

**MENTION-IN-DESPATCHES (MID)**

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**Service in Afghanistan**

<b>ONE</b>	--	CG: Not Gazetted
No rank given		GH: 11 March 2011
Canadian Special Operations Forces Command		DOI: 2010

“His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada, announces the awarding of:  
**three Stars of Military Valour and two Medals of Military Valour;**  
as well as **one Meritorious Service Cross;**  
**three Meritorious Service Medals;**  
and **one Mention in Despatches,**  
to members of the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command (CANSOFCO).

These members received their decorations today (11 March 2011) during a ceremony at Rideau Hall in the presence of the Chief of the Defence Staff. They were recognized for devotion and acts of valour in the presence of the enemy and for military deeds performed in a highly professional manner. For security and operational reasons, recipients’ names and citations are not released.”

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<b>TWO UNNAMED</b>	--	CG: Not Gazetted 21/05/2011
No rank given		GH: 13 May 2011
Canadian Special Operations Forces Command		DOI: 2009 or before

“His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada, announced today the names of **33 individuals mentioned in dispatches** for specific achievements that have brought honour to the Canadian Forces and to Canada. A ceremony will take place at a later date and will be announced by the Department of National Defence.

“For security and operational reasons, two other recipients’ names and citations are not released.”

**33 Named Awards in Total: 33 named + 2 unnamed = 35 Total**

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For more on the Mentioned in Despatches, see the outstanding book by the Directorate of Honours and Recognition at: [D2-359-2016-eng.pdf \(PDF, 9.55 MB\)](#). Many of the photos in this document and the other two documents are from this fine publication and the correct citations have been taken from this document.

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

**AUBÉ, Étienne**

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CG: 21 May 2011

Master Corporal – Royal 22e Régiment  
R22eR Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

GH: 13 May 2011

DOI: 17 July 2009

“On 17 July 2009, Master Corporal Aubé was conducting compound searches in Afghanistan when he came upon a heavily booby-trapped structure. After ordering his section out of the building, he entered alone to investigate and struck an improvised explosive device. Despite being gravely wounded, he calmed the soldiers who had rushed to his aid, guided them through his immediate care requirements and briefed them on what to expect inside. Amidst these extremely dire circumstances, Master Corporal Aubé never wavered from his responsibilities, inspiring his soldiers and ensuring they remained confident.”



Master Corporal Aubé lost his right leg at the knee, and had his left ring finger and pinky amputated. He also suffered a serious fracture and nerve damage.”

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**BELVAL, Sébastien Joseph Yves**

CD

CG: 21 May 2011

Sergeant – Royal Canadian Artillery  
R22eR Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

GH: 13 May 2011

DOI: 04 June 2009

“When his company was attacked in Afghanistan on 04 June 2009, Sergeant Belval fearlessly moved to the roof of his fortification to determine the enemy’s location and to direct artillery fire. Remaining in his exposed position throughout the battle, he braved intense enemy fire to provide information that was critical to delivering decisive fire support. His outstanding composure, technical skill and courage under fire were instrumental in repelling the attack and defending their position.”



*“For outstanding composure, technical skill and courage under fire, which were instrumental in repelling an enemy attack and defending his position in Afghanistan on 04 June 2009.”*

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

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

**CORBEIL, Isabelle**

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CG: 21 May 2011  
GH: 13 May 2011  
DOI: 23 August 2009

Master-Bombardier (now Sergeant) – Royal Canadian Artillery  
R22eR Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan



“On 23 August 2009, Master Corporal Corbeil’s company was conducting an operation in Afghanistan when they were surprised by a group of insurgents who immediately unleashed a heavy weight of fire on their position. Despite being under direct enemy fire, Master Corporal Corbeil coordinated multiple artillery strikes that enabled the capture of the enemy position. Her ability to remain composed under intense fire and adjust artillery orders in response to the changing battle conditions were instrumental to the operational success of her company.”

*“For outstanding composure, technical skill and courage under fire that enabled the capture of the enemy position following a surprise attack in Afghanistan on 23 August 2009”.*

**Medal:** General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and MID

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**CÔTÉ, Joseph Jean Denis Justin**

CD

CG: 21 May 2011  
GH: 13 May 2011  
DOI: 23 June to 14 July 2009

Warrant Officer – Royal 22e Régiment  
Company Sergeant Major – R22eR Battle Group JTF Afghanistan



“From 23 June to 14 July 2009, Warrant Officer Côté’s efforts as Company Sergeant-Major ensured the success of numerous combat operations in Afghanistan. Whether under intense enemy fire or operating in close proximity to civilians, his experience and composure provided a calming influence on the company’s junior members and ensured the combat team was fully prepared to meet all challenges. Sharing the risk with his soldiers throughout the operations, Warrant Officer Côté’s frontline leadership was instrumental to the company’s combat success.”

**Medals:** General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and MID – Peacekeeping – UN Haiti – UNPROFOR – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD

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**CÔTÉ, Joseph Michel**

CD

CG: 21 May 2011  
GH: 13 May 2011  
DOI: 08 June 2009

Sergeant – Royal 22e Régiment  
Section Commander – R22eR Battle Group JTF Afghanistan



“On 08 June 2009, a soldier in Sergeant Côté’s platoon was wounded by an improvised explosive device in Afghanistan. As section commander, Sergeant Côté was instrumental in establishing security, treating the casualty and calling for medical evacuation. Approximately 45 minutes later, the platoon was ambushed by insurgents as it continued its operation. Despite the recent medical evacuation of their comrade, Sergeant Côté’s outstanding frontline leadership and precise direction kept his soldiers focused and enabled them to win the firefight and defeat the ambush.”

**Medals:** General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and MID – Peacekeeping – UN Haiti –

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

**CÔTÉ, Samuel**

CD

CG: 21 May 2011

Private – Royal 22e Régiment

GH: 13 May 2011

R22eR Battle Group - JTF Afghanistan

DOI: 08 June 2009

“On 08 June 2009, Private Côté’s platoon was ambushed by insurgents in Afghanistan as it returned from the scene of an improvised explosive device attack. Immediately engaging the enemy with his rifle and grenade launcher, his decisive actions allowed other members of the platoon to advance toward the enemy position. Despite intense fire and a lack of cover, he continued to aggressively and fearlessly engage the enemy throughout the engagement. Private Côté’s courageous and decisive actions were critical to winning the firefight and defeating the ambush.”



**Medal:** General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and MID

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**DE CELLES, Guillaume**

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CG: 21 May 2011

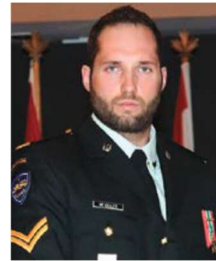
Corporal – Royal 22e Régiment

GH: 13 May 2011

R22eR Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

DOI: 07 May 2009

“On 07 May 2009, Corporal De Celles displayed exceptional leadership and courage under fire when his platoon was surrounded by insurgents during a well-planned ambush in Afghanistan. With the enemy attacking from three sides, he willingly exposed himself to intense fire to identify their position and provided counter-attack direction to his fellow soldiers. Corporal de Celles’ effort ensured a heavy weight of accurate fire was directed at the enemy and contributed to winning the firefight.”



**Medal:** General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and MID

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**DESSUREAULT, Joseph Gaetan Phillippe Jr.**

CD

CG: 21 May 2011

Sergeant – Royal 22e Régiment

GH: 13 May 2011

R22eR Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

DOI: 26 May 2009

“On 26 May 2009, Sergeant Dessureault was protecting his patrol’s extraction route during an operation in Afghanistan when the forward element was ambushed, pinned down and suffered a casualty. Realizing the soldiers were in danger of being overwhelmed, Sergeant Dessureault repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire to reach their position, stabilized the casualty and helped them win the firefight. His decisive actions and selfless disregard for his personal safety were instrumental in reinforcing the isolated element and ensuring the effective provision of medical treatment under fire.”



**Medals:** General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and MID – Peacekeeping – UN Haiti – NATO bar former Yugoslavia - CD

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

**DITTMAR, Bjorn Ivo**  
Sergeant – Black Watch of Canada  
R22eR Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

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CG: 21 May 2011  
GH: 13 May 2011  
DOI: 10 June 2009

“On 10 June 2009, while Sergeant Dittmar’s platoon was involved in a firefight in Afghanistan, a soldier in a separate element triggered an improvised explosive device, causing two casualties. Despite heavy enemy fire, Sergeant Dittmar crossed open ground to reach the blast site where he coordinated the fire support necessary to treat and extract the casualties. With the enemy firing from three sides and attempting to surround them, Sergeant Dittmar displayed great leadership and composure, which were critical to saving lives.”

**Medal:** General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and MID



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**ÉNAULT, Joseph André Jacques Sylvain**  
Sergeant – Royal 22e Régiment  
R22eR Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

CD

CG: 21 May 2011  
GH: 13 May 2011  
DOI: 04 June 2009



“When their company was attacked in Afghanistan on 4 June 2009, Sergeant Belval and Sergeant Énault fearlessly moved to the roof of their fortification to determine the enemy’s location and to direct artillery fire. Remaining in this exposed position throughout the battle, they braved intense enemy fire to provide information that was critical to delivering decisive fire support. Their outstanding composure, technical skill and courage under fire were instrumental in repelling the attack and defending their position.”

**Medals:** General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and MID – Peacekeeping – UN Haiti – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – EIIR Diamond Jubilee - CD

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**Service in Afghanistan**

**FRÉCHETTE, Francis** --

Master-Corporal – Royal 22e Régiment  
R22eR Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

CG: 21 May 2011  
GH: 13 May 2011  
DOI: 04 June 2009

"On 04 June 2009, Master Corporal Fréchette's company was attacked by insurgents in Afghanistan. Realizing their communication system had failed, he exited the safety of his armoured vehicle to investigate. As bullets landed around him, he verified each of the company's 12 vehicles, identified the problem and executed the repair. Master Corporal Fréchette's courage under fire and outstanding technical ability ensured the company had the command and control capabilities necessary to execute a successful withdrawal."

