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50th Support Battalion
Company B, 434th Support Battalion
Company D, 735th Support Battalion

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 7 January 2005 to 2 November 2005
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-16
Reason: During the period 7 January 2005 to 2 November 2005, the 50th Support Battalion and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit conducted outstanding combat service and combat health support to a wide variety of units in Task Force Liberty. The impact of the outstanding combat service support by the "Arm of Armor" permitted the task force to successfully transition from combat operations to counter-insurgency and stability and support operations. The members of the unit performed their duties with integrity and professionalism while maintaining a high level of morale and esprit de corps. Regardless of the difficulty of the mission, the unit rose to the challenge and achieved success. The commitment to duty, technical prowess, and support provided by the Soldiers of the unit were outstanding. The 50th Support Battalion's outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon the unit and the United States Army.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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