displayed during combat operations while deployed with Task Force Afghanistan on 03 August 2006”

“Master Corporal Perry was deployed with 9 Platoon, C Company, 1 PPCLI Battle Group during Operation ARCHER Rotation 1. On August 3, 2006, during combat operations in the Pashmul region of Afghanistan, he exposed himself to great personal risk to extract his comrades stranded in the open by sustained fire from a numerically superior enemy. Without prompting, and ignoring the threat from possible improvised explosive devices, he manoeuvred his light armoured vehicle to shield the casualties and those providing first aid and suppressed the enemy with coax machine-gun fire. Master Corporal Perry's actions under difficult conditions were befitting of the highest standards of his regiment and the Canadian Forces.”



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MENTION-IN-DESPATCHES CITATIONS (MID)
Service in Afghanistan

PRESLEY, Daryl Edward
Master Corporal
1 PPCLI Battle Group, Task Force Afghanistan

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First MID

CG: 24 February 2007
GH: 27 October 2006
DOI: 15 June 2006



"For outstanding professionalism displayed during combat operations while deployed with Task Force Afghanistan on 15 June 2006"

"MCpl Presley was deployed with C Company, 1 PPCLI Battle Group during Operation ARCHER. On July 15, 2006, while conducting operations in Sangin District, Afghanistan, dismounted elements of MCpl Presley's company were the target of an intense and sustained ambush by a significantly greater enemy force. With a portion of his company cut off, he maintained his exposed position on his light armoured vehicle, at great personal risk, to control the fire of the main cannon while simultaneously engaging the enemy with the mounted machine gun. MCpl Presley's fortitude and selfless actions were instrumental in repelling the enemy and permitted his company to break contact with the enemy."

Awarded a **Second Mentioned in Dispatches (MID)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 8 November 2008 in the rank of Master Corporal for an action on 27 July 2006 in Afghanistan. He received two MID's in the same tour with the 1st Battalion PPCLI

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PRONDONICK, Keith Howard
Master Corporal – 1 PPCLI Battle Group
Op ARCHER Roto 1 - Task Force Afghanistan

CD

CG: 24 February 2007
GH: 27 October 2006
DOI: 21 June 2006



"For outstanding professionalism displayed following and IED Strike on a Canadian Forces convoy while deployed with Task Force Afghanistan on 21 June 2006"

"MCpl Prodonick was deployed with A Company, 1 PPCLI Battle Group, Operation ARCHER Rotation 1. On June 21, 2006, while traveling with a supply convoy, one of the vehicles struck an improvised explosive device. MCpl Prodonick quickly attended to the wounded. Once assured that they were being provided adequate care, he shifted his attention to securing the area and took the initiative to patrol the immediate vicinity. His timely actions permitted the capture of the individuals responsible for the attack. Throughout, MCpl Prodonick remained calm and decisive. His outstanding professionalism, self-assurance and stellar leadership won great respect for him and the Canadian Forces."

Medals: Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia - CD



MENTION-IN-DESPATCHES CITATIONS (MID)
Service in Afghanistan

RACHYNSKI, Paul David
Corporal – 1 PPCLI Battle Group
Task Force Afghanistan

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CG: 24 February 2007
GH: 27 October 2006
DOI: 29 May 2006

“For outstanding professionalism displayed during combat operations while deployed with Task Force Afghanistan on 29 May 2006”

“Corporal Rachynski was deployed with 9 Platoon, C Company, 1 PPCLI Battle Group during Operation ARCHER. On May 29, 2006, while employed as the air sentry in a light armoured vehicle, a determined enemy ambushed his convoy using rocket-propelled grenades, as well as small arms and machine gun fire. Since the close proximity of the enemy precluded the use of the light armoured vehicle’s main armament, Cpl Rachynski stood exposed in the air sentry hatch and maintained a constant rate of fire, despite his vehicle being struck repeatedly by grenades and small arms fire. His generous actions contributed to the suppression of the enemy fire and enabled the convoy to escape the ambush.”



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RUSTENBURG, Joseph Jonathan
Corporal – 1 PPCLI Battle Group
Task Force Orion Afghanistan

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CG: 24 February 2007
GH: 27 October 2006
DOI: 29 May 2006

“For outstanding professionalism displayed during combat operations while deployed with Task Force Afghanistan on 29 May 2006”

“Private Rustenburg was deployed with 9 Platoon, C Company, 1 PPCLI Battle Group in Task Force ORION. On May 29, 2006, his convoy came under enemy fire at such close proximity that the light armoured vehicle’s main armament could not be used. Private Rustenburg volunteered as air sentry to supplement the main armament. When the convoy was attacked again, he engaged the enemy with sustained fire, maintaining his exposed position despite small arms and rocket-propelled grenade fire. His unselfish actions contributed to the convoy’s safe egress. Private Rustenburg is to be commended for his decisiveness in the face of the enemy.”



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SCHMIDT, Marc
Sergeant
Assisting Romanian Military Unit in Afghanistan

CD

CG: 24 February 2007
GH: 06 February 2007
DOI: 19 June 2006

“On June 19, 2006, Sergeant Schmidt was assisting a Romanian military unit conducting a perimeter patrol in Kandahar, Afghanistan, when the lead vehicle struck an anti-tank mine and was disabled. In the commotion that ensued, a Romanian soldier tripped over an anti-personnel mine. Despite the resulting confusion and disorder, the threat of more mines and the existing language barriers, Sergeant Schmidt remained calm, provided clear direction and facilitated emergency response. His rapid and professional intervention contributed directly to the survival of the seriously injured soldiers and brought great credit to the Canadian Forces.



