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1st Battalion, 1st Aviation (less Company A, 1st Battalion, 1st Aviation for the period 1 October 2004 to 1 November 2004)

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award
Period of service: 5 February 2004 to 15 February 2005
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-14
Reason: For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. During the period 5 February 2004 to 15 February 2005, the 1st Battalion, 1st Aviation displayed extraordinary heroism in combat against an armed enemy while in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit displayed remarkable valor and unparalleled selfless service while operating in unforgiving and war-torn terrain, against a defiant and destructive enemy, and in support of a highly disciplined and extremely lethal coalition force. The unit's exemplary contributions in destroying or neutralizing the enemy, protecting and bolstering the confidence of friendly forces, preserving the vital infrastructure of a neglected nation, and promoting peace and stability to Iraqi citizens are highly commendable. The 1st Battalion, 1st Aviation's outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon the unit, the 1st Infantry Division, and the United States Army.
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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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