Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 303d Armor
Company A, 1st Battalion, 303d Armor
Company B, 1st Battalion, 303d Armor
Company C, 1st Battalion, 303d Armor

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 13 March 2004 to 1 October 2004
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 13 March 2004 to 1 October 2004, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 303d Armor and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service while in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit distinguished itself in the conduct of military operations while successfully accomplishing its force protection mission for Victory Base South. The unit positively influenced an adjacent village of 8,000 Iraqis by facilitating the village’s transition to the first democratic form of government. The unit also successfully patrolled and captured numerous illegal weapons caches from enemy forces. The Soldiers’ performance was exemplary as shown by their recognition, lack of disciplinary measures, and pursuit of continuing education. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the unit were outstanding. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 303d Armor’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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