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Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Brigade, 2d Infantry Division (15 November 2003 to 31 October 2004)
1st Battalion, 23d Infantry (15 November 2003 to 31 October 2004)
2d Battalion, 3d Infantry (15 November 2003 to 31 October 2004)
5th Battalion, 20th Infantry (15 November 2003 to 31 October 2004)
1st Squadron, 14th Cavalry (15 November 2003 to 31 October 2004)
1st Battalion, 37th Field Artillery (15 November 2003 to 31 October 2004)
296th Support Battalion (15 November 2003 to 31 October 2004)
18th Engineer Company (15 November 2003 to 31 October 2004)
209th Military Intelligence Company (15 November 2003 to 31 October 2004)
334th Signal Company (15 November 2003 to 31 October 2004)
Company C, 52d Infantry (15 November 2003 to 31 October 2004)
Company C, 1st Battalion, 10th Aviation (15 November 2003 to 31 October 2004)
Detachment, 445th Civil Affairs Company (15 November 2003 to 31 October 2004)
Detachment, 9th Psychological Operation Battalion (15 November 2003 to 31 October 2004)
Detachment, 351st Military Intelligence Company (15 November 2003 to 31 October 2004)
Detachment, 96th Civil Affairs Battalion (15 November 2003 to 31 October 2004)
276th Engineer Battalion (2 March 2004 to 31 October 2004)
293d Military Police Company (7 March 2004 to 31 October 2004)
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 15 November 2003 to 31 October 2004, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Brigade, 2d Infantry Division and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit was in the forefront of an Army that was transforming at war. As the Army's first Stryker Brigade Combat Team, the unit tested new doctrinal concepts, training methodologies, organizational structures, technology, and equipment in combat providing a template for the future that will have far-reaching impacts for a generation to come. The unit executed a strategic deployment by sea, entering combat ahead of schedule and fighting as a part of the 4th Infantry Division in the Sunni Triangle city of Samarra. Soon after, the unit moved forward to northern Iraq and conducted similar relief in place of the 101st Airborne Division in Ninevah Province and Mosul, Iraq. The unit provided operational flexibility to the commanding generals of Combined Joint Task Force-7 and Multi-National Corps-Iraq. When operations required a highly mobile, versatile, and agile force, the Commanding General called on the unit. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Brigade, 2d Infantry Division's performance of duty reflects great credit upon the unit, 2d Infantry Division, and the United States Army.
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