**Medal:** General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and MID



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**GEERNAERT, William Allen** --

Private – Lord Strathcona's Horse  
R22eR Battle Group - JTF Afghanistan

CG: 21 May 2011  
GH: 13 May 2011  
DOI: 04 August 2009

"On August 4, 2009, Private Geernaert was wounded when his vehicle struck an improvised explosive device in Afghanistan. As he was being evacuated, his ambulance was targeted by an insurgent ambush. With the ambulance gunner wounded in the attack, Private Geernaert immediately took up the gunner's position despite his own injuries and began pouring a heavy weight of fire toward the enemy position. Private Geernaert's courageous and decisive actions were instrumental in repelling the attack and safeguarding his fellow soldiers."

**Medals:** Sacrifice - General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and MID - SSM



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**Service in Afghanistan**

**GIRARD, Simon** -- CG: 21 May 2011  
Master-Corporal– Royal 22e Régiment GH: 13 May 2011  
R22eR Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan DOI: 08 June 2009

“On 08 June 2009, Master Corporal Girard’s platoon was ambushed by insurgents in Afghanistan as it returned from the scene of an improvised explosive device attack. Despite intense fire and lack of cover, he quickly moved forward under his own initiative to engage the enemy with his machine gun. Master Corporal Girard demonstrated courage by aggressively and fearlessly engaging the enemy. His decisive actions were critical to winning the firefight and defeating the enemy.”

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**LACOMBE, David** -- CG: 21 May 2011  
Captain GH: 13 May 2011  
Mentorship of Deputy Chief of Police in Panjwayi District, Afghanistan DOI: March to October 2009



“From March to October 2009, Captain Lacombe greatly improved the capacity of the Afghan Uniform Police (AUP) in Panjwayi District, Afghanistan. His constant mentorship of the Deputy Chief of Police and his staff was instrumental in strengthening the AUP leadership and legitimizing their policing activities. Despite being frequently under fire and suffering two improvised explosive device attacks, Captain Lacombe’s dedicated efforts enabled the destruction of enemy supply caches, disrupted insurgent freedom of movement and contributed to the acquisition of valuable intelligence.”

**Medal:** General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and MID – Operational Service Medal ribbon Humanitus

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**Service in Afghanistan**

**LADET, Antonin** --  
Corporal  
OMLT Support - Afghanistan

CG: 21 May 2011  
GH: 13 May 2011  
DOI: 23 August 2009

“On 23 August 2009, Corporal Ladet was part of a joint Canadian-Afghan force that was attacked by insurgents in Afghanistan. As the battle began to rage, Corporal Ladet noticed two Afghan children were caught in the crossfire. With bullets flying from both sides and an artillery mission on the way, Corporal Ladet courageously exposed himself to enemy fire while rushing to the children’s position and escorting them to safety. Corporal Ladet’s courageous and selfless actions undoubtedly saved the lives of these children.”

**Medals:** General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and two extra tours and MID – Operational Service Medal ribbon Humanitus



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**LAREAU, Joseph Luc Richard Dominique** --  
Corporal – Now Master-Corporal  
OMLT - Afghanistan

CG: 21 May 2011  
GH: 13 May 2011  
DOI: 20 May 2009 & 12 July 2009

“In 2009, Corporal Lareau displayed outstanding composure and courage under fire during two separate enemy engagements in Afghanistan. On 20 May, despite being pinned down during his patrol’s fighting withdrawal, he remained calm and aggressively returned fire as bullets landed inches from his position. On 12 July, he rallied a group of Afghan soldiers and led them in the successful defence of their forward operating base. Corporal Lareau’s combat ability, courage and unwavering calm enable the defeat of the enemy.”

**Medal:** General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon with two extra Tour bars and MID



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**Service in Afghanistan**

**LAROCHELLE, Simon-Pierre**  
Corporal – Royal 22e Régiment  
R22eR Battle Group - JTF Afghanistan

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CG: 21 May 2011  
GH: 13 May 2011  
DOI: 08 June 2009



“On 08 June 2009, Corporal Larochelle’s platoon was ambushed by insurgents in Afghanistan as it returned from the scene of an improvised explosive device attack. Despite intense fire and a lack of cover, he immediately moved towards the enemy position to provide fire support for the platoon. Corporal Larochelle demonstrated courage by aggressively and fearlessly engaging the enemy. His decisive actions were critical to winning the firefight and defeating the enemy.”

**Medal:** General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and MID

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**LAVOIE, Simon**  
Master-Corporal – Royal 22e Régiment  
Section Commander of a Reconnaissance Platoon – JTF Afghanistan

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CG: 21 May 2011  
GH: 13 May 2011  
DOI: 28 June - 24 September 2009



“Between 28 June and 25 September 2009, Master Corporal Lavoie’s composure under fire was instrumental to the success of three separate combat operations in Afghanistan. As section commander within a reconnaissance platoon, his outstanding tactical acumen and ability to lead his soldiers through intense enemy resistance enabled them to provide key situational awareness and fire support to the entire platoon. Master Corporal Lavoie’s outstanding frontline leadership ensured his section played a decisive role in the success of these operations.”

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

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**Service in Afghanistan**

**LECAVALIER, Joseph Yvan Richard**  
Sergeant – Royal 22e Régiment  
R22eR Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

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CG: 21 May 2011  
GH: 13 May 2011  
DOI: 29 May 2009

“On 29 May 2009, Sergeant Lecavalier was on patrol in Afghanistan when an insurgent attack caused three casualties and cut off six Canadian soldiers from the rest of the patrol. Realizing the isolated soldiers were in a vulnerable position and unable to break contact, he led another group of soldiers through intense enemy fire to reach their position and ensured their extraction. Sergeant Lecavalier’s decisive and courageous actions saved the lives of six Canadian soldiers who were in danger of being overwhelmed by the enemy.”

**Medals:** Gulf Medal with Bar – Southwest Asia Medal with bar – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and three extra Tour bars and MID – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – UN Haiti with Bar – NATO Medal with Former Yugoslavia bar - CD



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

**LEE, Oliver Lim Fet**  
Sergeant  
Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

CD

CG: 21 May 2011  
GH: 13 May 2011  
DOI: 29 May and 29 June 2009



“Sergeant Lee demonstrated outstanding courage and decisiveness during two separate ambushes in Afghanistan. On 29 May 2009, he braved intense insurgent fire to secure a critical defensive position. On 29 June 2009, he provided immediate first aid to a wounded soldier while under enemy fire. His skill and dedication inspired his team and contributed to the operational success. Sergeant Lee’s selfless actions in such a dangerous and unforgiving environment saved lives and brought great credit to the Canadian Forces.”

**Medals:** General Campaign Star with one extra tour bar and MID – Peacekeeping – NATO with bar Former Yugoslavia - NATO bar Kosovo - CD



Now: **Royal Canadian Air Force**

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**MARANDA, Christian**  
Captain  
Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

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CG: 21 May 2011  
GH: 13 May 2011  
DOI: 28 May 2009



“On 28 May 2009, Captain Maranda and his joint Canadian-Afghan patrol came under fire from three directions that isolated the forward element and caused three casualties. He quickly directed his soldiers to establish the security necessary to care for the casualties and then attempted to define the enemy position. Realizing the forward element’s precarious situation, he ordered one of his sections to move to their position and help them break contact. Captain Marada’s frontline leadership, composure under fire and tactical acumen enabled his patrol’s successful withdrawal.”

**Medals:** Sacrifice – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and MID – EIIR Diamond Jubilee

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

**MATTE, Martin**  
Corporal – Royal 22e Régiment  
R22eR Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

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CG: 21 May 2011  
GH: 13 May 2011  
DOI: 04 June 2009

“When his company was attacked in Afghanistan on 04 June 2009, Corporal Matte fearlessly moved to the roof of their fortification to provide close protection for two forward observation officers. Remaining in this exposed position throughout the battle, he braved intense fire while decisively and relentlessly engaging the enemy position. His outstanding composure, combat ability and courage under fire enable the delivery of decisive fire support and were instrumental in repelling the attack and defending their position.”



**Medal:** General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and MID

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**PILOTE-JOBIN, Bill**  
Corporal  
R22eR Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

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CG: 21 May 2011  
GH: 13 May 2011  
DOI: 27 April 2009

“On 27 April 2009, Corporal Pilote-Jobin’s multinational patrol base was attacked by insurgents in Afghanistan. Under fire, he manoeuvred an armoured vehicle to provide overwatch for an allied force that was advancing on the enemy. Upon hearing of a civilian casualty, he rushed on the scene to render first aid while the platoon’s medic tended to another casualty. Corporal Pilote-Jobin’s selfless act and willingness to risk his own life enhanced the effectiveness of allied forces and saved a life.”



**Medal:** General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and MID

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

**NLANDU, Jona**  
Corporal – Royal 22e Régiment  
R22eR Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

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CG: 21 May 2011  
GH: 13 May 2011  
DOI: 29 June 2009

“On 29 June 2009, Corporal Nlandu’s company was attacked by approximately 40 insurgents in a small village in Afghanistan. Despite being injured and evacuated in the early stages of the battle, he courageously returned to the frontline and actively engaged the enemy for the firefight. His outstanding composure and determination inspired his fellow soldiers and played a decisive role in winning the engagement.”

**Medal:** General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and MID



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**PELLETIER-BÉDARD, Manuel**  
Captain – Royal Canadian Artillery  
OMLT - Afghanistan

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CG: 21 May 2011  
GH: 13 May 2011  
DOI: 08 August 2009



“On 08 August 2009, Captain Pelletier-Bédard was mentoring an Afghan Army company during an operation when an insurgent attack isolated one of his platoons and threatened to cut off the company’s exit route. Realizing he had lost communication with the platoon, he courageously sprinted across 30 metres of open ground to reach their position and lead the extraction. Captain Pelletier-Bédard’s outstanding leadership, composure and courage under fire ensured the company was able to break contact, regroup and adopt a better defensive position.”

*“For outstanding leadership, composure and courage under fire when the ANA Company he was mentoring came under fire in Afghanistan on 08 August 2009”.*

**Medal:** General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and MID

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

**POTVIN, Dave**  
Corporal  
R22eR Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

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CG: 21 May 2011  
GH: 13 May 2011  
DOI: 22 August 2009

“On 22 August 2009, Private Potvin’s foot patrol was ambushed by insurgents in Afghanistan. Despite heavy fire and his proximity to the enemy, he immediately moved forward to establish a defensive position. While returning fire, he provided information to the section commander that enabled their effective fighting withdrawal. As they returned to base, they were again ambushed by insurgents. Despite the surprise of the second attack, Private Potvin’s fearless and relentless engagement of the enemy enabled them to once again effectively break contact.”



