

COMMENDATION FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY

Lieutenant Commander Jonathan Paul EARLEY RAN, NSW

For distinguished service as the Executive Officer of HMAS BALLARAT during the ship's deployment to Operation CATALYST from March to September 2006.

Lieutenant Commander Earley has displayed exceptional leadership qualities during the operational deployment of HMAS BALLARAT to the Middle East Area of Operations in 2006. Through his outstanding devotion to duty and professional excellence, he has ensured the efficient operation of HMAS BALLARAT and engendered a sense of loyalty in the Ship's Company and advanced Iraqi Naval Training. These results contributed significantly to the success of the deployment and are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Navy.

Leading Seaman David Malvern HORTON, WA

For distinguished service as Command and Control Supervisor of HMAS BALLARAT during the ship's deployment to Operation CATALYST from March to September 2006.

Leading Seaman Horton is an exceptional sailor and he displayed inspirational professional excellence, resolute mission focus and steadfast leadership in exceedingly demanding situations during *Operation CATALYST*. He was instrumental in providing superior situational awareness to Command through expert analysis and programming of Command and Control system software. Resolute mission focus and enduring leadership were pivotal in his management of personnel to provide optimal technical services to HMAS BALLARAT in protecting Iraq oil platforms.

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Warrant Officer Class Two Daniel BRABAN, NSW

For distinguished service as the Officer-in-Charge and Human Intelligence Control Officer of the Field Human Intelligence Team, AMTG 2 as part of Operation CATALYST.

Warrant Officer Braban displayed a remarkable and exhaustive breadth of specialist knowledge, faultless leadership, superior judgement, utmost integrity and commanding foresight in demanding and high-threat circumstances during *Operation CATALYST*. His unrelenting dedication to duty, selfless leadership and outstanding professionalism are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Australian Army Intelligence Corps and the Australian Defence Force.

Major Kyle Patrick TYRRELL, ACT

For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations as the Officer Commanding Australian Security Detachment IX – Baghdad in 2006.

Major Tyrrell's distinguished command and distinguished leadership of the Australian Security Detachment IX is to be commended. He commanded with compassion, foresight and courage and led his team throughout the most arduous and demanding of circumstances including the death of a soldier, the shooting of the Iraqi Minister of Trade's Bodyguard and a rocket attack on the Security Detachment compound. These characteristics accord with the finest standards and traditions of the Infantry Corps and the Australian Army.