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Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry (5 June 2004 to 30 November 2004)
Company A, 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry (5 June 2004 to 30 November 2004)
Company B, 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry (5 June 2004 to 30 November 2004)
Company C, 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry (5 June 2004 to 30 November 2004)
Detachment, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 5th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division (Provisional) (5 June 2004 to 30 November 2004)
1st Platoon, Company B, 8th Engineer Battalion (1 October 2004 to 30 November 2004)

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 5 June 2004 to 30 November 2004, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry and its subordinate units displayed extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy while in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in and around Baghdad, Iraq. The unit aggressively executed numerous combat and security missions which greatly contributed to the Multi-National Forces' goal of securing and stabilizing the country. Though attacked daily by former regime loyalists, insurgents, and terrorists, the Soldiers aggressively countered the enemy with steadfast courage, unwavering discipline, and resolute dedication to duty. Despite their tenacity in eliminating the enemy in Iraq, the unit remained a champion of the Iraqi citizens, cultivating and maintaining a trusting relationship with a polite and professional demeanor. The unit's performance under fire was an inspiration to all, and their actions enabled the progressive restoration of authority to the Al Dora Sector of southern Baghdad. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry'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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