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Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 1144th Transportation Battalion (26 June 2007 to 10 April 2008)
1230th Transportation Company (26 June 2007 to 21 March 2008)
1113th Transportation Company (26 June 2007 to 10 April 2008)
109th Transportation Company (12 July 2007 to 10 April 2008)
Company C, 1st Battalion, 167th Infantry Regiment
(24 September 2007 to 10 April 2008)
Company E, 429th Support Battalion (14 September 2007 to 10 April 2008)

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 26 June 2007 to 10 April 2008, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 1144th Transportation Battalion and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit’s accomplishments were heralded and compared to the “Red Ball Express” of World War II. The battalion successfully supported the theater transportation and ammunition plans by transporting 833,054 tons of logistics and 2,000 containers of ammunition, traveling over 27,680,500 command miles in support of Coalition Forces. Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 1144th Transportation Battalion’s outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon the unit, the 640th Transportation Brigade, the 1st Theater Sustainment Command, the United States Army Central Command, 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:

MARION A. SALTERS
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Chief, Military Awards Branch