Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 718th Transportation Battalion
778th Transportation Company (16 December 2010 to 14 October 2011)
217th Transportation Company
137th Transportation Company (16 December 2010 to 14 October 2011)
Detachment 3, 949th Transportation Company (2 March 2011 to 20 October 2011)
203d Transportation Detachment (1 March 2011 to 20 October 2011)
Detachment 1, 709th Transportation Company (2 March 2011 to 20 October 2011)

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation
Period of service: 16 December 2010 to 20 October 2011
Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15
Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 16 December 2010 to 20 October 2011, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 718th Transportation Battalion and the cited units displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation New Dawn and phase five of the responsible draw down of forces from their headquarters Kuwait. Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 718th Transportation Battalion executed its mission in an exemplary manner. The units distinguished themselves by the scope and complexity of their mission and by the professionalism with which it was conducted. Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 718th Transportation Battalion defined their deployment by conducting first rate maintenance, training Soldiers above the standard, placing Soldier welfare at the forefront of decision making and personifying a "Mission First" attitude. Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 718th Transportation Battalion provided responsive, tailored and adaptive intermodal transport throughout the Iraq Joint Operations Area. Their dedication to the mission and exemplary performance set the standard for transportation battalions in the Iraq Joint Operations Area and reflects great credit upon the unit, the 230th Sustainment Brigade, the 364th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), the 1st Sustainment Command (Theater) 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. 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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Deputy Chief, Awards and Decorations Branch

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