



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

PERMANENT ORDERS 126-09

6 May 2013

420th Engineer Company

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 11 March 2012 to 21 January 2013

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

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 11 March 2012 to 21 January 2013, the 420th Engineer Company provided and supported freedom of maneuver, detection and neutralization of over 35 improvised explosive devices and 70 pieces of unexploded ordnances on over 45,000 kilometers of main and alternate supply routes in Regional Command-North, Afghanistan. The route clearance patrol mission sets, often on remote, treacherous and constricted roads, provided critical freedom of maneuver in support of the various coalition battle space owners in Regional Command-North. The unit supported numerous successful operations. The unit trained and validated the three route clearance companies of the Afghan National Army's 209th Corps, while executing over 90 partnered missions. These were some of the first route clearance companies to be validated to operate independently during Operation Enduring Freedom. These achievements greatly contributed to the stability and security in Regional Command-North provinces and battle spaces as well as assisted the people of Afghanistan in their fight for a free Afghanistan. The 420th Engineer Company's contributions to route clearance, area clearance and security operations in Regional Command-North reflect great credit upon the unit, the 841st Engineer Battalion, the 573d Engineer Detachment, Regional Command-North, 411th Engineer Brigade, United States Forces Afghanistan and the United States Army.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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