



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND
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PERMANENT ORDERS 345-03

11 December 2009

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 21st
Infantry Regiment
Company A, 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment
Company B, 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment
Company C, 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award

Period of service: 17 December 2007 to 20 February 2009

Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-14

Reason: For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. During the period 17 December 2007 to 20 February 2009, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment displayed extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in and around Abu Ghraib and Baghdad. The unit's dedication to the mission went above beyond the call of duty and greatly contributed to the success of Multi-National Division-Baghdad. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment's outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, the 25th Infantry Division, 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. The streamers will then be

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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:



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Chief, Military Awards Branch

