



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND
1600 SPEARHEAD DIVISION AVENUE
FORT KNOX, KY 40122-5408

PERMANENT ORDERS 153-09

2 June 2011

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Brigade, 2d Infantry
Division (15 November 2003 to 31 October 2004)
1st Battalion, 23d Infantry (15 November 2003 to
31 October 2004)
2d Battalion, 3d Infantry (15 November 2003 to 31 October 2004)
5th Battalion, 20th Infantry (15 November 2003 to
31 October 2004)
1st Squadron, 14th Cavalry (15 November 2003 to 31 October 2004)
1st Battalion, 37th Field Artillery (15 November 2003 to
31 October 2004)
296th Support Battalion (15 November 2003 to 31 October 2004)
18th Engineer Company (15 November 2003 to 31 October 2004)
209th Military Intelligence Company (15 November 2003 to
31 October 2004)
334th Signal Company (15 November 2003 to 31 October 2004)
Company C, 52d Infantry (15 November 2003 to 31 October 2004)
Company C, 1st Battalion, 10th Aviation (15 November 2003 to
31 October 2004)
Company A, 2d Battalion, 10th Aviation (15 November 2003 to
31 October 2004)
Detachment, 445th Civil Affairs Battalion (15 November 2003 to
31 October 2004)
Detachment, 9th Psychological Operations Battalion
(15 November 2003 to 31 October 2004)
Detachment, 351st Military Intelligence Company
(15 November 2003 to 31 October 2004)
Detachment, 96th Civil Affairs Battalion (15 November 2003 to
31 October 2004)
276th Engineer Battalion (2 March 2004 to 31 October 2004)
293d Military Police Company (7 March 2004 to 31 October 2004)

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: As listed above

Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period
15 November 2003 to 31 October 2004, Headquarters and
Headquarters Company, 3d Brigade, 2d Infantry Division and its

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subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit was at the forefront of an Army that was transforming at war. As the Army's first Stryker Brigade Combat Team, the unit tested new doctrinal concepts, training methodologies, organizational structures, technology, and equipment in combat, thus providing a template for the future that will have far-reaching impacts for a generation to come. The unit executed a strategic deployment by sea, entering combat ahead of schedule and fighting as a part of the 4th Infantry Division in the Sunni Triangle city of Sammara. Soon after, the unit moved forward to northern Iraq and conducted similar relief in place of the 101st Airborne Division in Ninevah Province and Mosul, Iraq. The unit provided operational flexibility to the commanding generals of Combined Joint Task Force-7 and Multi-National Corps-Iraq. When operations required a highly mobile, versatile, and agile force, the Commanding General called on the unit. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Brigade, 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, 2d 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 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. The streamers will then be manufactured and sent to the U.S. Army

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Human Resources Command for automatic distribution to the units
concerned.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

for Roger D. Blechman, CW2, Asst Dep Chief

STEWART L. STEPHENSON, JR.

LTC, AG

Chief, Awards and Decorations
Branch