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**MENTION-IN-DESPATCHES CITATIONS (MID)
Service in Afghanistan**

SCOTT, Kyle Austin
Corporal – Operation Archer Roto 1
Task Force Afghanistan

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CG: 24 February 2007
GH: 27 October 2006
DOI: 22 July 2006

“Cpl Scott was deployed with 11 Field Squadron during Operation ARCHER Rotation 1. On July 22, 2006, during an intense firefight near Garmser District Centre, he displayed selflessness and dedication to duty when he left his vehicle to provide first aid to a seriously wounded Afghan police officer. His calm and methodical application of the principles of first aid while under fire directly contributed to saving the police officer’s life. Cpl Scott’s actions at a critical moment contributed to the success of the mission and to the Canadian mandate to assist the Government of Afghanistan. For outstanding dedication displayed during combat operations while deployed with Task Force Afghanistan.”

Medals: Sacrifice - Southwest Asia Medal with bar Afghanistan and MID – General Campaign Star with SW Asia Ribbon – EIRR Diamond Jubilee



Corporal Kyle Scott (Retired) is a Veteran of the Canadian Armed Forces as a Combat Engineer. He saw active duty during 2 tours of Afghanistan in 2004 and 2006, after which he received a Mention in Dispatches before receiving his military discharge in 2008.

SHIPWAY, Prescott
Sergeant – 1 PPCLI
Task Force Afghanistan

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CG: 24 February 2007
GH: 27 October 2006
DOI: 21 June 2006



“For outstanding professionalism following and IED attack while deployed with Task Force Afghanistan on 21 June 2006”

“Sergeant Shipway was deployed with 3 Platoon, A Company, 1 PPCLI in Afghanistan. While commanding his light armoured vehicle near Padah on June 21, 2006, another convoy vehicle struck an improvised explosive device, which grievously injured the crew. Disregarding his personal safety and the threat of more explosions, Sergeant Shipway immediately secured the area and began treating the casualties, one of whom had lost both of his legs. With the help of the chief surgeon, via radio, he successfully stopped the bleeding and transported the soldier to Kandahar. Sergeant Shipway’s selfless actions in the face of the enemy saved a life and brought credit to the Canadian Forces.”

**MENTION-IN-DESPATCHES CITATIONS (MID)
Service in Afghanistan**

THOMBS, Christopher Todd
Sergeant
Task Force Afghanistan

CD

CG: 24 February 2007
GH: 27 October 2006
DOI: 05 October 2005
09 October 2005

“For exceptional leadership when responding to two suicide IED attacks in Kandahar City while deployed with Task Force Afghanistan on 05 October 2005 and 09 October 2005.”

“Sergeant Thombs responded to two suicide attacks carried out with vehicles loaded with improvised explosive devices in Kandahar, Afghanistan. The first incident took place on October 5, 2005, when his own vehicle was the subject of attack. The second incident took place a few days later, on October 9, when a British governmental convoy was attacked. In both instances, Sgt Thombs demonstrated exceptional leadership, focus and poise as the section commander, ensuring the effective and immediate security of the site and treatment of the casualties. He expertly carried out his duties and inspired others to do theirs, despite the prevailing fear and potential risk of subsequent attacks.”



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THORLAKSON, Douglas Michael
Lieutenant - Logician
Task Force Afghanistan

MMM CD

CG: 24 February 2007
GH: 27 October 2006
DOI: 03 August 2006

“For outstanding professionalism in the face of the enemy while deployed with Task Force Afghanistan on 03 August 2006”

“On August 3, 2006, while serving with the National Support Element to Operation ARCHER Rotation 1, Lieutenant Thorlakson led a convoy to recover two battle-damaged light armoured vehicles. While fighting continued in the vicinity of the damaged vehicles, he observed a suspicious vehicle approaching his convoy and attempted to wave it off while alerting the soldiers under his command. When the vehicle accelerated towards them, he fired, forcing the vehicle to detonate 30 metres from the convoy. Lieutenant Thorlakson’s actions saved soldiers under his command from serious injury or death and preserved recovery assets essential to the mission.”

Awarded Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM) as per the Canada Gazette of 04 June 2016 in the rank of Major while servicing in the 4th Canadian Division Support Unit.



Medals: MMM – Sacrifice – SW Asia with bar Afghanistan and
MID – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and extra tour bar
– CD and Bar – Alberta Centennial

Promoted to Major – serving with 1 Service Battalion in Edmonton.
Serving 3rd Canadian Division



MENTION-IN-DESPATCHES CITATIONS (MID)
Service in Afghanistan

TINGLEY, Chester William
Sergeant – Royal Canadian Dragoons
Task Force Afghanistan

CD

CG: 24 February 2007
GH: 27 October 2006
DOI: 15 September 2005
28 September 2005



“For exceptional professionalism during two separate bombing attacks while deployed with Task Force Afghanistan on 15 and 28 September 2005.”

