



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

PERMANENT ORDERS 356-09

22 December 2010

Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 180th Transportation  
Battalion  
2d Transportation Company (23 September 2009 to 10 March 2010)  
97th Transportation Company  
163d Transportation Detachment (31 July 2009 to 28 March 2010)  
396th Transportation Detachment (16 September 2009 to  
28 March 2010)  
443d Transportation Company  
1404th Transportation Company  
1864th Transportation Company

Announcement is made of the following award:


Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation  
Period of service: 5 July 2009 to 28 March 2010  
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15  
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period  
5 July 2009 to 28 March 2010, the Headquarters and Headquarters  
Detachment, 180th Transportation Battalion and its subordinate  
units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of  
Operation Iraqi Freedom. The deployment was defined by  
conducting first rate maintenance, training soldiers above the  
standard, placing soldier welfare at the forefront of decision  
making, and by placing mission accomplishment above all else.  
In total, the 180th Transportation Battalion and its subordinate  
units provided responsive, tailored and adaptive heavy equipment  
transport to more than 20 different forward operating bases and  
covered a distance of more than 64 million convoy miles.  
Further, monarch convoys hauled over 10,000 pieces of equipment  
and supplies equating to over 15,000,000 short tons of cargo.  
The Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 180th  
Transportation Battalion and its subordinate units' dedication to  
the mission and exemplary performance set the standard for  
transportation Battalions on Arifjan and reflects distinct  
credit upon the unit, the 593d Sustainment Brigade, the 1st  
Sustainment Command Theater 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

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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.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

  
STEWART L. STEPHENSON, JR.  
LTC, AG  
Chief, Awards and Decorations  
Branch