



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND  
1600 SPEARHEAD DIVISION AVENUE  
FORT KNOX, KY 40122

PERMANENT ORDER 140-15

20 May 2013

120th Engineer Battalion  
23d Engineer Company (13 September 2012 to 6 March 2013)  
1039th Engineer Company (13 September 2012 to 23 April 2013)  
1138th Engineer Company (13 September 2012 to 25 April 2013)  
1432d Engineer Company (13 September 2012 to 8 March 2013)  
1433d Engineer Company (13 September 2012 to 8 March 2013)

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 13 September 2012 to 28 April 2013

Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 13 September 2012 to 28 April 2013, the 120th Engineer Battalion and the cited units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The cited units supported maneuver elements across the battlefield in eight locations in Southern Afghanistan and made up 19 percent of route clearance packages in theater. The units directly cleared over 75,500 kilometers of road consisting of over 1800 combat missions in a nine month period, discovering over 320 explosive devices with a high measure of effectiveness. The units were directly engaged by the enemy over 15 times by small arms fire, rocket propelled grenades, improvised explosive devices and rockets. In addition to their overall mission, the units were responsible for the training of four Afghan National Army route clearance companies in order to expand the freedom of movement within Afghanistan. The actions of the 120th Engineer Battalion and the cited units are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon the units, International Security Assistance Forces and the United States Army.

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Additional Instructions: This order serves as official notification that a unit award has been approved for the organization(s) listed above and will serve as authority for eligible Soldiers to update their records and wear the award. The award is still subject to final confirmation in Department of the Army General Orders. Official verification of a specific unit's entitlement to display the award in the form of an appropriate streamer on its flag or guidon rests with the U.S. Army Center of Military History (CMH), which is also responsible for determining official unit Lineage and Honors for MTOE organizations. CMH will use this permanent order to authorize the manufacture of an appropriate decoration streamer for any organization clearly entitled to display the award. The streamers will then be manufactured and sent to the U.S. Army Human

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Resources Command for automatic distribution to the units concerned. It is not the responsibility of HRC to replace streamers that are lost or damaged. Please refer to AR 840-10 for further guidance regarding the responsibilities of the unit concerning the display, care and disposition of the streamers.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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