**Medals:** General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and MID – Operational Service Medal ribbon Humanity

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**RENAUD, Éric Adolphe**  
Sergeant  
R22eR Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

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CG: 21 May 2011  
GH: 13 May 2011  
DOI: 23 August 2009

“On 23 August 2009, Sergeant Renaud’s leadership and courage were instrumental to the success of an assault on an insurgent compound in Afghanistan. After taking fire and becoming partially surrounded, his section fought through the relentless attack in order to regroup with the rest of their platoon and enable artillery and air support to engage the enemy. Despite the threat of further resistance, he led his soldiers into the compound, seized a large cache of weapons and returned to base without suffering a single casualty.”



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

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

**ROBERTSON, Steven**  
Master-Corporal  
Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

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CG: 21 May 2011  
GH: 13 May 2011  
DOI: April 2009 and 26 May 2009



“Master Corporal Robertson’s courage, decisiveness and combat ability enabled his platoon to successfully withdraw from two separate enemy attacks in Afghanistan without suffering casualties. In late April 2009, he fearlessly exposed himself to enemy fire to place his mortar in a position to repel an enemy attack. On 26 May 2009, with his platoon pinned down and in danger of being surrounded, he adopted an exposed position on the enemy’s flank to deliver heavy machine gun fire that effectively suppressed their position.”

**Medals:** General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and MID – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – Interfet – CD

(Interfet – International Force East Timor)

**ROWLAND, Kevin** --  
Corporal (now Master Corporal) – Royal Canadian Signals  
Battle Group - JTF Afghanistan

CG: 21 May 2011  
GH: 13 May 2011  
DOI: 29 July to 05 August 2009

“From 29 July to 05 August 2009, Corporal Rowland played a critical role in establishing and maintaining command and control capabilities for a tank squadron in Afghanistan. On the last day of their operation, he distinguished himself during four separate enemy ambushes. Despite being under direct fire, he repeatedly exited his vehicle to assist in the medical evacuation of Afghan and coalition soldiers and the recovery of stricken vehicles. Corporal Rowland’s technical skill and courage under fire contributed to the squadron’s operational success.”

**Medal:** General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and MID



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

**SAIKALY, Mathieu**  
Captain – Royal 22e Regiment  
R22eR Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

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CG: 21 May 2011  
GH: 13 May 2011  
DOI: 04 June and 08 June 2009

“During a five-day combat operation in Afghanistan, Captain Saikaly demonstrated outstanding courage and tactical acumen during two separate enemy engagements. On 4 June 2009, he provided fire support that enabled an isolated element of his patrol to move to cover. On 8 June 2009, he led a group of armoured vehicles to ensure the enemy’s attention was distracted from his dismounted colleagues, enabling them to attain their objectives. Captain Saikaly’s decisiveness and composure under fire contributed to the success of the operation.”

**Medal:** General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra Tour bar and MID



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**SANSOUCY, Mathieu**  
Private  
R22eR Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

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CG: 21 May 2011  
GH: 13 May 2011  
DOI: 08 June 2009

“On 8 June 2009, Private Sansoucy’s platoon was ambushed by insurgents in Afghanistan as it returned from the scene of an improvised explosive device attack. Despite intense fire and a lack of cover, he immediately moved towards the enemy position to provide fire support for the platoon. Private Sansoucy demonstrated courage by aggressively and fearlessly engaging the enemy. His decisive actions were critical to winning the firefight and defeating the enemy.”

**Medals:** General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and MID – Operational Service Medal with bar Humanitas



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

**SCHWEITZER, Kurt Evan** --  
Captain – Royal Canadian Air Force  
Captain of C-130 Hercules – Tactical Takeoff in Afghanistan

CG: 21 May 2011  
GH: 13 May 2011  
DOI: 07 May 2009



“On 7 May 2009, Captain Schweitzer, a Hercules Aircraft Commander, demonstrated outstanding leadership and decisiveness while conducting an extremely demanding night departure from an austere runway in Afghanistan. Working without the aid of night-vision technology, his exceptional airmanship and tactical acumen mitigated effective insurgent ground fire during the takeoff and climb out. Captain Schweitzer’s professionalism and outstanding composure prevented the potential destruction of the aircraft and enhanced the reputation of the Canadian Forces with our allies.”

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

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**WHITE, Kenneth Richard** CD  
Petty Officer 2nd Class – Royal Canadian Navy / CF Health Services  
Medic – attached Afghan Reconnaissance Company

CG: 21 May 2011  
GH: 13 May 2011  
DOI: 14 June 2009



“On 14 June 2009, Petty Officer 2nd Class was attached to an Afghan reconnaissance company when an insurgent attack caused three casualties. Exposing himself to mortar and small-arms fire, he rushed to the casualties’ location to provide immediate first aid. With medical evacuation unavailable, he set up a makeshift treatment centre in the basemen of a building to stabilize the casualties until their extraction. Petty Officer 2nd Class White’s selfless efforts and medical ability saved the lives of coalition and Afghan soldiers.”

**Medals:** General Campaign Star with SWA Ribbon and MID – Peacekeeping – NATO bar Former Yugoslavia - CD

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

**ONE** -- CG: 11 February 2012  
No rank given GH: 14 December 2011  
Canadian Special Operations Forces Command DOI: 2009 and 2010

“His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada, announced today the names of **22 individuals mentioned in dispatches** for specific achievements that have brought honour to the Canadian Forces and to Canada. A ceremony will take place at a later date and will be announced by the Department of National Defence. For security and operational reasons, one other recipients’ name and citation was not released.”

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**AMYOT, Martin** -- CG: 11 February 2012  
Master-Corporal – 3 Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry GH: 11 December 2011  
3 PPCLI Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan DOI: October 2009 to May 2010

“From October 2009 to May 2010, Master Corporal Amyot performed decisively in the face of the enemy during high-intensity combat operations in Afghanistan. On several occasions, he disregarded his personal safety, exposing himself to extreme threats to neutralize the enemy and protect the lives of his comrades. Master Corporal Amyot’s courage and composure under fire inspired his fellow soldiers, prevented coalition force casualties and ensured the success of his platoon.”



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

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**ANTONIO, Joshua** -- CG: 11 February 2012  
Corporal GH: 11 December 2011  
Patrol Base Panjsher in Afghanistan DOI: 23 March 2010

“On 23 March 2010, Corporal Antonio was deployed to Patrol Base Panjsher in Afghanistan when it was attacked by insurgents. Demonstrating outstanding leadership and composure under fire, he took charge of the platoon’s general-purpose machine gun and provided effective fire. His actions suppressed the enemy and ensured his section had time to occupy fighting positions and repel the attack. Corporal Antonio’s decisive reaction, outstanding soldiering ability and clear direction amidst the chaos of battle contributed to defeating the enemy.”

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

**CARSON, Breen**  
Captain - PPCLI  
Operating and Mentoring Liaison Team (OMLT) - Afghanistan

MSM

CG: 11 February 2012  
GH: 11 December 2011  
DOI: 12 November 2009

“On 12 November 2009, Captain Carson displayed outstanding frontline leadership after an improvised device seriously wounded a soldier. Despite the inherent confusion, he established security before clearing a safe path to the casualty and providing first aid. With the casualty stabilized, he brought the medic forward and immediately transitioned to coordinating inbound ground and aviation assets. Captain Carson’s exceptional performance saved the soldier’s life and kept his team operationally focused throughout the incident.”

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 11 February 2012 while serving with the Operating and Mentoring Liaison Team in Afghanistan in the rank of Captain.

**Medals:** MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon one extra tour Bar and MID



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

**DANCER, Neil** --  
Corporal – 3 Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry  
3 PPCLI Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

CG: 11 February 2012  
GH: 11 December 2011  
DOI: 13 to 18 February 2010

“From 13 to 18 February 2010, Corporal Dancer demonstrated composure and professionalism during repeated enemy engagements in Afghanistan. As a mentor to the Afghan National Army, his frontline leadership inspired his Afghan subordinates to remain calm and perform exceptionally well despite being under sustained enemy fire. Corporal Dancer’s outstanding actions, particularly in the establishment of casualty collection points, saved the lives of numerous American and Afghan soldiers, bringing great credit to the Operational Mentor and Liaison Team and the Canadian Forces.”



**Medal:** General Campaign Star with Southwest Asia Ribbon and MID

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**DOWNER, Andrew Paul** --  
Corporal – 3 Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry  
3 PPCLI Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

CG: 11 February 2012  
GH: 11 December 2011  
DOI: 23 March 2010

“On 23 March 2010, Corporal Downer’s actions were instrumental in the defeat of the sustained insurgent attack on Patrol Base Panjsher in Afghanistan. Alone in the observation post and facing rocket-propelled grenade and small arms fire, he remained calm, maintained his position and aggressively engaged the enemy. Throughout the attack, Corporal Downer’s outstanding composure under fire ensured the enemy was suppressed, gave time to his section to occupy fighting positions and provided his command post with timely and accurate reporting.”



**Medal:** General Campaign Star with Southwest Asia Ribbon and MID

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

**DUFF, Evan** --  
Master-Corporal – Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry  
3 PPCLI Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

CG: 11 February 2012  
GH: 11 December 2011  
DOI: 23 November 2009



On 23 November 2009, Sergeant Duff, then Master Corporal, demonstrated outstanding frontline leadership following an improvised explosive device attack in Afghanistan and the ensuing enemy ambush. Remaining composed, he immediately returned fire and rallied a group of Afghan soldiers to engage and repel the enemy. Once contact was broken, he directed the soldiers to perform a sweep that uncovered two additional devices. Sergeant Duff’s fearless and decisive actions won the firefight, secured the scene and minimized friendly casualties.

