PERMANENT ORDER 309-08

5 November 2013

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment
Company B, 4th Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment
Company C, 4th Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment
Detachment, 72d Brigade Combat Team, 36th Infantry Division (18 December 2012 to 15 June 2013)

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 18 December 2012 to 10 September 2013
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 18 December 2012 to 10 September 2013, the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment and the cited units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The unit's flexibility, professionalism and unprecedented performance and dedication to duty greatly enhanced the Afghan National Security Forces capabilities and effectiveness. Furthermore, the unit's ability to advise and mentor the Afghan National Security Forces through daily interaction and combined operations in critical districts in Arghandab River Valley. Kandahar was absolutely vital to the increased security posture on key ground lines of communication and major population centers in Regional Command South. This partnership directly impacted the overall strategic success of the Afghan national Security Forces in the region and in doing so has had a measurable impact on the long-term sustainability and success of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment and the cited units' performance of duty is in keeping with the finest of traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon themselves, the cited units 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.
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1600 Spearhead Division Ave., Fort Knox, KY 40122, 5 November 2013

The streamers will then be manufactured and sent to the U.S. Army Human Resources Command for automatic distribution to the units concerned. It is not the responsibility of HRC to replace streamers that are lost or damaged. Please refer to AR 840-10 for further guidance regarding the responsibilities of the unit concerning the display, care and disposition of the streamers.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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