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 12 June 2009 to 21 May 2010, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 7th Engineer Battalion and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit executed a demanding and critical mission by completing over seventy-five tactical construction projects. The battalion also partnered with and improved the capabilities of two Iraqi army engineer regiments, as well as overseeing more than 150 commander's emergency response projects totaling more than $38 million. The unit's determination and professionalism vastly improved both the security and quality of life for the Iraqi people across southern Iraq. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 7th Engineer Battalion's outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, United States Forces-Iraq 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:

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