535th Engineer Company

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 20 June 2008 to 3 January 2009
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 20 June 2008 to 3 January 2009, the 535th Engineer Company displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit served as the sole horizontal engineer company for both the 3d Infantry Division and the 10th Mountain Division, and in this capacity, it completed over 60 essential horizontal engineering missions, including the start to finish horizontal construction of 17 bases. The company also provided critical force protection and improved route trafficability for over 6,000 Coalition and Iraqi forces, immeasurably contributing to Multi-National Division-Center’s mission of improving the security within the area as well as the capabilities of Iraqi security forces. The 535th Engineer Company’s outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, 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 the Human Resources Command.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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