14th Engineer Battalion
Company C, 244th Engineer Battalion
Company A, 5th Engineer Battalion
Company B, 5th Engineer Battalion
74th Engineer Company

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. During the period 1 January 2004 to 31 January 2004, 14th Engineer Battalion and its subordinate units displayed extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy during Operation Iraqi Freedom. The battalion operated Task Force Trailblazer, patrolling for thousands of platoon hours under constant threat of enemy action. They cleared thousands of kilometers of road, including constant clearance of a 250-kilometer stretch of Main Supply Route Tampa from Taji to Shargat, and neutralized hundreds of improvised explosive devices. Their aggressive combat patrols rapidly diminished attacks along the Main Supply Route Tampa to the point that there were no fatalities caused by an improvised explosive device from 24 December 2003 to 16 March 2004. The 14th Engineer Battalion's outstanding performance is in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon themselves, the 555th Engineer Group, and the United States Army
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