“In 2005, following an improvised explosive device strike against elements of the Royal Canadian Dragoons D Squadron on September 15 and a suicide bombing attack against the Afghanistan national army on September 28, Sgt Tingley led the coalition forces’ immediate response. On both occasions, he demonstrated fortitude and composure in the midst of carnage and chaotic conditions, while rendering on-scene security and assistance to those who were injured. Sergeant Tingley’s professionalism brought great credit to him and to the Canadian Forces.”

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WHITTON, Gord Matthew Hazeltyn
Corporal
Task Force Afghanistan

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CG: 24 February 2007
GH: 27 October 2006
DOI: 15 May 2006



“For outstanding professionalism displayed following an IED attack while deployed with Task Force Afghanistan on 15 May 2006”

“Corporal Whitton was deployed with the Reconnaissance Platoon, 1 PPCLI Battle Group during Operation ARCHER Rotation 1. On May 15, 2006, while traveling in a convoy, an accompanying vehicle struck an improvised explosive device and caught fire. Without regard for his personal safety, he immediately went to provide first aid. After successfully removing the crew commander to safety, he re-entered the burning vehicle and removed the driver. While the pursuit of enemy forces continued, Cpl Whitton administered first aid until the casualties could be evacuated. His selflessness, fortitude, and dedication minimized the injuries to others, and his actions reflected exceptionally well on him, on the Canadian Forces and on Canada.”

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UNNAMED - 19
Special Operations Force

GH: 30 May 2007
DOI: 2006

Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada, announced that **19** members of the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command have been **Mentioned in Dispatches** for gallantry and devotion to duty in combat. For security and operational reasons, recipients' names and citations are not released.

The Mention in Dispatches is a national honour that was created to recognize members of the Canadian Forces on active service and other individuals working with or in conjunction with the Canadian Forces for valiant conduct, devotion to duty or other distinguished service. Recipients are entitled to wear a bronze oak leaf on the appropriate campaign or service medal ribbon. One of them was **Corporal MINKUS**.

MENTION-IN-DESPATCHES CITATIONS (MID)

Service in Afghanistan

ADAMS, Brian Vincent

CD

CG: 23 June 2007

Sergeant

GH: 24 April 2007

1st Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group Afghanistan

DOI: 19 August 2006

“Sergeant Adams, who was deployed with Alpha Company, 1st Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group in Afghanistan, is recognized for his leadership and courage under fire. On August 19, 2006, during an intense 12-hour firefight with the Taliban insurgents in Masum Ghar, he implemented effective perimeter security and coordinated the extraction and recovery of an overturned light armoured vehicle as well as the subsequent withdrawal of his platoon. His composure and personal efforts under hostile conditions instilled the utmost confidence in his platoon, which contributed to the success of the operation.”



Medals: General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and ISAF Bar and MID – SS with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UNDOF – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – NATO bar Kosovo - CD

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ELLIOTT, William Jonathan

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CG: 23 June 2007

Corporal

GH: 24 April 2007

1st Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group Afghanistan

DOI: 19 August 2006

“On August 19, 2006, Corporal Elliot of Alpha Company, 1st Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, was a crew member of a light armoured vehicle during an engagement with numerically superior Taliban forces in Masum Ghar. During the three-hour firefight, he successfully engaged the enemy, skillfully conducted ammunition uploads and prevented a potential ‘friendly-fire’ incident with an Afghan National Security Force vehicle. Under enemy fire, he subsequently dismounted his vehicle to assist in the recovery of another light armoured vehicle. His courageous and skillful actions helped to prevent Taliban forces from outflanking the remainder of the Company and undoubtedly saved numerous lives.”

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MENTION-IN-DESPATCHES CITATIONS (MID)

Service in Afghanistan

GREGG, Nigel Jason

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CG: 23 June 2007

Corporal

GH: 24 April 2007

1st Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group Afghanistan

DOI: 19 August 2006



“On August 19, 2006, Corporal Gregg of Alpha Company, 1st Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, was a crew member of a light armoured vehicle during an engagement with numerically superior Taliban forces in Masum Ghar. During the three-hour firefight, he continuously and effectively engaged the enemy with his personal weapon, while at the same time acting as loader for the vehicle’s primary ammunition bin. Under enemy fire, he subsequently dismounted his vehicle to assist in the recovery of another light armoured vehicle. Corporal Gregg’s courageous and skillful actions helped to prevent Taliban forces from outflanking the remainder of the Company and undoubtedly saved numerous lives.”

Medals: SWASM with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and bar ISAF and MID – Peacekeeping – NATO with bar former Yugoslavia – NATO with bar Kosovo

HARRIS, Richard James Alan

CD

CG: 23 June 2007

Master Corporal – Maintenance Platoon, RCR

GH: 24 April 2007

1st Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group Afghanistan

DOI: 03 October 2006

“Master Corporal Harris is mentioned in dispatches for service while deployed in support of the 1st Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group in Afghanistan. On October 3, 2006, while called to reinforce a Canadian observation post under attack, he maneuvered his Bison recovery vehicle to shield the evacuation and treatment of casualties. Continuously exposed to enemy fire, Master Corporal Harris provided suppressive machine gunfire, which forced the enemy to take cover and reduced the accuracy of their fire. The decisive and courageous actions of Master Corporal Harris undoubtedly saved the lives of his fellow soldiers.”

