Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 1st Battalion, 142d Aviation (16 February 2004 to 11 January 2005)
Company L, 151st Aviation (16 February 2004 to 11 January 2005)
Company M, 158th Aviation (4 March 2004 to 11 January 2005)

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: As listed above
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 16 February 2004 to 11 January 2005, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 1st Battalion, 142d Aviation and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit distinguished itself while providing effective command and control for two line companies and the L-3 contracted maintenance support element, totaling over 600 Soldiers and civilians. All duties were carried out expediently and with the utmost professionalism. The unit was of invaluable assistance to the 185th Aviation Group, providing direct support, as the unit was exclusively called upon to aid in most of 185th's phase maintenance requirements. The unit completed these phases promptly, thus enabling the 185th to sustain their record-high operational tempo. Despite a shortage of qualified personnel, the unit not only met, but also exceeded the standard for mission accomplishment. The Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 1st Battalion, 142d Aviation's outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, 13th Corps Support Command, III Corps, and the United States Army.
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