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FORT KNOX, KY 40122-5408

PERMANENT ORDERS 112-11

22 April 2011

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 724th Engineer Battalion
Company A, 724th Engineer Battalion
228th Engineer Company
617th Engineer Company
950th Engineer Company
1013th Engineer Company

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 23 April 2010 to 14 February 2011

Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 23 April 2010 to 14 February 2011, the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 724th Engineer Battalion and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious service assigned as Task Force Badger in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn. The unit was deployed to Joint Base Balad, Iraq and served as the sole engineer battalion in the Iraq Joint Operating Environment. The Task Force encompassed route clearance companies in Victory Base Complex, Contingency Operating Site Warhorse, Contingency Operating Site Spiecher, Contingency Operating Site Taji and Joint Base Balad. The outstanding performance of the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 724th Engineer Battalion and its subordinate units was a heavily relied upon resource throughout the deployment. The actions of the Task Force supported the strategic missions to maintain freedom of maneuver, promote a self-reliant Iraqi Army, support the government of Iraq's delivery of essential services and enable the responsible drawdown of forces. This included conducting 1,810 route clearance patrols covering over 193,000 kilometers cleared; over 120 bridge recons, inspections and repairs; three bridge removals; horizontal, life support and force protection construction missions; material distribution and vehicle recovery patrols; key leader engagements with senior Iraqi military and civilian leaders; advise, train, assist and equip partnerships; and project management of the commander's emergency response program. The Task Force staff supported all units in the Task Force and consistently provided reliable input which enabled the Task Force commander to provide unprecedented engineer support to United States Division-North, United States Division-Center, Joint Base-Balad and advise and assist

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battalions and brigades operating throughout Iraq. The outstanding performance of duty of the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 724th Engineer Battalion and its subordinate units is in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon the Task Force, 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.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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