Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award
Period of service: 27 November 2007 to 10 January 2009
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-14
Reason: For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. During the period 27 November 2007 to 10 January 2009, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment and its subordinate units displayed extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy during combat operations in the Al-Doura section of Baghdad, Iraq. The unit's resolve and determination led to the defeat of the criminal insurgency in Al-Doura, one of Al Qaida's last strongholds in Baghdad. Discipline and selfless service characterized the unit's tour of duty as they constantly placed themselves in harm's way to protect and provide security for Iraqi citizens. The unit's tenacity decimated the insurgency and restored Al-Doura to its rightful place as the cultural center of Iraq. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment's outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon the unit, the 1st Brigade Combat Team, the 4th Infantry Division, and the United States Army.
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Additional Instructions: This order serves as official notification that a unit award has been approved for the organization(s) listed above and will serve as authority for eligible Soldiers to update their records and wear the award. The award is still subject to final confirmation in Department of the Army General Orders. Official verification of a specific unit's entitlement to display the award in the form of an appropriate streamer on its flag or guidon rests with the U.S. Army Center of Military History (CMH), which is also responsible for determining official unit Lineage and Honors for MTOE organizations. CMH will use this permanent order to authorize the manufacture of an appropriate decoration streamer for any organization clearly entitled to display the award, and the completed streamers will be distributed by HRC.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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