**Medals:** Southwest Asia with Afghanistan Bar - General Campaign Star with Southwest Asia Ribbon and MID

**HENRY, Joseph Don** --  
Corporal  
JTF Afghanistan – Kandahar Airfield

CG: 11 February 2012  
GH: 11 December 2011  
DOI: 03 August 2010



“On 03 August 2010, Corporal Henry and two fellow soldiers (*one of which was Private Farrell*) were conducting an exercise within Kandahar Airfield with a group of civilians when insurgents blew a hole in the perimeter fence and tried to force their way inside. Despite being under heavy fire and armed only with a pistol, he ran over exposed ground, occupied a nearby vehicle and engaged the enemy. Without regard for his personal safety, his courageous and decisive actions were vital to winning the firefight and saving numerous lives.”

**Medal:** General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and two extra Tour bars and MID



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

**FARRELL, Kirk**  
Private  
JTF Afghanistan

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CG: 11 February 2012  
GH: 11 December 2011  
DOI: 03 August 2010

“On 03 August 2010, Private Farrell and two fellow soldiers were conducting an exercise within Kandahar Airfield with a group of civilians when insurgents blew a hole in the perimeter fence and tried to force their way inside. Despite being under heavy fire and armed only with a pistol, he ran over exposed ground, occupied a nearby vehicle and engaged the enemy. Without regard for his personal safety, his courageous and decisive actions were vital to winning the firefight and saving numerous lives.”

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**HOFER, Shaun**

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Corporal – Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry  
3 PPCLI Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

CG: 11 February 2012  
GH: 11 December 2011  
DOI: 01 March 2010

“On 1 March 2010, Corporal Hofer was part of a joint Canadian-Afghan patrol in Afghanistan when insurgents unleashed a complex ambush. Despite being cut off from the forward element, he remained in the kill zone, fearlessly and relentlessly engaging the enemy and inspiring his fellow soldiers. Corporal Hofer’s courage, selflessness and composure under intense fire helped suppress the enemy and enabled the patrol to defeat the ambush without sustaining casualties.”



**Medal:** General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and MID

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**HUME, Robert Mathew**

CD

Major – Lord Strathcona’s Horse (Royal Canadians)  
JTF Battle Group - Afghanistan

CG: 11 February 2012  
GH: 11 December 2011  
DOI: 25 November 2009

“On 25 November 2009, Major Hume led the exfiltration of the Battle Group from a strongly held objective area in the Panjwayi District, Afghanistan. Despite great risk, he positioned himself well forward and led the advance with courage and conviction. His selfless actions and steadfast determination ensured key terrain was swiftly sized, a pivotal action for the success of coalition and Afghan forces. Major Hume’s valiant and courageous actions under fire forever changed the nature of the fight in the district.”



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

**FARRELL, Patrick Michael**

CD

CG: 11 February 2012

Sergeant – now Warrant Officer – Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry  
3 PPCLI Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

GH: 11 December 2011

DOI: 13 to 18 February 2010



“From 13 to 18 February 2010, Warrant Officer Farrell, then Sergeant, displayed composure and professionalism when his joint patrol came under numerous small fire engagements during operations in Afghanistan. During three separate casualty incidents, he took command of the multinational patrol, providing the necessary leadership to conduct rapid and efficient casualty evacuations while simultaneously providing exceptional mentorship to Afghan commanders and soldiers. Warrant Officer Farrell’s outstanding frontline leadership and decisive actions saved lives and ensured the patrol’s success during difficult counter- insurgency operations.”

**Medals:** Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and MID – Peacekeeping – NATO with bar Former Yugoslavia - CD

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**LAFLECHE, Jedd Michael**

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CG: 11 February 2012

Sergeant – 3 Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry  
3 PPCLI Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

GH: 11 December 2011

DOI: 04 March 2010



“On 4 March 2010, Sergeant Lafleche was commanding a sniper detachment during a combat operation in Afghanistan. Positioning his detachment to provide optimal support to Reconnaissance Platoon, his soldiers effectively engaged and neutralized insurgents on multiple occasions. Regularly drawing fire away from his team, his selfless actions allowed them to complete their operations without casualties. Despite being under constant fire, Sergeant Lafleche displayed exceptional frontline leadership, unwavering composure and remarkable tactical acumen.”

**Medals:** General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon with 3 extra tour bars and MID – Peacekeeping – NATO with bar Former Yugoslavia

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

**MATTHEWS-PESTANA, Ian**  
Master-Corporal  
JTF Battle Group - Afghanistan

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CG: 11 February 2012  
GH: 11 December 2011  
DOI: 28 October 2009

“On 28 October 2009, Master Corporal Matthews-Pestana displayed extraordinary professionalism and calmness following an improvised explosive device that killed his patrol commander in the Panjwaji District, Afghanistan. Despite being wounded in the blast, under enemy fire and without communications, he demonstrated outstanding initiative and composure by deploying smoke to signal his patrol’s presence and their need for assistance to nearby friendly forces. Master Corporal Matthews-Pestana’s decisive actions prevented additional casualties and enable the safe extraction of the remainder of his team.”

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**MARTIN, James Ray Brent** CD  
Sergeant – 3 Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry  
3 PPCLI Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

CG: 11 February 2012  
GH: 11 December 2011  
DOI: 03 December 2009

“On 3 December 2009, Sergeant Martin was injured when his vehicle struck an improvised explosive device in Afghanistan. With the vehicle immobilized and the gunner unable to return fire, Sergeant Martin moved to the top of the vehicle to man the machinegun. From this exposed position, he provided suppressive fire to repel the attack, which allowed dismounted soldiers to break contact. Despite being injured, Sergeant Martin put his fellow soldiers first and his actions were critical to defeating the enemy.”



**Medals:** Sacrifice - General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and three extra tour bars with MID – Peacekeeping – NATO bar Former Yugoslavia - CD

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**MURRAY, Stuart Douglas** CD  
Master-Corporal – Canadian Forces Military Police  
OMLT - Afghanistan

CG: 11 February 2012  
GH: 11 December 2011  
DOI: 28 October 2009

“On 28 October 2009, Master Corporal Murray seamlessly assumed command of his joint Canadian-Afghan patrol when his commander was killed by an improvised explosive device during an operation in Afghanistan. With the patrol’s radio destroyed in the blast and while under enemy fire, he calmly took control of the situation, established defensive positions and managed to report his position and situation via his interpreter’s cell phone. Master Corporal Murray’s outstanding composure and leadership ensured the successful extraction of his patrol.”



**Medals:** General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and two extra tour bars with MID – Peacekeeping – NATO with bar Bosnia - CD

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

**NOVAK, Christopher Joseph** --  
Corporal – 3 Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry  
3 PPCLI Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

CG: 11 February 2012  
GH: 11 December 2011  
DOI: 03 November 2009



“On 3 November 2009, Master Corporal Novak, then Private, was conducting a route opening patrol in Kandahar province, Afghanistan, when his vehicle was struck by an 82 mm recoilless rifle round, penetrating the armour, spraying shrapnel inside and causing numerous casualties. Despite sustaining severe injuries, he bravely remained in the turret and unleashed heavy fire onto the enemy. Master Corporal Novak’s selfless and courageous actions effectively suppressed the enemy, providing his comrades with the protection required to treat casualties and fight through the ambush.”

**Medals:** Sacrifice Medal - General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon with MID

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**RIDDELL, Brian** --  
Lieutenant  
OMLT – Arghandab District Afghanistan

CG: 11 February 2012  
GH: 11 December 2011  
DOI: September 2009 to April 2010

“As a mentor to an Afghan company commander from September 2009 to April 2010, Lieutenant Riddell exhibited exceptional courage and inspirational leadership during numerous improvised explosive device attacks in the Arghandab District. With his team operating without the benefit of intimate support, he rallied his troops and enabled them to continue to be operationally effective despite suffering casualties and facing enemy fire. Lieutenant Riddell’s unwavering resolve during these difficult and chaotic events saved lives, surpassed all expectations and brought great credit to the Canadian Forces.”

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**SAGSTUEN, Corey J.** MSM CD  
Corporal – 3 Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry  
Providing First Aid under Fire to a Wounded Colleague – JTF Afghanistan

CG: 11 February 2012  
GH: 11 December 2011  
DOI: 22 November 2009



“On 22 November 2009, a member of Corporal Sagstuen’s foot patrol was severely wounded by an improvised explosive device. Immediately following the blast, insurgents unleashed a coordinated attack on the stunned patrol. Realizing the need to provide immediate assistance to his wounded colleague, Corporal Sagstuen moved through intense enemy fire to reach the position and provide first aid. Corporal Sagstuen’s exceptional medical skill and selfless courage under fire saved the life of a fellow soldier.”

Awarded the **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per **Canadian Gazette** of 04 August 2012 in the rank of Corporal.

**Medals:** MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon with two extra tour bars and MID – CD

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

**SCHNURR, Lawrence Jeffrey**

CD

CG: 11 February 2012

Sergeant (now Warrant Officer) – Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry  
PPCLI Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

GH: 11 December 2011

DOI: 16 March 2010

“On 16 March 2010, Warrant Officer Schnurr was second-in-command of Reconnaissance Platoon during an operation in Afghanistan when insurgents attacked from three sides. Despite being under direct fire, he quickly identified the greatest threat and acted decisively to neutralize it. Throughout the engagement, his selfless and courageous actions inspired the platoon to aggressively engage the enemy. Warrant Officer Schnurr's frontline leadership and remarkable combat ability were critical to repelling the attack and setting the conditions for the platoon's withdrawal.”

**Medals:** Southwest Asia Medal with bar – General Campaign Star with SWA and MID – Peacekeeping – NATO with Former Yugoslavia bar - CD



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

**SIMONEAU, P. Michael**

MSM CD

CG: 11 February 2012

Sergeant - 3 Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

GH: 11 December 2011

3 PPCLI Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

DOI: 07 May 2009



“On 7 May 2009, Warrant Officer, then Sergeant, Simoneau’s platoon was on patrol in Afghanistan when insurgents initiated a well-planned ambush. Despite being pinned down during the ensuing firefight, he repeatedly exposed himself to intense fire to engage the enemy and ensure his fellow soldiers were optimally positioned. Warrant Officer Simoneau’s selfless actions, tactical acumen and courage in the face of the enemy inspired his fellow soldiers and contributed to the defeat of a determined attack.”

Awarded the **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 04 August 2012 in the rank of Sergeant.

