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PERMANENT ORDERS 261-08

18 September 2009

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 12th
Cavalry Regiment (1 December 2006 to 5 March 2007)
Company A, 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment
(1 December 2006 to 5 March 2007)
Company B, 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment
(1 December 2006 to 5 March 2007)
Company C, 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment
(1 December 2006 to 5 March 2007)
Company D, 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment
(1 December 2006 to 5 March 2007)
Company E, 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment
(1 December 2006 to 5 March 2007)
Troop B, 6th Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment (1 December 2006 to
5 March 2007)
Company B, 402d Civil Affairs Battalion (1 December 2006 to
5 March 2007)
Company B, 404th Civil Affairs Battalion (1 December 2006 to
5 March 2007)
Company C, 431st Civil Affairs Battalion (1 December 2006 to
5 March 2007)
Company A, 486th Civil Affairs Battalion (1 December 2006 to
5 March 2007)
Company E, 215th Support Battalion (1 December 2006 to
5 March 2007)
72d Engineer Company (1 February 2007 to 5 March 2007)
725th Ordnance Company (1 December 2006 to 5 March 2007)

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award

Period of service: as listed above

Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-14

Reason: For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. During the period 1 December 2006 to 5 March 2007, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment and its subordinate units displayed extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, in and around Diyala Province. The unit assumed control of a complex area of operations that stretched from the outskirts of Sadr City, through Baqubah, and to the Hamrin Mountains. The battalion then immediately pursued an aggressive campaign of counterinsurgency operations, focused on providing and securing services to the war torn provincial capital, that resulted in the establishment of combat outposts in

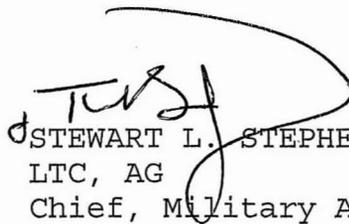
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the most dangerous areas of Baqubah including Buhriz, Katoon, and Tahrir. The unit was then able to launch continuous combat operations that ranged from violent urban combat with dangerous house to house clearing operations, to pitched direct fire engagements, to continuous defense of outposts. Throughout this period, the enemy resisted with indirect fire, rocket propelled grenades, small arms fire, improvised explosive devices, and eventually suicide attacks. The battalion persevered despite the numerically superior foe and inflicted extremely heavy casualties upon the enemy, allowing friendly forces to regain traction in the area. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment's outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit 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 the Human Resources Command.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:


STEWART L. STEPHENSON, JR.
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Chief, Military Awards Branch