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warriors. Their bravery was reflected in the array of gallantry medals that were bestowed on their return, including the Victoria Cross awarded to Corporal Bryan Budd and the George Cross won by Corporal Mark Wright, both of whom were killed winning their awards.<sup>3</sup> Para's saga of comradeship, courage and fortitude is set to become a classic.

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