**Medals:** MSM – General Campaign Star ribbon SWA with 3 tour bars and MID – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – NATO bar Former Yugoslavia - CD

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**SWIFT, Jayson**

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CG: 11 February 2012

Master-Corporal – 3 Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

GH: 11 December 2011

3 PPCLI Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

DOI: October 2009 to May 2010



“From October 2009 to May 2010, Sergeant Swift, then Master Corporal, routinely exposed himself to enemy fire to defeat insurgents during intense combat in Afghanistan. His composure under fire, decisive actions to suppress the enemy and ability to optimally position his soldiers were critical to preventing friendly force casualties and winning numerous firefights. Demonstrating exemplary conduct and devotion to duty in the face of the enemy, Sergeant Swift’s frontline leadership inspired his soldiers and contributed to the success of Reconnaissance Platoon.”

**Medals:** General Campaign Star ribbon SWA with 3 tour bars and MID – Peacekeeping - NATO bar Former Yugoslavia

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

**TOMPKINS, Matthew** --

Lieutenant (now Captain) – Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry  
PPCLI Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan

CG: 11 February 2012

GH: 11 December 2011

DOI: 27 October 2009

“On 27 October 2009, Lieutenant Tomkins responded to an improvised explosive device attack in Afghanistan that killed seven soldiers and wounded several others. Despite having just returned from a gruelling operation, he led his soldiers over difficult terrain to provide security and assist with extraction. With his soldiers physically exhausted, his inspirational leadership and repeated encouragements enabled them to repel a subsequent enemy attack. Lieutenant Tomkin’s selfless efforts and outstanding initiative were critical to mission success.”

**Medal:** General Campaign Star with SWA and one extra Tour bar and MID



**MENTION-IN-DESPATCHES CITATIONS (MID)**  
**Service in Afghanistan**  
**Canadian Gazette 04 AUGUST 2012**

**NOT NAMED**  
No Rank  
JTF Afghanistan

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CG: 04 August 2012  
GH: Not  
DOI: 2010 or 2011

“One other whose name is withheld for operational and security reasons.”

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**ALBRECHT, Daniel**  
Corporal (now Officer Cadet) – Royal Canadian Air Force  
Police Operational Mentor and Liaison Team - Afghanistan

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CG: 04 August 2012  
GH: Not  
DOI: May 2010 to January 2011

“While deployed to Afghanistan with a Police Operational Mentor and Liaison Team from May 2010 to January 2011, Officer Cadet Albrecht, then Corporal, performed exceptionally well under fire during multiple enemy engagements. Providing outstanding medical treatment amidst chaotic and demanding circumstances, he calmly and expertly applied the same professional care whether working on an Afghan police officer or a wounded insurgent while under attack. Officer Cadet Albrecht’s exceptional courage and soldiering ability saved lives on the battlefield and contributed directly to operational success.”





**MENTION-IN-DESPATCHES CITATIONS (MID)**  
**Service in Afghanistan**  
**Canadian Gazette 04 AUGUST 2012**

**BENNETT, Timothy Alfred** CD CG: 04 August 2012  
Master Warrant Officer – Lord Strathcona’s Horse GH: Not  
Lord Strathcona’s Horse – JTF Afghanistan DOI: 24 August 2010

“On 24 August 2010, Master Warrant Officer Bennett was stationed at combat outpost Terra Nova in Afghanistan when insurgents attacked with effective mortar fire. Despite being wounded by shrapnel during the initial attack, his frontline leadership kept American and Afghan soldiers focused and cohesive, ultimately enabling them to repel the attack. Throughout the engagement, Master Warrant Officer Bennett displayed exceptional tactical acumen and soldiering ability, maintained total control of the situation and effectively organized the defence of the position.”

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**BROWN, Steven Gary** CD CG: 04 August 2012  
Major – Royal Canadian Regiment GH: Not  
OC ‘O’ Company RCR Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan DOI: April to November 2010

“As Officer Commanding Oscar Company in Afghanistan from April to November 2010, Major Brown distinguished himself as an exceptional combat leader. Sharing the risks with his soldiers during a difficult fighting season, he delivered an excellent battlefield performance through courageous leadership and expert tactics. His shining example enhanced the Canadian Forces’ partnering relationship with Afghan National Security Forces and proved critical to achieving success in defeating insurgent forces. Major Brown’s outstanding leadership under fire brought great credit to Canada.”

**Medals:** GCS with SWA ribbon plus two extra Tour bars and MID – Peacekeeping – UN Northern Congo – NATO with bar Former Yugoslavia - CD



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

**CHIDLEY, Joel Douglas**  
Master Corporal  
JTF Afghanistan

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CG: 04 August 2012  
GH: Not  
DOI: 14 June 2010

“On 14 June 2010, Master Corporal Chidley’s combat logistics patrol was ambushed by insurgents in Afghanistan. Hearing of a casualty across the road, he moved to the position under fire to provide first aid and regroup his section. Faced with machine gun and rocket-propelled grenade fire, Master Corporal Chidley’s outstanding combat leadership and composure throughout the attack ensured the defeat of the ambush, saved the life of a fellow soldier and prevented further casualties.”

**Medal:** General Campaign Star with one extra tour bar and MID



**CLARK, Jason**  
Master Corporal – Royal Canadian Regiment  
RCR Battle Group - JTF Afghanistan

CD

CG: 04 August 2012  
GH: Not  
DOI: 09 July 2010



“Sergeant Jason Clark was with his platoon when they were ambushed in Kandahar on July 9, 2010. With two wounded, he rushed to their position, moved them to safety and established a casualty collection point under heavy enemy fire. With the attack intensifying, he took up another soldier’s light machine gun (LMG) and suppressed the enemy while continuing to issue fire orders to his section. Sergeant Clark’s remarkable composure and frontline leadership enabled immediate medical treatment, facilitated evacuation and contributed to defeating the attack.”

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

**CLOUSTON, Joshua**

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CG: 04 August 2012

Private – Royal Canadian Regiment  
RCR Battle Group - JTF Afghanistan

GH: Not

DOI: 06 June 2010

“Corporal Joshua Clouston was dispatched with a dismounted patrol to investigate a suspected weapons cache in Kandahar on June 6, 2010. His sergeant was fatally wounded by an IED. Without hesitation, the then-private rushed forward, issued clear direction to other soldiers who had commenced first aid and then personally provided treatment with the utmost compassion and professionalism. Corporal Clouston’s outstanding leadership and selfless actions ensured the provision of the best possible medical care and provided comfort to his fatally wounded comrade.”



**Medal:** General Campaign Star with SWA and one extra Tour bar and MID

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**DAVEY, Gareth**

CD

CG: 04 August 2012

Sergeant – Royal Canadian Regiment  
RCR Battle Group - JTF Afghanistan

GH: Not

DOI: 05 June 2010

“Sergeant Gareth Davey risked his life to expedite the medical evacuation of a fellow soldier who had stepped on an IED on June 5, 2010. With another device blocking the path of the casualty, he quickly moved forward to dismantle it. Realizing the wounded soldier required immediate care, Sergeant Davey, at great risk to himself, conducted a hasty pull of the main charge. His selfless and courageous actions enabled the immediate provision of care for a wounded soldier.”



**Medals:** Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon, two extra tour bars and MID – Peacekeeping – NATO bar Kosovo – CD

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

**ESSERTAIZE, Marc Robert**  
Master Seaman – Now Petty Officer 2nd Class  
Royal Canadian Navy – Forensic Analysis of IEDs - Afghanistan

CD

CG: 04 August 2012  
GH: Not  
DOI: 20 August 2010



“On 20 August 2010, Petty Officer 2nd Class Essertaize, then Master Seaman, was conducting a forensic analysis of an improvised explosive device detonation when he discovered another device. As he dismantled it, friendly forces moving to establish a perimeter struck a third device and were ambushed by insurgents. Realizing the immediate need for an evacuation route, he decided to continue defusing the device despite the attack. Petty Officer 2nd Class Essertaize’s selfless and courageous actions under fire allowed friendly forces to safely extract from this bomb-laden area.”

**Medal:** General Campaign Star with MID - CD

**HATCHER, Devon**  
Master Corporal (now Sergeant) – Royal Canadian Regiment  
RCR Battle Group - JTF Afghanistan

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CG: 04 August 2012  
GH: Not  
DOI: 04 August 2010



“On 4 August 2010, Sergeant Hatcher, then Master Corporal, was stationed at combat outpost Zoomaray in Afghanistan when insurgents attacked. With friendly forces unable to identify the location of the attackers, he voluntarily moved to an exposed position to gain better observation. Taking effective fire throughout, he was able to identify and engage the insurgent position. Displaying exceptional courage and composure under fire, Sergeant Hatcher’s remarkable actions were single-handedly responsible for repelling the attack.”

**Medal:** General Campaign Star with one extra Tour Bar and MID

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

**HINDS, Christopher**

Corporal – Queen's Own Rifles of Canada  
JTF Afghanistan

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CG: 04 August 2012

GH: Not

DOI: 05 August 2010

“On 5 August 2010, Corporal Hinds’ Chinook helicopter was struck by enemy fire, causing the fuel tank to explode and engulfing the helicopter in flames. As the pilots attempted an emergency landing, he stayed calm and worked to clear two emergency exits. Once on the ground, he fearlessly stayed beside the burning aircraft, directing passengers away from the deadly rotors. Corporal Hinds’ quick thinking, composure and exceptional soldiering ability contributed to saving the lives of all crew and passengers.”

**Medal:** General Campaign Star with MID



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

**HRYNIW, John Charles**  
Warrant Officer – Royal Canadian Regiment  
RCR Battle Group - JTF Afghanistan

MMM CD

CG: 04 August 2012  
GH: Not  
DOI: May to December 2010



“From May to December 2010, Warrant Officer Hryniw’s remarkable soldiering ability and tactical acumen were critical to his soldiers’ success during many direct fire engagements and improvised explosive devices incidents in the vicinity of combat outpost Ballpeen. Operating with speed, knowledge and precision, his consistently outstanding leadership under demanding and dangerous circumstances protected the lives of his soldiers and disrupted all insurgent attempts to re-occupy Nakhonay, a key village in the fight for Kandahar City.”

**Awarded Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 22 March 2014 in the rank of Warrant Officer serving with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group.