**MENTION-IN-DESPATCHES CITATIONS (MID)
Service in Afghanistan**

HOLLEY, Dan James --
Sergeant
1st Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group Afghanistan

CG: 23 June 2007
GH: 24 April 2007
DOI: 19 August 2006

“Sergeant Holley is mentioned in dispatches for service with Alpha Company, 1st Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, in Afghanistan. On August 19, 2006, during an engagement with Taliban forces in Masum Ghar, the light armoured vehicle in which he was the gunner came under intense fire from a numerically superior enemy force. During a three-hour battle, he effectively engaged the enemy with his vehicle’s weapons systems, while providing strong leadership and encouragement to his less experienced crew. His actions enabled them to successfully defend the rear flank of a friendly position, saving the lives of numerous Canadian and Afghan soldiers.”



Medals: SWASM with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and bar ISAF and MID – Peacekeeping – NATO with bar former Yugoslavia – EIIR Golden Jubilee

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ORVIS, Dwayne Robert Alvin CD
Master Corporal
1st Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group Afghanistan

CG: 23 June 2007
GH: 24 April 2007
DOI: 03 October 2006

“Master Corporal Orvis was a member of Charles Company, 1st Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, in Rotation 2 of Operation ARCHER, in Afghanistan. On September 3, 2006, during Operation Medusa, his section came under intense enemy attack, resulting in the death of his section leader and the wounding of numerous others. Without hesitation, Master Corporal Orvis took charge of the section, gave sound tactical direction regarding casualty care and led his team to safety. His courage and strong leadership under extreme stress exemplified the finest traditions of his profession and brought great honour to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”



Medals: General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon, bar ISAF and MID – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – NATO bar Kosovo – NATO bar Non-Article 5 - CD

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MENTION-IN-DESPATCHES CITATIONS (MID)

WILKINS, Timmy Dean

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CG: 23 June 2007

Private

GH: 24 April 2007

1st Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group Afghanistan

DOI: 03 October 2006



“On August 19, 2006, Private Wilkins of Alpha Company, 1st Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, was a crew member of a light armoured vehicle during an engagement with numerically superior Taliban forces in Masum Ghar. During the three-hour firefight, he effectively employed the vehicle’s general purpose machine gun to suppress a group of enemy fighters on one side of the vehicle. He also provided accurate and valuable targeting information to the vehicle’s turret crew. Private Wilkin’s skillful actions helped to prevent the Taliban forces from outflanking the remainder of the Company and undoubtedly saved numerous lives.”

Medal: General Campaign Star with SWA Ribbon, bar ISAF and MID

MENTION-IN-DESPATCHES CITATIONS (MID)
Service in Afghanistan

ATWELL, Hugh Llewellyn

CD

Captain – 1st Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry
OP ATHENA – 1 PPCLI Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

CG: 27 October 2007

GH: 07 October 2007

DOI: 27 March 2006

“Captain Atwell was deployed to Afghanistan in command of 7 Platoon, ‘C’ Company of Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry, 1st Battle Group. On March 27, 2006, Captain Atwell’s platoon received multiple and significant casualties when Forward Operating Base Robinson came under sustained attack from a numerically superior enemy force. Despite the traumatic losses, Captain Atwell led his platoon throughout the intense and sustained attack and directly contributed to the coalition victory. A month later, on April 28, his platoon engaged and defeated an approaching enemy force, and prevented the ambush of a combat logistics patrol.”



Medals: Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan with MID – Peacekeeping – NATO
bar former Yugoslavia - CD



MENTION-IN-DESPATCHES CITATIONS (MID)
Service in Afghanistan

BENEDICT, Sean Eldon

CD

CG: 27 October 2007

Sergeant – 1st Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment

GH: 07 October 2007

OP ATHENA – 1 RCR Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

DOI: 03 September 2006



“On September 3, 2006, members of 7 Platoon, Charles Company, 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, engaged in a violent firefight in the Pashmul area of Afghanistan. At a critical moment in the battle, an anti-tank weapon struck one of the lead vehicles, killing several soldiers and wounding others. Sergeant Benedict immediately left the security of his own vehicle, exposing himself to intense small arms and rocket-propelled grenade fire, and ran to the other vehicle to provide support until the firefight was won. His actions and leadership under fire were an inspiration to his fellow soldiers.”

Medals: General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon, ISAF bar and MID – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – NATO bar Kosovo - CD

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BROPHY, Joshua Clyde

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CG: 27 October 2007

Corporal – 1st Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment

GH: 07 October 2007

OP ATHENA – 1 RCR Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

DOI: 14 October 2006



“On October 14, 2006, Corporal Brophy, a member of the Commander’s tactical group, 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, dismounted from his vehicle under intense enemy fire to assist in the extraction of his vehicle that had become stuck in an irrigation ditch while countering an intense enemy attack near Ma’sum Ghar, in Afghanistan. Under heavy enemy fire, which threatened him, the vehicle and its occupants, Corporal Brophy worked diligently to rig towing cables to extract the exposed vehicle. His selfless and courageous actions helped save the crew and the vehicle, and brought great credit to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”

Medal: General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon (ISAF bar) and MID

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MENTION-IN-DESPATCHES CITATIONS (MID)
Service in Afghanistan

