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The Governor-General is pleased to announce the following award:

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By His Excellency's command

Paul Singer MVO

Official Secretary to the Governor-General

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Mr (then Private) Parr conducted himself in a quiet, efficient and professional manner and this was conducive to a large number of friendly units being able to bring fire down on the 1 RAR Mortar Platoon position, and with it, the enemy unit which had overrun them. The gallant actions of Mr Parr and his coolness under fire were instrumental in the 1 RAR mortar platoon repelling a numerically superior force, preventing significantly greater Australian casualties. His actions were in keeping with the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.