



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

PERMANENT ORDER 085-03

26 March 2015

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Engineer Brigade
663d Engineer Company (28 April 2014 to 25 October 2014)
242d Engineer Detachment (28 April 2014 to 22 November 2014)
Detachment, 814th Engineer Company
Detachment, Navy Mobile Construction Battalion 25 (28 April 2014 to 11 November 2014)
304th Engineer Company (2 July 2014 to 15 December 2014)
961st Engineer Company (2 July 2014 to 15 December 2014)

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 28 April 2014 to 15 December 2014

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

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 28 April 2014 to 15 December 2014, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Engineer Brigade and the cited units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. As the task force's decisive line of effort, Providing Functionally Based Security Force Assistance to Afghanistan's only National Engineer Brigade, the units maximized its time before Resolute Support to increase the capability of the newly activated Afghan National Army's Engineer Brigade. Over the course of more than seven months the units trained the National Engineer Brigade on basic carpentry, plumbing, welding, bridge building and repair, well drilling and military decision making. As a result of their efforts, the nascent Afghan Engineer Brigade possesses the equipment and training to provide the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan with the capability to respond to military and natural disaster crises. Through the units' efforts they were able to balance the conflicting missions of constructing improvements and repairs through the call for work process with deconstructing and de-scoping non-enduring bases and structures across all of Afghanistan. The units created Bagram Airfield's Master Plan designating land ownership across more than 100 parcels of space and subsequently coordinating, vacating and deconstructing non-enduring structures while maintaining sufficient lodging capacity to accommodate the personnel surge out of Afghanistan in preparation for Resolute Support. The units along with Line of Engineer Support Two, Enhance Protection Task Force assumed management and technical oversight of Explosive Remnants of War remediation for more than 104 High Explosive Training Ranges prior to closing and clearing these ranges. These efforts resulted in the disposal of more than 10,000 high explosive munitions and the responsible departure of coalition forces from these training areas. Through Line of Engineer Support Three, Assure Mobility and the participating units inspected and when necessary repaired bridges across Afghanistan. This was especially crucial in maintaining the 483 kilometer road linking Bagram and Kandahar. Finally, to support the Line of Engineer Support Four, Build Partner Capacity, the units trained personnel from the Ministry of Public Works on bridge inspection and deployment.

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As a result of this new capacity, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization donated five Mabey Johnson bridges to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan enabling them to build and repair critical infrastructure for years to come. The Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Engineer Brigade and the cited units' outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon themselves, the Department of Defense and the United States Army.

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 Human Resources Command for automatic distribution to the units concerned. It is not the responsibility of HRC to replace streamers that are lost or damaged. Please refer to AR 840-10 for further guidance regarding the responsibilities of the unit concerning the display, care and disposition of the streamers.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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