**Medals:** MMM - General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and MID – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – UNPROFOR – UNEF2 – NATO bar former Yugoslavia - CD



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**LEBLANC, Stephan**  
Corporal – Royal Canadian Air Force  
JTF Afghanistan Air Detachment

CD

CG: 04 August 2012  
GH: Not  
DOI: 05 August 2010



“On 5 August 2010, Corporal Leblanc’s Chinook helicopter was struck by enemy fire, causing the fuel tank to explode and engulfing the helicopter in flames. As the individual nearest the impact, he suffered burns to his face and hands. Despite his injuries and the chaos around him, he provided thorough information to the pilots and helped control passenger movements. Never wavering from his responsibilities, Corporal Leblanc’s remarkable actions and composure contributed to saving the lives of all crew and passengers.”

**Medals:** General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and MID – CD

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

**LILLINGTON, Christian Donal**  
Major – Royal Canadian Dragoons  
Panjwayi's Operations Centre - JTF Afghanistan

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CG: 04 August 2012  
GH: Not  
DOI: 05 August 2010

“On 5 August 2010, Major Lillington's Chinook helicopter was struck by enemy fire, causing the fuel tank to explode and engulfing the helicopter in flames. During and after the harrowing emergency landing, he was instrumental in the safe evacuation and continued security of all passengers until the arrival of friendly forces. Amidst harassing enemy fire and in the presence of a burning aircraft, Major Lillington maintained the utmost composure and provided the leadership necessary to prevent loss of life.”



**Medals:** GCS with SWA ribbon and two extra Tour bars and MID – Peacekeeping – UN Northern Congo - CD



**LOUGHEED, John**  
Master Corporal – Royal Canadian Regiment  
RCR Battle Group - JTF Afghanistan

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CG: 04 August 2012  
GH: Not  
DOI: April to November 2010

“Master Corporal John Lougheed displayed exceptional leadership and composure under fire throughout numerous counter-insurgency operations between April and November, 2010. Whether leading his section in combat, tending to a wounded comrade or interacting with the local population, his soldiering ability and unwavering professionalism set an example for his fellow soldiers to follow.



**Medals:** Sacrifice – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and MID

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

**MRAMOR, Adam** -- CG: 04 August 2012  
 Captain – Royal Canadian Air Force GH: Not  
 Chinook Helicopter First Officer 408 Squadron Pilot – Afghanistan Air Group DOI: 05 August 2010

“On 5 August 2010, Captain Mramor’s Chinook helicopter was struck by enemy fire, causing the fuel tank to explode, engulfing the helicopter in flames and rendering it nearly unflyable. With the cockpit rapidly filling with smoke, he maintained control of the aircraft and, when the Aircraft Captain took over, provided precise guidance to facilitate an emergency landing. Amidst these chaotic and life-threatening conditions, Captain Mramor’s remarkable composure, professionalism and airmanship contributed to saving the lives of all crew and passengers.”

**Medal:** General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon plus one extra tour bar and MID



**Captain Adam Mramor, RCAF**

May 2014 – Present (9 months)	Tactical Aviator, D/OC B Flight, 450 Tactical Helicopter Squadron	Petawawa
May 2014 – Present (9 months)	CH-147F Aircraft Captain, 450 Tactical Helicopter Squadron	Petawawa
May 2014 – Present (9 months)	CH-147F Maintenance Test Pilot, 450 Tactical Helicopter Squadron	Petawawa
March 2011 – July 2013 (2 ½ years)	CH-146 Aircraft Captain, 408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron	Edmonton
February 2008 – July 2012 (4 ½ years)	Tactical Aviator, Plans Officer, 408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron	Edmonton
March 2010 – November 2010 (9 Months)	CH47D First Officer, Canadian Helicopter Force - Afghanistan (CHF-A)	Kandahar
August 2008 – March 2010 (20 Months)	CH-146 First Officer, 408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron	Edmonton
April 2006 – February 2008 (23 Months)	Military Pilot Training, Department of National Defence	Moose Jaw And Portage
June 2005 – April 2006 (11 Months)	OJT Department of National Defence 443 Maritime Helicopter Sqd	
June 2001 – May 2005 (4 years)	Royal military college of Canada (RMC)	Kingston

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

**NOEL, Valerie** --  
Private (Now Corporal) - Canadian Forces Health Services  
OMLT – Mentoring an Afghan Medic

CG: 04 August 2012  
GH: Not  
DOI: May to December 2010

“Corporal Valerie Noel deployed to Kandahar where she consistently provided frontline medical care from May to December 2010. Even while under fire, she remained composed, took control of the situation and calmly directed the treatment of casualties. On her own accord, she provided constant mentoring to an Afghan medic, greatly improving his ability to provide care on the battlefield. Her medical ability, selfless actions and natural leadership saved lives and instilled confidence in the soldiers around her.”



**Medal:** General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and MID

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**PALUBICKI, Christopher** --  
Private – Royal Canadian Regiment  
RCR Battle Group - JTF Afghanistan

CG: 04 August 2012  
GH: Not  
DOI: 30 May 2010

“Corporal Christopher Palubicki was ambushed by insurgents and took multiple rounds to his body armour while walking point during a patrol in Kandahar on May 30, 2010. After fighting off the ambush, his section responded to two separate IED incidents, forcing them to stay on scene and provide security overnight. Despite being shot and on patrol for over 24 hours, Corporal Palubicki's dedication to his comrades never wavered and he continued to voluntarily walk point.”



**Medal:** General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and MID

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**PICHIE, Kenneth Thomas Joseph** CD  
Master Warrant Officer – Royal Canadian Dragoons  
JTF Afghanistan

CG: 04 August 2012  
GH: Not  
DOI: 05 August 2010

“On 5 August 2010, Master Warrant Officer Pichie's Chinook helicopter was struck by enemy fire, causing the fuel tank to explode and engulfing the helicopter in flames. During and after the harrowing emergency landing, he was instrumental in the safe evacuation and continued security of all passengers until the arrival of friendly forces. Amidst harassing enemy fire and in the presence of a burning aircraft, Master Warrant Officer Pichie maintained the utmost composure and provided the leadership necessary to prevent loss of life.”



**Medals:** Somalia – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and MID – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus –NATO bar Kosovo – NATO with Non-Article 5 bar - CD and Bar

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

**POWELL, Kirk**  
Private – Royal Canadian Regiment  
RCR Battle Group - JTF Afghanistan

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CG: 04 August 2012  
GH: Not  
DOI: 14 August 2010



“Corporal Kirk Powell was manning a vehicle checkpoint on 14 August 2010 in Kandahar with three other soldiers when they were attacked with rocket-propelled grenade and small arms fire. Despite being wounded in the arm, he returned fire to suppress the insurgents and dragged a wounded comrade out of the line of fire. With his rifle held in one hand, Corporal Powell continued to engage the enemy, ensuring the defeat of the attack and the safety of his fellow soldiers.”

**Medal:** Sacrifice - General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and MID



**PRIMEAU, Paul Maurice**  
Warrant Officer  
JTF Afghanistan

CD

CG: 04 August 2012  
GH: Not  
DOI: 21 May 2010



“On 21 May 2010, Warrant Officer Primeau was constructing a guard tower in Afghanistan when an insurgent attack severely wounded his American colleague. Realizing they were without fire support, he returned fire with his pistol to suppress the attack long enough to move the wounded soldier and lower him to the ground. Ignoring the renewed enemy attack, he provided first aid that saved the soldier’s life. Warrant Officer Primeau’s selfless courage under fire brought great credit to the Canadian Forces.”

**Medals:** General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and MID – General Service Medal with SWA ribbon – CD



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

**ROY, Christopher**  
Corporal – Royal Canadian Regiment  
RCR Battle Group - JTF Afghanistan

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CG: 04 August 2012  
GH: Not  
DOI: 14 August 2010

“Corporal Christopher Roy was manning a vehicle checkpoint on 14 August 2010 in Kandahar with three other soldiers when they were attacked with rocket-propelled grenade and small arms fire. Reacting immediately, he returned fire to suppress the insurgents, quickly relayed a situation report to higher headquarters and regrouped the soldiers into a hasty defensive position. Corporal Roy's outstanding leadership, composure and soldiering were critical to defeating the enemy attack and ensuring the safe withdrawal of his wounded comrades.”



**Medal:** General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and MID

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**STEWART, Richard**  
Corporal – Royal Canadian Air Force  
OMLT - JTF Afghanistan

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CG: 04 August 2012  
GH: Not  
DOI: 15 August 2010

“On 15 August 2010, Corporal Stewart was second-in-command of a patrol with the Afghan Uniform Police that was attacked by insurgents. During the ensuing firefight, he provided clear and concise direction that ensured his soldiers remained cohesive and focused on defeating the enemy. He then led a textbook tactical withdrawal, selecting a route that enabled them to extract securely and without casualties. Throughout the engagement, Corporal Stewart's exceptional leadership and soldiering ability were critical to his soldiers' effectiveness under fire.”



**Medal:** General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and MID

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Not Listed  
JTF Afghanistan

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CG: 04 August 2012  
GH: Not  
DOI: 2010

“One other whose name is withheld for operational and security reasons.”

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

**CHARETTE, Mathieu**  
Master Corporal  
JTF Afghanistan

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CG: 11 November 2017  
CF: 03 August 2012  
DOI: 17 April 2011

“On 17 April 2011, Master Corporal Charette, Forward Observation Officer, displayed boundless courage and professionalism when his patrol came under a crossfire attack in Afghanistan. He repeatedly exposed himself to fire in order to confirm the attacking positions and relayed this accurate intelligence to his commanding officer and the artillery support centre. Master Corporal Charette’s composure permitted laying the artillery pieces extremely quickly and making them available to the platoon commander to support his retreat.”

Not gazetted until 11 November 2017 – No Government House statement but CF Advisory on 03 August 2012

**Medal:** General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and two extra tour bars and MID



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

**HALL, Luke**

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Sergeant – Royal Canadian Regiment  
RCR Battle Group - JTF Afghanistan

GH: 11 November 2017

CF: 03 August 2012

DOI: 25 May 2011

“On 25 May 2011, Sergeant, then Master Corporal, Hall's foot patrol was attacked near the village of Lakani, Afghanistan. With a fellow soldier wounded by enemy fire and lying exposed in the kill zone, he immediately rushed to his position and dragged him to safety as bullets landed at their feet. With the casualty secure, he joined the firefight and helped repel the attack. Sergeant Hall's courageous and selfless actions under fire saved a life and contributed to defeating the enemy.”



