PERMANENT ORDERS 237-19

Company C, 203d Military Intelligence Battalion
(12 September 2005 to 1 September 2006)
Company A, 22d Chemical Battalion (16 February 2006 to 1 September 2006)
Company B, 22d Chemical Battalion (16 February 2006 to 1 September 2006)

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 September 2005 to 1 September 2006, Company C, 203d Military Intelligence Battalion and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit demonstrated extraordinary diligence, initiative and skill in providing technical intelligence to Coalition Forces which greatly aided in countering improvised explosive devices. Immediately upon arrival in theater, the unit established an effective intelligence collection program and integrated it into the war effort. Working in conjunction with explosive ordnance disposal units and local security forces, the unit investigated pre- and post-blast improvised explosive device scenes and supported raids and searches in order to gather intelligence on insurgent operations. The unit's Technical Intelligence Escort section worked in conjunction with sister services to fly over hostile territory in order to collect and deliver vital intelligence. In addition, the Intelligence Escort section disseminated in-depth, on scene analysis to combat commanders, ensuring the safety of all Coalition Forces in the Iraqi Theater. Meanwhile, the Technical Escort unit recovered, sampled and destroyed biological and chemical munitions while simultaneously providing standby decontamination support for the Vice President and Secretary of Defense during their visits to Iraq and again during the inauguration of the Iraqi Prime Minister. All elements of the unit selflessly put themselves in harm's way by conducting movement operations to the enemy’s weapon of choice, the improvised explosive device. Company C, 203d Military Intelligence Battalion’s outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit 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. 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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