CHENARD, Dominic André Joseph

CD

CG: 27 October 2007

Warrant Officer – 1st Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment

GH: 07 October 2007

OP ATHENA – 1 RCR Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

DOI: 24 November 2006

“On November 24, 2006, while serving with the Intelligence Surveillance Target Acquisition and Reconnaissance Squadron, 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, in Afghanistan, Warrant Officer Chenard’s skilful leadership contributed to saving the lives of Allied soldiers. He led his quick reaction force into a decisive firefight to assist American Special Forces engaged by an overwhelming enemy force. He positioned his platoon vehicles into effective fire positions, provided cover for the removal of casualties, and used his own vehicle to recover the disabled vehicles. Warrant Officer Chenard’s decisive actions under fire contributed to saving the lives of numerous soldiers and directly resulted in the successful withdrawal of the Americans.”



Medals: General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon, bar ISAF and MID – SSM bar NATO - Peacekeeping – NATO non-article 5 ribbon bar Balkans – NATO bar Kosvo - CD

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CYR, Darcy Dean

CD

CG: 27 October 2007

Warrant Officer – Royal Canadian Artillery

GH: 07 October 2007

OP ATHENA – 1 RCR Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

DOI: 28 March 2006

“Warrant Officer Cyr was deployed with A-Battery, Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry, 1st Battle Group, during Operation ARCHER Rotation 1. On March 28, 2006, while serving as the forward air controller for the Quick Reaction Force at Forward Operating Base Robinson, he left the compound under enemy fire to assess the tactical situation. Having difficulty relaying the casualty evacuation request to headquarters, Warrant Officer Cyr ran back inside the compound at great personal risk. His success in transmitting the casualty removal request contributed to the safe evacuation of three seriously wounded soldiers. His courage and dedication to duty were exemplary and brought honour to Canada.”



Medals: Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – SSM bar NATO – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – NATO bar Kosovo – NATO non-article 5 ribbon bar Balkans – CD and Bar

MENTION-IN-DESPATCHES CITATIONS (MID)
Service in Afghanistan

EVANS, James

Master Corporal – 1st Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment
OP ATHENA – 1 RCR Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

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CG: 27 October 2007
GH: 07 October 2007
DOI: 04 September 2006



“Master Corporal Evans was deployed with the Health Services Support Company, 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, in Afghanistan. On September 4, 2006, his company’s position was mistakenly attacked by a coalition aircraft resulting in more than 30 casualties. Despite being seriously wounded himself, he continued to provide first aid to his fellow soldiers. When his own injury was assessed as severe, he selflessly let other casualties move ahead of himself for evacuation. Master Corporal Evans’ professionalism, devotion to duty and altruism following the devastating events of that day are inspiring examples of the strength of the members of the Canadian Forces.”

Medal: General Service Star with SWA ribbon (ISAF bar) and MID

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FERNANDEZ-LEDON, Christopher

Master Corporal – 1st Battalion, Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry
OP ATHENA – 1 PPCLI Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

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CG: 27 October 2007
GH: 07 October 2007
DOI: 27 March 2006



“Master Corporal Fernandez-Ledon was serving as second-in-command of 2 Section, 7 Platoon, ‘C’ Company when it was deployed as the Divisional Quick Reaction Force to the Forward Operating Base Robinson, Afghanistan. On the evening of March 27, 2006, a large enemy force launched an intense attack on the base. His section manoeuvred into a tactical position to reinforce the base and was able to hold off repeated attacks. In addition, on April 28, he led his platoon to engage and successfully defeat an enemy force preparing an ambush, while escorting a re-supply convoy. Master Corporal Fernandez-Ledon showed great professionalism and leadership and has become a source of inspiration for his soldiers.”

Medals: Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan and MID – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia

MENTION-IN-DESPATCHES CITATIONS (MID)
Service in Afghanistan

FORSYTH, Nicolas

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Lieutenant – 1st Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment
OP ATHENA – 1 RCR Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

CG: 27 October 2007

GH: 07 October 2007

DOI: 03 October 2006

“Lieutenant Forsyth was deployed with the Intelligence Surveillance Target Acquisition and Reconnaissance Squadron, 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, in Afghanistan. On October 3, 2006, his observation post was attacked by small arms fire, rocket-propelled grenades and rockets, killing and wounding many soldiers. Lieutenant Forsyth, himself debilitated by shrapnel wounds and flash burns, crawled headlong into effective enemy fire to report the ambush and to request reinforcements. Maintaining command, he assisted with the treatment of casualties and ensured the perimeter security was maintained. Lieutenant Forsyth’s leadership under fire helped save the lives of his fellow soldiers and repel the enemy attack.”



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GILLAM, Craig Paul

CD

Sergeant – Royal Canadian Dragoons
OP ATHENA – 1 RCR Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

Posthumous

CG: 27 October 2007

GH: 07 October 2007

DOI: 03 October 2006

“On October 3, 2006, Sergeant Gillam’s observation post in Pashmul, Afghanistan, was attacked by enemy fighters firing small arms and rocket-propelled grenades from an unidentified location. Without regard to his own safety, Sergeant Gillam immediately moved to a position from which he could identify and indicate the enemy position to the remainder of his patrol. He valiantly stood his ground and maintained suppressing fire until he fell to the enemy’s fire. Sergeant Gillam’s courageous actions and personal sacrifice during a devastating enemy attack contributed to saving the lives of his fellow soldiers through the rapid identification of the enemy position.”



