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Headquarters and Support Company, 980th Engineer Battalion
Company A, 980th Engineer Battalion
Company B, 980th Engineer Battalion
Company C, 980th Engineer Battalion

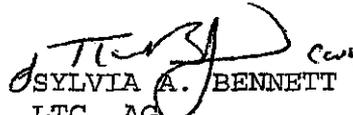
Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 13 March 2004 to 13 March 2005.
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: During the period 13 March 2004 to 13 March 2005, Headquarters and Support Company, 980th Engineer Battalion and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service while in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit deployed to theater and quickly transitioned into a well-trained, well-equipped construction force. The unit successfully completed 12 major construction projects, over 220 operational tasks, and over 300 other missions. Projects included a concrete helicopter apron expansion, re-alignment of Camp Taji's Razorback Road, site preparation for the new Army and Air Force Exchange complex, renovating a warehouse into the Morale Welfare and Recreation facility, major force protection upgrades of the Gunner and Kastle gates, construction of West Wall Road, construction of the bulk fuel farm, and initial phase construction of the Taji Convoy Support Center. Over 40 administrative, logistical, and living support buildings at both Camp Taji and Camp Falcon were renovated. The unit envisioned and created a non-doctrinal organization to provide contract quality assurance and control support to over 250 building renovations and other construction projects. The result of this, coupled with a high degree of fiscal responsibility, was more than 11 million dollars of contracted construction completed at the highest quality permissible in a combat theater. The unit also conducted other projects at Abu Nuwas, Camp Ferrin Huggins, Forward Operation Base Duke, Camp Flexible, Forward Operation Base Echo, Camp Striker, and Camp Liberty. The dedication, competence, and selfless service of the soldiers of the unit were critical to the success of the unit's mission. Headquarters and Support Company, 980th Engineer Battalion's outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and

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reflects great credit upon the unit, the 1st Cavalry Division,
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