**Medal:** General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and MID

Not gazetted until 11 November 2017 – No Government House statement but CF Advisory on 03 August 2012

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**PATERSON, Andrew**

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Captain – Royal Canadian Regiment  
RCR Battle Group - JTF Afghanistan

CG: 11 November 2017

CF: CF ADVISORY 03 August 2012

DOI: April to November 2010

“As a platoon commander in Afghanistan from April to November 2010, Captain Paterson's sound tactical acumen and decisive actions under fire consistently set the example for his soldiers to follow. During numerous high-intensity combat engagements, he displayed exceptional frontline leadership that was critical to repeatedly defeating a determined enemy. Whether battling insurgents alongside coalition and Afghan partners or interacting with the local population, Captain Paterson displayed the utmost leadership, diplomacy and professionalism while representing Canada admirably.”



**Medal:** General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra Tour bar and MID

Not gazetted until 11 November 2017 – No Government House statement but CF Advisory on 03 August 2012

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**MENTION-IN-DESPATCHES CITATIONS (MID)**  
**Service in Afghanistan**  
2011

<b>ONE</b>	---	CG: 22 June 2013
No ranks given		GH: 07 June 2013
A Detachment 2 <sup>nd</sup> in charge of the Embedded Partner Team Kandahar Response Team		DOI: 07 – 08 May 2011

“On May 7, 2011, shooting rang out close to an Afghanistan Police checkpoint just outside the walls of the Kandahar Provincial Response Company compound. As the shooting and the attacks around the city started to grow in intensity, the Afghan government decides to call the Kandahar Provincial Response Company to help quell the insurgent surge.

The Kandahar Provincial Response Company was a well-trained and well-led, limited-notice response force comprised primarily of Afghan police who are trained and mentored by members of Canadian Special Operations Forces Command. After brief orders were issued to the force, including their Canadian Special Operations Regiment mentors, they moved to the centre of the city to conduct a reconnaissance on the massive building they had been asked to clear by the American Force Commander. What they saw in front of them was a maze of vendor stalls and shops littered with rugs and tapestries capable of hiding even the largest enemy opposition force from sight. Over the next 24 hours, the Kandahar Provincial Response Company would face one of its greatest challenges and stretch its personnel, leadership, and mentors to its brink.

A Detachment Second in Command of the Embedded Partner Team responsible for mentoring the Kandahar Provincial Response Company was awarded a Mention In Dispatches. Throughout an intense and prolonged firefight on May 7/8, 2011, this member actively mentored and provided security, cover fire and casualty care to wounded Afghans.”

“His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada, announces the awarding of **2 Stars of Military Valour and 1 Medal of Military Valour**, as well as **1 Meritorious Service Cross (to one of the recipients of the SMV), 3 Meritorious Service Medals**, and **1 Mentioned-in-Despatches** to members of the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command (CANSOFCOM) and the Chief of Defence Intelligence (CDI). The decorations were presented on 7 June 2013 by the Governor General, during a ceremony at Rideau Hall. General Tom Lawson, Chief of the Defence Staff, was also in attendance. The recipients were recognized for devotion to duty and acts of valour in the presence of the enemy and for military deeds performed in a highly professional manner. During the ceremony, the Chief of the Defence Staff presented the **Chief of the Defence Staff Commendation** to two CANSOFCOM members. For security and operational reasons, recipients’ names and citations will not be released.”

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No Rank Given		GH:
JTF Afghanistan		DOI: Unknown

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

<b>DAVIS, Sean</b>	CD	CG: 11 November 2017
Master Corporal		GH: Honours 2017 Report
Exposed himself to fire to allow a gunner to locate and neutralize the enemy		DOI: Unknown

“Master Corporal Davis displayed exceptional courage in the face of the enemy while serving as an advisor to host nation forces. During an operational mission, his detachment came under effective sniper fire. Without hesitation, he left cover and remained exposed to enemy fire for several minutes in order to help a friendly force gunner locate and neutralize the enemy threat. Master Corporal Davis’ actions helped to quickly resolve the threat and brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.”

Reported in the Canadian Forces 2017 report on honours; gazetted on 11 November 2017

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<b>de WALL, Victor alexander</b>	CD	CG: 11 November 2017
Major		GH: Honours 2017 Report
Exposed himself to fire to stop an attack on the UN State Support Base South Sudan		DOI: 17 April 2014

“On 17 April 2014, Major de Waal was at the UN State Support Base in South Sudan when it was attacked by some sixty assailants determined to harm a group of 5,000 civilians who had sought refuge. At great personal risk, he exposed himself to small arms fire to provide vital assessments for the Quick Reaction Force, which engaged and halted the advance of the assailants. Major de Waal acted courageously under fire in order to protect and evacuate wounded civilians.”

Reported in the Canadian Forces 2017 report on honours; gazetted on 11 November 2017

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<b>JACQUARD, Matthew</b>	--	CG: 11 November 2017
Master Corporal		GH: Honours 2017 Report
deliberately exposed himself to direct fire in order to engage enemy positions		DOI: 17 April 2014

“While deployed on operations, Master Corporal Jacquard deliberately exposed himself to direct fire in order to engage enemy positions. He adjusted mortar rounds to effectively neutralize the threat, and quickly assessed the host nation observation post position to verify the status of fellow Canadian Special Operations Forces Command personnel before returning to the mortar position to prepare future fire missions. Master Corporal Jacquard’s intervention resulted in the neutralization of enemy positions and collective self defence for Canadian and host nation personnel.”

Reported in the Canadian Forces 2017 report on honours; gazetted on 11 November 2017

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

<b>La SALLE, Matthieu</b>	CD	CG: 11 November 2017
Sergeant		GH: CF Report on Honours 2017
Situated his Team to reinforce the local troops fragile defensive Line		DOI: Unknown

“In consultation with local commanders, Sergeant La Salle identified the likely axis of counter attack after a host nation division level offensive. Using his initiative, he situated his team in a vulnerable position to reinforce the fragile defensive line. He expertly commanded his team as they repelled two enemy attacks. Sergeant LaSalle’s leadership and courage in the face of the enemy saved numerous lives and brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.”

Reported in the Canadian Forces 2017 report on honours; gazetted on 11 November 2017

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<b>LAMPRON, Alexandre Claude Pierre</b>	--	CG: 11 November 2017
Private		GH: CF Report on Honours 2014
Reconnaissance Patrol in Afghanistan		DOI: 17 April 2011

“During a reconnaissance patrol in Afghanistan on 17 April 2011, Private Lampron’s section was ambushed by insurgents and suddenly came under effective small arms fire. On two occasions, he showed exemplary selflessness in leading Afghan children to cover before and during a return of enemy fire. The swift reaction of Private Lampron and his ability to change posture instantaneously saved the lives of the children and significantly improved the Afghan population’s feelings of security with respect to the insurgents.”

Reported in the Canadian Forces 2013 report on honours; finally gazetted on 11 November 2017

**Medals:** General Campaign Star with ribbon SW Asia and MID – EIRR Diamond Jubilee

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<b>LATTA, Tyler</b>	MSM	CG: 11 November 2017
Master Corporal		GH: CF Report on Honours 2014
Attack on his routine Convoy from Camp Phoenix to Kabul, Afghanistan		DOI: 13 September 2011

“On 13 September 2011, Master Corporal Latta had completed a routine convoy from Camp Phoenix to International Security Assistance Force Headquarters in Kabul, Afghanistan, when insurgents unleashed a coordinated attack on several coalition positions. Under sustained rocket-propelled grenade and machine gun fire, he remained composed, took immediate control of the situation and organized the local response to the attack. During the ensuing 16-hour firefight, Master-Corporal Latta’s remarkable frontline leadership and outstanding combat ability were critical to repelling the attack.”

Reported in the Canadian Forces 2014 report on honours. Not gazetted until 11 November 2017

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 27 March 2010 in the rank of Master Corporal.

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

**LEBLANC, David Eudor**  
Sergeant  
JTF Afghanistan

CD

CG: 11 November 2017  
GH: CF Report on Honours 2014  
DOI: 2011

“During an assessment of a host nation defensive line, Sergeant Leblanc’s team encountered an uncommonly high volume of enemy indirect and small arms fire. After directing his personnel to occupy a defensive position, Sergeant Leblanc took decisive action to define the enemy movement and locate enemy heavy machine gun positions engaging host nation forces. Upon confirmation that coalition fire support was not available, his team effectively engaged the enemy. Sergeant Leblanc’s tactical acumen and timely decision-making prevented the potential envelopment of host nation forces.”

Reported in the Canadian Forces 2017 report on honours; gazetted on 11 November 2017

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**LEVESQUE, Mykel-Joey**  
Private  
JTF Afghanistan

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CG: 11 November 2017  
CF: CF Report on Honours 2014  
DOI: 17 April 2011

“During a reconnaissance patrol in Afghanistan on 17 April 2011, Private Levesque’s section was ambushed by insurgents and suddenly came under effective small arms fire. On two occasions, he showed exemplary selflessness in leading Afghan children to cover before and during a return of enemy fire. The swift reaction of Private Levesque and his ability to change posture instantaneously saved the lives of the children and significantly improved the Afghan population’s feelings of security with respect to the insurgents.”

Reported in the Canadian Forces Honours book 2013 report on honours; gazetted on 11 November 2017

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**SHRUBB, Scott Ian**  
Corporal  
Engaged the enemy to support the Host Nation in Liberating a key objective

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CG: 11 November 2017  
CF: CF Report on Honours 2014  
DOI: 2011

“Corporal Shrubbs exhibited outstanding courage and professionalism while serving on a deployed operation. While supporting host nation forces in the liberation of key objectives, Corporal Shrubbs engaged the enemy to tremendous tactical effect, despite coming under effective enemy fire, and without regard for his own safety. His courageous and selfless actions were critical to mission success and saved numerous lives. Corporal Shrubbs’s actions have brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.”

