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PERMANENT ORDERS 240-13

28 August 2009

19th Engineer Battalion
15th Engineer Company
60th Engineer Company
72d Engineer Detachment
618th Engineer Company

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 16 November 2006 to 20 May 2007

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

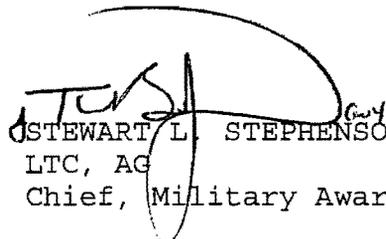
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 16 November 2006 to 20 May 2007, the 19th Engineer Battalion and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. During Operations Snake Hunter and Blake Widow, offensives directed at the defeat of improvised explosive device networks, the unit provided intense route sanitation and crater repair missions. These efforts denied the enemy the ability to emplace improvised explosive devices and forced them to operate in pre-designated areas in which they became predictable targets for maneuver commanders to easily engage and destroy. Additionally, during Operation Northern Security, the unit overcame constant enemy harassment, in the form of direct and indirect fire and suicide bombers, to emplace 18 checkpoints along key avenues that prevented enemy personnel and supplies from entering into Multi-National Division-North and Multi-National Division-Baghdad. This in turn disrupted enemy activities and produced a sizable drop in attacks along main supply routes. The unit further executed a large scale excavation mission in Nineveh Province designed to uncover weapons caches, and at the same time, the battalion maintained combat power throughout the area of operations, allowing the division to secure and properly assess the site. The 19th Engineer Battalion's outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, 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, and the completed streamers will be distributed by the Human Resources Command.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:


STEWART L. STEPHENSON, JR.
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Chief, Military Awards Branch