



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND
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PERMANENT ORDERS 167-12

16 June 2010

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 509th
Infantry Regiment

Company A, 3d Battalion, 509th Infantry Regiment

Company B, 3d Battalion, 509th Infantry Regiment

Company C, 3d Battalion, 509th Infantry Regiment

Company F, 725th Support Battalion

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award

Period of service: 1 July 2009 to 30 November 2009

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

Reason: For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. During the period 1 July 2009 to 30 November 2009, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 509th Infantry Regiment and its subordinate units displayed extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in eastern Paktika Province, Afghanistan. The unit conducted a total of 302 combat patrols, and was responsible for 398 enemies killed, as well as the capture of 34 enemy combatants and suspects. The unit was also responsible for the safety of the populace of East Paktika during Afghan national elections, ensuring security during the voting process and allowing for a higher turnout. Further, the battalion's unrelenting perseverance and coordination allowed it to advance the struggle against the Taliban and contributed to the political and economic growth of the region. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 509th Infantry Regiment's outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, the 25th Infantry Division, 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 o

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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 Resources Command for automatic distribution to the units concerned.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

for AM Lawrence, CW2, Asst DepCh.
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Chief, Awards and Decorations
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