Reported in the Canadian Forces 2017 report on honours; gazetted on 11 November 2017

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**MENTION-IN-DESPATCHES CITATIONS (MID)**

**SPENCE, Jeffrey**

MSM CD

CG: 11 November 2017

Sergeant

GH: CF Report on Honours 2014

Working with a Host Nation

DOI: 2017 or 2018

“While supporting a major offensive during an operation, Sergeant Spence came under sustained and effective direct and indirect fire. Exposed to significant danger, he positively identified various enemy weapons, enabling coalition forces to effectively neutralize the threats, and allowing for the successful advance of host nation forces. Sergeant Spence’s particular attention to the coalition fires net likely prevented an airstrike that could have resulted in host nation casualties due to their proximity to the intended target.”

Reported in the Canadian Forces 2017 report on honours; gazetted on 11 November 2017

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**WILSON, Shane Spencer**

CD

CG: 11 November 2017

Master Corporal

GH: CF Report on Honours 2014

Working with a Host Nation

DOI: 2017 or 2018

“Following a large-scale enemy offensive operation against host nation forces, Master Corporal Wilson displayed remarkable courage and ingenuity in reacting to a tenuous situation. Assisting friendly forces to recapture a village held by the enemy, he expertly adjusted indirect fire from a forward observation post exposed to enemy fire. The accuracy and effectiveness allowed the host nation assault force to gain ground and forced an enemy element to withdraw. Master Corporal Wilson’s selfless dedication undoubtedly saved the lives of his comrades.”

Reported in the Canadian Forces 2017 report on honours; gazetted on 11 November 2017

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**MENTION-IN-DESPATCHES CITATIONS (MID)**

**HIGGINS, Trevor** -- CanforGen: 18 July 2018  
Master Corporal GH:  
Shielding a Host Nation Soldier who was outside the Protected Bunker DOI: 2017 or 2018

“For courageous actions, while engaged by enemy fire, in shielding a host nation soldier who was outside a protected bunker and leading him to the bunker for safety.”

Reported in the CANFORGEN 18 July 2018

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**ORME, Shawn Douglas** -- CG: 04 January 2020  
Master Corporal – Calgary Highlanders GH:  
Used his Tactical and Medical skills during a partner Force-led operation in Northern Iraq. DOI: 2017 or 2018

“Master Corporal Orme’s leadership and initiative during a partner Force-led operation in Northern Iraq directly enhanced the survivability of all forces involved. Upon consolidation of the tactical manoeuvre, he single-handedly established a forward Casualty Collection Point. Using his skills as a tactical care provider, he triaged and provided care to partner forces’ wounded and deceased. He assessed and treated coalition heat casualties, preventing their further degradation, and maintained their care during the medical evacuation. His actions brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces”

His wife, Major Angela Orme, worked with the Canadian Navy in Bahrain for seven months in July 2021. She stated in an interview that “Shawn is one of the highest decorated snipers in Canadian history.” He spent six years as a sniper in the Canadian special operations regiment”.

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**SANFORD, James Gordon** -- CG: 04 July 2020  
Sergeant GH:  
Providing Suppressive Fire Working with a Host Nation DOI: 2017 or 2018

“For providing suppressive fire allowing the partner force elements to withdraw back to a position of cover and outstanding leadership while casualties were treated and prepared for Medivac.”

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**MAHARAJH, Michael Roger** CD Honours Book: 2021  
Captain - RCAF GH:  
Standby Aircraft Commander in a helicopter casualty evacuation event under fire DOI: 2020 or 2021

“During the conduct of a clearance operation, Captain Maharajh was tasked as the standby casualty evacuation aircraft commander in a helicopter formation. After being alerted to a casualty event resulting from enemy machine gun fire, he built situational awareness with minimal information. Captain Maharajh’s professionalism and outstanding leadership while endeavouring to land at multiple landing zones under degraded communications were critical to the successful extraction of casualties.”



**MENTION-IN-DESPATCHES CITATIONS (MID)**

**BRULOTTE, Gerald Curtis** CD Honours Book: 2021  
Captain - RCAF GH:  
Air mission commander in a helicopter formation to support a casualty event under fire DOI: 2020 or 2021

“During the conduct of a clearance operation, Captain Brulotte was tasked as the air mission commander in a helicopter formation. After it was determined that air assets would support a casualty event resulting from enemy machine gun fire, he expertly directed the formation and his crew in a challenging environment. Under significantly degraded communications and in the presence of the enemy, Captain Brulotte took quick and decisive actions which were critical to the successful extraction of casualties.”

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**COUTU, Richard Joseph Robert Déric** CD Honours Book: 2021  
Captain - RCAF GH:  
Aircraft Cdr in a helicopter formation to support a casualty event under fire DOI: 2020 or 2021

“During the conduct of a clearance operation, Captain Coutu was employed as an aircraft commander in a helicopter formation. After it was determined that air assets would support a casualty event resulting from enemy machine gun fire, he helped identify a secure landing zone. Captain Coutu’s outstanding leadership while under significantly degraded communications in the presence of the enemy was critical to the successful extraction of casualties for critical care by his crew.”

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**FOURNIER, Benjamin Thomas Michael** --- Honours Book: 2021  
Sergeant GH:  
Deployed to Taji Military Complex in Iraq NATO Instruction Techniques Course Training DOI: 11 March 2020

“Sergeant Fournier was deployed to Taji Military Complex in Iraq as part of the NATO Instruction Techniques Course training cadre. On 11 March 2020, the complex came under effective enemy indirect attack, which caused significant coalition force casualties. He provided immediate command and coordination, facilitated critical medical care and conducted an expedited unexploded ordnance clearance, enabling the evacuation of a severely injured coalition force member. Sergeant Fournier’s leadership while under critical danger served as an inspiring example for all.”

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**MENTION-IN-DESPATCHES CITATIONS (MID)**

**LEWIS, Brendan Thomas**

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Honours Book: 2021

Master Corporal

GH:

Deployed to Taji Military Complex in Iraq NATO Instruction Techniques Course Training

DOI: 11 March 2020

“Master Corporal Lewis was deployed to Taji Military Complex in Iraq as part of the NATO Instruction Techniques Course training cadre. On 11 March 2020, the complex came under effective enemy indirect attack, which caused significant coalition force casualties. He immediately retrieved medical equipment, guided a coalition medic to a severely injured soldier, and conducted an expedited unexploded ordnance clearance, which enabled the evacuation of the victim. Master Corporal Lewis’ leadership and composure served as an inspiring example for all.”

**Medals:** General Service Medal ribbon Expedition with MID – Special Service Medal bar NATO



**MENTION-IN-DESPATCHES CITATIONS (MID)**

<b>ALEXNDER, Eric</b>	CD	Honours Book: 2022
Sergeant		GH:
UN Mali – Chinook Helicopter Evacuation Triage		DOI: 20 January 2019

“On 20 January 2019 Sergeant Alexander was the Canadian Emergency Resuscitation Team Lead on board a medically configured Chinook helicopter responding to an attack on a United Nations Forward Operation base near Aguelhok, Mali. Upon arrival at the scene, he displayed exceptional medical skills while performing the rapid triage of multiple casualties and organizing the load order. After a successful ground phase, Sergeant Alexander professionally managed the treatment of a patient with heavy bleeding while in transit, thereby saving the patient’s life.”

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<b>AUDET-LARIVÉE, Nicholas Joseph Jean-Paul</b>	CD	Honours Book: 2022
Master-Corporal		GH:
UN Mali – Chinook Helicopter Evacuation Security		DOI: 20 January 2019

“On 20 January 2019 Master-Corporal Audet Larivée was the Task Force Protection Team Lead on board a medically configured Chinook helicopter deployed in response to an attack on a United Nations Forward Operation base near Aguelhok, Mali. After a hasty landing in an area still littered with unexploded suicide vests, he established a security perimeter and liaised with Canadian forces to transport the victims to the casualty collection point. Master Corporal Audet Larivée’s quick thinking and remarkable initiative allowed for the rapid extraction of eight critically wounded patients.”

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<b>GALLOWAY, Emma Louise</b>	CD	Honours Book: 2022
Corporal		GH:
UN Mali – Chinook Helicopter Evacuation Extraction		DOI: 20 January 2019

“On 20 January 2019 Corporal Galloway was part of the Canadian Emergency Resuscitation Team Lead on board a medically configured Chinook helicopter responding to an attack on a United Nations Forward Operation base near Aguelhok, Mali. Upon arrival at the scene, she displayed exceptional medical skills while performing the rapid triage formulating a load plan and organizing stretcher parties. After a stressful ground phase, selflessly managed five critically injured patients during the long transit flight. Corporal Galloway’s accurate clinical judgement saved lives.”

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**MENTION-IN-DESPATCHES CITATIONS (MID)**

**HANLY, Peter Charles**

CD

Honours Book: 2022

Captain - RCAF

GH:

UN Mali – Chinook Helicopter Medical Evacuation Chinook Aircraft Commander

DOI: 20 January 2019

“On 20 January 2019, as the aircraft commander of a medically configured Chinook helicopter, Captain Hanly responded to an attack on a United Nations Forward Operation base near Aguelhok, Mali. He developed a plan to insert and extract personnel within an unsecure landing zone that was littered with unexploded suicide vests, and both wounded and dead peacekeepers. In order to ensure the best possible surgical care for eight critically wounded patients, Captain Hanly made crucial decisions that allowed for a direct flight to Gao.”



**Medals:** Peacekeeping – UN Mali with MID - CD

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**LOVE, Jennifer Elizabeth**

CD

Honours Book: 2022

Lieutenant(N) – CF Royal Medical Services

GH:

UN Mali – Chinook Helicopter Evacuation Triage

DOI: 20 January 2019

“On 20 January 2019 Lieutenant(N) Love was a Critical Care Nurse on board a medically configured Chinook helicopter responding to an attack on a United Nations Forward Operation base near Aguelhok, Mali. After a structure evacuation response plan was agreed upon, she remained on board and prepared for the arrival of several casualties. She treated the most seriously injured patient, who had multiple gunshot wounds to the abdomen, by infusing blood and plasma via intraosseous needle. Lieutenant(N) Love’s outstanding clinical acumen and leadership saved lives.”