Sergeant Craig Paul Gillam was **killed on 3 October 2006** in an attack on International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) troops. Both soldiers were members of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, based in Petawawa, Ontario. The attack occurred at approximately 4:50 p.m. Kandahar time, about 20 km west of Kandahar City, as ISAF forces worked to clear a route of mines and improvised explosive devices for a future road construction project. A number of ISAF soldiers, including Canadians, suffered injuries in the attack. All of the injured Canadian soldiers have non-life threatening injuries. They are being treated at the Canadian-led multinational hospital at Kandahar Airfield.

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MENTION-IN-DESPATCHES CITATIONS (MID)
Service in Afghanistan

GILSON, Gregory

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Corporal – 1st Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment
OP ATHENA – 1 RCR Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

CG: 27 October 2007
GH: 07 October 2007
DOI: 03 October 2006

“Corporal Gilson was deployed to Afghanistan with the Intelligence Surveillance Target Acquisition and Reconnaissance Squadron, 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group. On October 3, 2006, his observation post, located in the Pashmul region, was attacked with small arms fire, rocket-propelled grenades and rockets. In the face of this devastating attack, Corporal Gilson maintained his composure while calming the wounded. Ignoring his own injuries, he continued to provide radio situation reports and adopted a fire position to repel further attacks. Corporal Gilson’s actions and composure under fire reflect the highest standards of professionalism in combat.”

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HERMISTON, Darren Daniel

CD

Sergeant – 1st Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment
OP ATHENA – 1 RCR Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

CG: 27 October 2007
GH: 07 October 2007
DOI: 03 October 2006



“On October 3, 2006, Sergeant Hermiston, serving with the Intelligence Surveillance Target Acquisition and Reconnaissance Squadron, 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, in Afghanistan, was among the first to come to the assistance of an observation post which had been attacked and was still under effective and sustained enemy fire. Without concern for his own safety, he quickly dismounted from his vehicle to assist in the treatment and extraction of the wounded. Sergeant Hermiston’s completely selfless act under fire, imbued by quick thinking, courage and dedication, contributed to saving the lives of many of his fellow soldiers.”

Medals: General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon, bar ISAF and MID – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – NATO bar former Yugoslavia - CD

MENTION-IN-DESPATCHES CITATIONS (MID)
Service in Afghanistan

HUNT, Ryan Wilson

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Private – 1st Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment
OP ATHENA – 1 RCR Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

CG: 27 October 2007
GH: 07 October 2007
DOI: 21 November 2006

“Private Hunt of Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, is recognized for his courageous and distinguished service in Afghanistan. On November 21, 2006, Private Hunt’s dismounted foot patrol triggered a pressure-plate-improvised explosive device, injuring the section commander and another soldier. Private Hunt immediately organized the section into a defensive perimeter, began applying first aid to the casualties and requested assistance from higher command. Private Hunt’s initiative, which far exceeded what was expected of him, directly contributed to saving the lives of his fellow soldiers.”



Medals: General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon, bar ISAF and MID

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KINSEY, Michael William

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Corporal – 1st Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment
OP ATHENA – 1 RCR Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

CG: 27 October 2007
GH: 07 October 2007
DOI: 03 October 2006

“On October 3, 2006, an observation post in the Pashmul region of Panjwayi, in Afghanistan, came under effective and sustained enemy fire. In close proximity to the attack, Corporal Kinsey, a member of the responding mobile repair team, Intelligence Surveillance Target Acquisition and Reconnaissance Squadron, 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, immediately launched his vehicle into the enemy’s kill zone in order to provide protective cover for the wounded. While under fire, he assisted in the removal and care of the most critically injured soldiers. Corporal Kinsey’s quick thinking, courage and dedication contributed to saving the lives of many of his fellow soldiers.”



Medals: General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon, bar ISAF and MID – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – NATO bar Kosovo

MENTION-IN-DESPATCHES CITATIONS (MID)
Service in Afghanistan

LEHMAN, Steven

CD

CG: 27 October 2007

Master Warrant Officer – 1st Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment

GH: 07 October 2007

OP ATHENA – 1 RCR Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

DOI: 03 October 2006



“On October 3, 2006, while serving with the Intelligence Surveillance Target Acquisition and Reconnaissance Squadron, 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, in Afghanistan, Master Warrant Officer Lehman responded with great élan to an attack on an observation post in Pashmul that left numerous dead and wounded. Arriving shortly after the initial attack, Master Warrant Officer Lehman, while exposed in the hatch of his vehicle, immediately engaged the enemy with his pintle-mounted machine gun and directed the repositioning of the accompanying vehicles to shelter the wounded. Master Warrant Officer Lehman’s quick and decisive actions under fire helped repel the enemy and contributed to saving the lives of many soldiers.”

Medals: Somalia – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon, bar ISAF and MID - SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD and bar

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LYNCH, Darren A.

