Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 4 January 2010 to 3 November 2010
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 4 January 2010 to 3 November 2010, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 105th Engineer Battalion and its subordinate units assigned as Task Force THOR were distinguished by exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The Soldiers of the unit hunted and cleared the enemy’s most effective and deadly weapon on a daily basis, under enemy fire and in the face of relentless Improvised Explosive Device attacks, leading to the success of all major operations in southern Afghanistan and ultimately saving the lives of countless Coalition Soldiers and Afghan civilians. Elements of Task Force THOR were at the vanguard of every decisive operation in Helmand and Kandahar Provinces. No major operation that occurred in southern Afghanistan during the critical surge year of 2010 can be recounted without mention of the heroic efforts of Task Force THOR. After the unit’s hastened arrival in theater during early January 2010, it immediately bridged supply route vulnerability gaps providing invaluable freedom of movement to Coalition Forces and civilian traffic, allowing effective counterinsurgency operations. The unit further distinguished itself by finding and clearing over 355 explosive hazards from 123,838 kilometers of named and unnamed routes, while simultaneously eliminating more than 150 enemy fighters from the battlefield. The courageous determination and tremendous esprit de corps of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 105th Engineer Battalion and its subordinate units are
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truly in keeping with the traditions of the battalion and reflect great credit upon the unit, the Engineer Corps 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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