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PERMANENT ORDERS 049-05

18 February 2009

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 159th
Aviation Regiment

Company A, 2d Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment

Company B, 2d Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment

Company C, 2d Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment

Company D, 2d Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment

Company E, 2d Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award

Period of service: 7 June 2007 to 18 August 2008

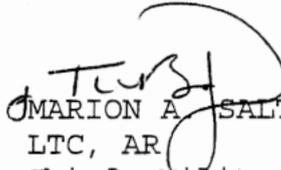
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Reason: For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. During the period 7 June 2007 to 18 August 2008, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment and its subordinate units displayed extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy while in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in and around the Sunni Triangle and Basra, Iraq. The unit displayed an unequalled fighting spirit, dedication to duty, and commitment to the mission, and despite continuous opposition by determined anti-Iraqi forces, using both conventional and unconventional tactics, the unit decisively assisted the ground commanders in every engagement of every battle. Additionally, the unit's unparalleled ability to rapidly provide a presence feared by the enemy emboldened friendly ground forces throughout the Iraq area of operation and greatly enhanced the effectiveness of Multi-National Corps-Iraq. Further, the unit flew over 2,482 combat missions in support of the Army and Marine Corps, as well as British, Australian, Polish, and Iraqi units. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment's outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, Multi-National Corps-Iraq, and the United States Army.

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