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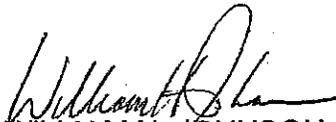
MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Hood, TX
76544-5200

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Presidential Unit Citation (PUC)

1. We are pleased to inform you of the award of the Valorous Unit Award (VUA) to 3d Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, for the period of 20 April 2003 to 22 March 2004. This was the final outcome of the submitted PUC recommendation.
2. The citation and certificate are enclosed for ceremonial purposes.
3. The U.S. Army Center of Military History (CMH) is currently reviewing the award packet in order to verify correct unit designations and award period. Upon completion of their review, we will issue the remaining award elements and provide authorization for wear of the award.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

Encl
as


WILLIAM H. JOHNSON
LTC, AG
Chief, Military Awards Branch



By direction of the Secretary of the Army, the Valorous Unit Award is awarded to:

3D BRIGADE, 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION

for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy of the United States:

During the period of 20 April 2003 to 22 March 2004, 3d Brigade, 4th Infantry Division displayed extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy while in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. During one of the Brigade's two brigade-size air assaults, 3d Brigade (Stryker) completely dismantled the anti-coalition forces in the city of Samarra. In eleven months of operations, the Brigade conducted more than 15,000 patrols, 600 raids, and 425 ambushes, resulting in 2,000 anti-coalition forces killed, captured or detained. The Brigade captured more than 1,200 rifles, 137 rocket propelled grenade launchers, 75 mortar systems and ammunition, located and cleared 500 ammunition caches in Salah Din and Tamim, and destroyed over 300 tons of ammunitions and weapons. The 3d Brigade, 4th Infantry Division's exemplary courage and tenacity are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon the 4th Infantry Division and the United States Army.

