



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND  
1600 SPEARHEAD DIVISION AVENUE, DEPARTMENT 480  
FORT KNOX, KY 40122-5408

PERMANENT ORDERS 290-03

17 October 2011

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 137th  
Infantry Regiment  
Company A, 2d Battalion, 137th Infantry Regiment  
Company C, 2d Battalion, 137th Infantry Regiment  
Company E, 2d Battalion, 137th Infantry Regiment  
Detachment, 2137th Support Company

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 18 June 2010 to 16 April 2011

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

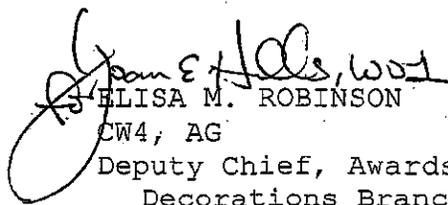
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 18 June 2010 to 16 April 2011, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 137th Infantry Regiment and its subordinate units significantly contributed to enhanced regional stability, increased security capacity and efforts to counter violent extremism in the Horn of Africa in support of the Global War On Terror. Service members of the unit displayed exceptional initiative, resourcefulness, and dedication to duty while conducting military-to-military mentoring, leadership development, and humanitarian assistance and force protection operations in remote regions of Eastern Africa under extremely challenging conditions. The results of the unit's efforts are a more stable environment and improved quality of life for the region's thirteen nations and an increased capacity to govern more effectively, protect their own border and peacefully resolve conflicts. Its success has created partnerships with Coalition nations to enable African solutions to African challenges while fully supporting national security strategy objectives. By their exemplary performance of duty, the members of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 137th Infantry Regiment and its subordinate units have brought great credit upon their unit, the Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa 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

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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:

  
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