Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 509th Infantry Regiment (22 June 2007 to 18 November 2007)
Company A, 3d Battalion, 509th Infantry Regiment (22 June 2007 to 18 November 2007)
Company B, 3d Battalion, 509th Infantry Regiment (22 June 2007 to 18 November 2007)
Company F, 725th Support Battalion (22 June 2007 to 18 November 2007)
Company B, 1st Battalion, 501st Infantry Regiment (22 June 2007 to 5 September 2007)
Company D, 3d Battalion, 509th Infantry Regiment (5 September 2007 to 18 November 2007)

Announcement is made of the following award:
Award: Valorous Unit Award
Period of service: As listed above
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-14
Reason: For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. During the period 22 June 2007 to 18 November 2007, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 509th Infantry Regiment and its subordinate units displayed extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy while in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in and around Babil Province, Iraq. During its deployment, the unit conducted 1,185 combat patrols and 33 named operations, including 16 air assaults, which resulted in the detainment of over 120 Sunni and Shi'a extremists. Additionally, the battalion served as the backbone of Operation Marne Avalanche which sought to remove Al Qaeda from the Euphrates River Valley and extremist militias from the population centers of North Babil. At the conclusion of the operation, the unit assumed responsibility for the safety and security of Iskandariyah, Haswah, Eskan, Hateen, and the surrounding areas. The battalion’s unrelenting perseverance and singular initiative greatly advanced the struggle against Al Qaeda, Jayish al Madi, and other insurgent groups, contributing immensely to the establishment of a free and self-reliant Iraq. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 509th Infantry Regiment’s outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit and the United States Army.

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