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CG: 27 October 2007

Corporal – 1st Battalion, Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry

GH: 07 October 2007

OP ATHENA – 1 PPCLI Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

DOI: 27 March 2006



“Corporal Lynch served with 7 Platoon, C Company, Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry, 1st Battle Group, when it was deployed as the Divisional Quick Reaction Force to the Forward Operating Base Robinson, Afghanistan. On the evening of March 27, 2006, while under enemy fire and with no ground cover, his section manoeuvred into a tactical position to reinforce the North gate. Despite sustaining a bullet wound to his leg, Corporal Lynch continued to engage the enemy. After the enemy was successfully repelled, and with total disregard for his own injuries, he assisted with casualty care and evacuation. Corporal Lynch’s selflessness, courage and dedication to duty have garnered great respect for himself and for the Canadian Forces.”

Medal: Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan and MID



MENTION-IN-DESPATCHES CITATIONS (MID)
Service in Afghanistan

MONTAGUE, Robert Joseph
Master Warrant Officer – Royal Canadian Artillery
OP ATHENA – 1st Battalion RCR Battle Group - JTF Afghanistan

CD

CG: 27 October 2007
GH: 07 October 2007
DOI: 14 October 2006

“Master Warrant Officer Montague, a member of the Commander’s tactical group, 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, in Afghanistan, is recognized for outstanding and valiant actions carried out on October 14, 2006, during operations in Pashmul. While under enemy fire, he left his own vehicle to assist in the extraction of an immobilized light armoured vehicle that was exposed to enemy fire. His leadership and courageous actions secured the safety of the vehicle and its crew and brought great credit to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”



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MOSSOP, Lee James
Captain - Mentor Afghan National Army
OMLT - Afghanistan

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CG: 27 October 2007
GH: 07 October 2007
DOI: 10 October 2006

“Captain Mossop was deployed as the mentor to the company commander of the 3rd Company, 2nd Kandak, 1st Brigade, 205th Corps of the Afghan National Army (ANA). On October 10, 2006, his company was assigned to secure Route Summit in the Pashmul region of Afghanistan. For the next two weeks, the company endured repeated insurgent attacks, during which Captain Mossop demonstrated outstanding leadership, composure and resilience under fire that inspired the ANA soldiers to successfully ward off all enemy action. Captain Mossop’s leadership directly contributed to the professional development of the ANA Company, and to Canada’s mission in Afghanistan.”

Medals: General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon, bar ISAF and MID – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia



MENTION-IN-DESPATCHES CITATIONS (MID)
Service in Afghanistan

MURDY, John Michael --
Sergeant – Royal Canadian Regiment
Force Protection Platoon of the National Support Element Afghanistan

CG: 27 October 2007
GH: 07 October 2007
DOI: 29 August 2006



“Sergeant Murdy was deployed with the Force Protection Platoon of the National Support Element in Afghanistan. On August 29, 2006, he led his patrol through three consecutive enemy engagements including an ambush by a suicide bomber in a vehicle armed with improvised explosive devices. Exhibiting exceptional judgement and tactical expertise in each of the events, he successfully led his troops to safety. Sergeant Murdy’s steadfast composure and combat leadership inspired his soldiers to confidently carry out their mission.”

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O’MEARA, Matthew --
Private – Royal Canadian Dragoons
OP ATHENA – Afghanistan – 1 RCR Battle Group

CG: 27 October 2007
GH: 07 October 2007
DOI: 03 October 2006



“Private O’Meara was deployed to Afghanistan with the Intelligence Surveillance Target Acquisition and Reconnaissance Squadron, 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group. On October 3, 2006, his observation post, located in the Pashmul region, was attacked with small arms fire, rocket-propelled grenades and rockets. Despite being seriously hurt and exposed to continuous enemy fire, Private O’Meara maintained his composure while calming the injured and providing first aid. After confirming the security of the wounded, he adopted a fire position to repel further attacks. Private O’Meara’s actions reflect the highest standards of professionalism in combat.”

Medal: General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon (bar ISAF) and MID

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MENTION-IN-DESPATCHES CITATIONS (MID)
Service in Afghanistan

PIZIO, Adam Kenneth

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CG: 27 October 2007

Corporal – 1st Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment

GH: 07 October 2007

OP ATHENA – 1 RCR Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

DOI: 01 January 2007

“Corporal Pizio of the Intelligence, Surveillance, Target Acquisition and Reconnaissance Squadron, 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, is mentioned in Despatches for outstanding bravery and professionalism during combat operations in Afghanistan. On January 1, 2007, in response to a mine strike on another detachment, he rapidly led his section through dangerous terrain in complete darkness to secure the scene and enable timely medical intervention to save a wounded comrade’s life. His selfless bravery in the face of danger and his skilful application of complex navigation knowledge under extreme pressure reflect the highest standards of professionalism.”



Medal: General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon, bar ISAF and MID

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SMITH, Max Robert

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CG: 27 October 2007

Master Corporal – 1st Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment

GH: 07 October 2007

OP ATHENA – 1 RCR Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

DOI: 03 September 2006

“Master Corporal Smith fought with Charles Company, 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, in Afghanistan, during Operation MEDUSA. On September 3, 2006, although he was under enemy fire, Master Corporal Smith dismounted from his disabled vehicle to direct its recovery and maintained his position until ordered to withdraw. At great personal risk to himself, Master Corporal Smith then helped the wounded back to the casualty collection point where he assisted in the treatment of the casualties, and the evacuation and processing of those killed in action. Master Corporal Smith demonstrated exceptional professionalism in combat.

