Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 276th Engineer Battalion  
(22 February 2009 to 15 November 2009)  
Support Company, 276th Engineer Battalion (22 February 2009 to 15 November 2009)  
41st Engineer Company (15 July 2009 to 15 November 2009)  
235th Engineer Company (22 February 2009 to 15 November 2009)  
541st Engineer Company (22 February 2009 to 1 September 2009)  
951st Engineer Company (22 February 2009 to 15 November 2009)  
1431st Engineer Company (22 February 2009 to 15 November 2009)

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 22 February 2009 to 15 November 2009, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 276th Engineer Battalion and its subordinate units displayed extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy in support of Operation Enduring Freedom throughout Regional Commands East and South. Through a coordinated effort the unit accomplished its route clearance mission in support of Combined Joint Task Forces 101 and 82. In doing so, the unit provided freedom of maneuver to at least 5 brigade combat teams, numerous battalions, Coalition task forces, the Afghan National Army, and the Afghan people. Additionally, the unit’s command and staff team successfully planned more than 1,090 missions to reduce explosive hazards and neutralize enemy forces within their area of operation. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 276th Engineer Battalion’s outstanding dedication of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, Combined Joint Task Force-82, 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. The streamers will then be manufactured and sent to the U.S. Army Human Resources Command for automatic distribution to the units concerned.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

[Signature]

STEWART L. STEPHENSON, JR.

LTC, AG

Chief, Military Awards Branch