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124th Signal Battalion
534th Signal Company
Company A, 16th Signal Battalion
Company C, 50th Signal Battalion
Company C, 234th Signal Battalion

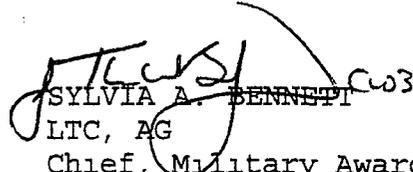
Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 1 April 2003 to 31 October 2003
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 1 April 2003 to 31 October 2003, the 124th Signal Battalion and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious conduct while in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Task Force Lightning installed, operated, and maintained the largest tactical Mobile Subscriber Equipment network ever established by a division Signal battalion. This network created a reliable tactical communications link, consisting of secure voice, data, and video as well as morale services such as Internet and Defense Switched Network connectivity that were afforded to the 32,000 Soldiers in every battalion in the Task Force Ironhorse area of operations. The 124th Signal Battalion overcame the challenge of an enemy who was tactically ruthless and lethal, a local populace who tolerated and provided support to the enemy, and a harsh, inhospitable environment. They removed the subversive terrorist threat and provided a stable and functioning civilian Iraqi infrastructure. In tandem with supporting the Division's combat operations, the Task Force supported Civil Affairs operations to promote popular support to the new Iraqi infrastructure and Government. The support was instrumental to the success of operations, which captured high value targets. The actions and accomplishments of Task Force Lightning during Operation Iraqi Freedom contributed to establishing a stable and secure environment for the people of Iraq. The 124th Signal Battalion's outstanding performance of duty reflects great credit upon the unit, the 4th Infantry Division, and the United States Army.

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