DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND
200 STOVALL STREET
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PERMANENT ORDERS 120-13 30 April 2009

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Brigade Combat Team, 2d Infantry Division
5th Battalion, 20th Infantry Regiment
1st Battalion, 23d Infantry Regiment
296th Support Battalion
Company C, 52d Infantry Regiment
18th Engineer Company
209th Military Intelligence Company
334th Signal Company
Troop D, 1st Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment
1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment
Detachment, Company A, 486th Civil Affairs Battalion
15th Engineer Company
Detachment, 19th Engineer Battalion
Detachment, 60th Engineer Company

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award
Period of service: 18 June 2007 to 1 August 2007
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-14
Reason: For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. During the period 18 June 2007 to 1 August 2007, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Brigade Combat Team, 2d Infantry Division and its subordinate units displayed extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy while in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in Baqubah, Iraq. The unit's gallantry, fortitude, courage, initiative, and skill enabled the expulsion and clearing of Al Qaeda from Baqubah. The unit's success exceeded all expectations and immeasurably contributed to the greater success of Multi-National Division-North and Multi-National Corps-Iraq's Operation Phantom Thunder. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Brigade Combat Team, 2d Infantry Division's outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, Multi-National Force-Iraq, 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, and the completed streamers will be distributed by HRC.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

MARION A. SALTERS
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Chief, Military Awards Branch