ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARD

27 March 2008

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 353d Engineer Group
215th Engineer Detachment
287th Engineer Detachment
356th Engineer Detachment

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 6 March 2004 to 13 February 2005
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period
6 March 2004 to 13 February 2005, Headquarters and Headquarters
Company, 353d Engineer Group and its subordinate units displayed
exceptionally meritorious service while in support of Operation
Iraqi Freedom. The unit managed engineer construction activities
and tactical operations of eight subordinate units consisting of
over 1,400 Soldiers and Airmen. These activities were executed
on the 11 main forward operation bases in the Baghdad area of
responsibility. Supported units included the combat forces of
the 1st Cavalry Division. The unit also coordinated with
maneuver elements to conduct mobility and counter-mobility in
support of combat operations and to conduct military operations
in support of providing essential services and improving
conditions for the Iraqi people. The group performed forward
operating base master planning, construction management,
materials requisition, design management, contract submission,
Iraqi reconstruction quality control and quality assurance,
construction estimation, electrical, mechanical, civil
engineering mission, and combat service support of more than half
a billion dollars in the construction effort. Headquarters and
Headquarters Company, 353d Engineer Group’s outstanding
performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of
military service and reflects great credit upon the unit, the 1st
Cavalry Division, and the United States Army.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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