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TIERNAY, William

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CG: 27 October 2007

Master Corporal – 1st Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment

GH: 07 October 2007

OP ATHENA – 1 RCR Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

DOI: 14 October 2006

“Master Corporal Tiernay was deployed with 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, in Afghanistan. While conducting a forward combat patrol on October 14, 2006, the battle group commander’s tactical headquarters came under intense enemy fire, immobilizing their vehicle. Master Corporal Tiernay dismounted the vehicle to assist in securing the area. Unfortunately, attacks by the enemy claimed the lives of two soldiers. His courageous actions prevented further casualties and brought great credit to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”

MENTION-IN-DESPATCHES CITATIONS (MID)
Service in Afghanistan

TODOROVIC, Mark

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CG: 27 October 2007

Corporal – 1st Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment

GH: 07 October 2007

OP ATHENA – 1 RCR Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

DOI: 14 October 2006



“On October 14, 2006, Corporal Todorovic, a member of the Commander’s tactical group, 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, dismounted from his own vehicle under enemy fire in order to assist in the extraction of his commanding officer’s light armoured vehicle that had become stuck in an irrigation ditch during an intense enemy attack near Ma’sum Ghar, in Afghanistan. Without regard for his own safety, he worked diligently to rig towing cables to pull out the exposed vehicle. His selfless and courageous actions helped save both the crew and the vehicle, and brought great credit to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”

Medals: Southwest Asia bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon, ISAF bar and MID

TOMASI, Sergio

CD

CG: 27 October 2007

Sergeant – 1st Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment

GH: 07 October 2007

OP ATHENA – 1 RCR Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

DOI: 09 September 2006



“Sergeant Tomasi demonstrated outstanding tactical prowess on September 9, 2006, when his Intelligence, Surveillance, Target Acquisition and Reconnaissance Squadron, 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, in Afghanistan, was targeted by enemy sniper fire while conducting a night patrol during Operation MEDUSA. Remaining calm and focused, he immediately established a section security perimeter, located the enemy, and successfully directed retaliatory fire from supporting light armoured vehicles and attack helicopters. His confidence and composure inspired his soldiers to continue their mission without fear or hesitation. Sergeant Tomasi’s reaction to this perilous situation illustrates his professionalism, leadership and strategic acumen.

Medals: Somalia – General Campaign Star with bar ISAF and MID – Peacekeeping UNPROFOR – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – NATO bar Kosovo – EIIR Golden Jubilee – CD

MENTION-IN-DESPATCHES CITATIONS (MID)
Service in Afghanistan

TRUBELA, Michael

CD

CG: 27 October 2007

Corporal – 1st Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment

GH: 07 October 2007

OP ATHENA – 1 RCR Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

DOI: 03 October 2006

“Corporal Trubela was deployed to Afghanistan with the Intelligence Surveillance Target Acquisition and Reconnaissance Squadron, 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group. On October 3, 2006, his Pashmul region observation post was attacked with small arms fire, rocket-propelled grenades and rockets. Despite being wounded and exposed to continuous enemy fire, Corporal Trubela maintained his composure throughout the devastating attack. His leadership reassured the junior members of the patrol and calmed the wounded. Assisting the troop leader, he provided first aid to the critically injured and helped direct security of the scene to repel further attacks. Corporal Trubela’s composure under fire reflects the highest standards of professionalism in combat.



Medals: General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon, ISAF bar and MID – Peacekeeping – NATO - CD

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WALSH, Paul Joseph

CD

CG: 27 October 2007

Petty Officer 1st Class – Royal Canadian Navy

GH: 07 October 2007

Operation Medusa - 1 RCR Battle Group - JTF Afghanistan

DOI: September 2006

“Petty Officer First Class Walsh is recognized for his courage and dedication to duty while deployed as 23 Field Squadron’s explosive ordnance disposal chief within the 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, in Afghanistan. During Operation MEDUSA, in September 2006, he risked his life to assist combat engineers in clearing a section of Route Vancouver in the Pashmul region. He personally identified five improvised explosive devices and a 450 kg unexploded bomb within a 150-metre stretch of road, and systematically disposed of them. Petty Officer First Class Walsh’s professionalism and commitment to his mission potentially saved the lives of many fellow soldiers.”



Medals: General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon, bar ISAF and MID – SSM with bar NATO - CD

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MENTION-IN-DESPATCHES CITATIONS (MID)
Service in the Sudan

PENNER, Gregory Allan
Major
United Nations Military Observer in Sudan

CD

CG: 27 October 2007
GH: 07 October 2007
DOI: November 2006



“Major Penner is mentioned in Despatches for his courageous and selfless actions while serving as a United Nations (UN) military observer in Sudan. In November 2006, serious firefights in Malakal left 200 civilians dead and another 500 injured. Throughout the crisis, Major Penner volunteered to lead dangerous patrols and medical evacuations, with complete disregard for his own safety. During several volatile situations, his negotiation skills and calm demeanour helped prevent further escalations in the conflict. Major Penner’s leadership and courage under fire throughout the Malakal crisis were critical to the effectiveness of the crisis action team and to the sustained UN presence in the region.”

Medals: Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – Peacekeeping – UN Sudan with MID – CD

Only MID for the United Nations Military Observer in Sudan to a Canadian

