Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award
Period of service: 16 December 2007 to 26 February 2009
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-14
Reason: For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. During the period 16 December 2007 to 26 February 2009, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment displayed extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in Nineveh Province. The battalion demonstrated unwavering commitment to securing the people of Iraq and training their security forces. The unit’s efforts increased safety, security, and democracy in East Mosul, Qara Qosh, Al Qasr, Nimrud, and seventeen smaller population centers with over 1.5 million local citizens. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment’s outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, the 3d Brigade Combat Team, the 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized), 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
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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:

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