Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 26 August 2006 to 28 October 2007
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 26 August 2006 to 28 October 2007, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 299th Support Battalion and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In addition to providing world-class combat service support and combat health support to the 2d Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, the unit demonstrated the ability to improvise and accomplish any and all missions at hand. These missions included: manning a detainee division holding area, delivering thousands of barriers for area defense and security initiatives, and establishing a supply support activity for continued diversified support. Additionally, the unit’s performance during continuous full-spectrum combat service support operations helped to lay the groundwork for the emergence of Iraqi self-reliance and representative government. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 299th Support Battalion’s outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, the 1st Infantry Division, Multi-National Force-Iraq, and the United States Army.

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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