



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND
1600 SPEARHEAD DIVISION AVENUE, DEPARTMENT 480
FORT KNOX, KY 40122-5408

PERMANENT ORDER 198-03

16 July 2012

Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 1297th Support Battalion
1484th Transportation Company (26 July 2011 to 8 May 2012)
25th Transportation Company (19 October 2011 to 8 May 2012)
515th Transportation Company (13 November 2011 to 8 May 2012)

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 10 July 2011 to 8 May 2012

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

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 10 July 2011 to 8 May 2012, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 1297th Support Battalion and its subordinate units displayed exceptionally meritorious performance while serving in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The unit provided sustainment operations for Regional Command-South during one of the largest buildups of cargo, equipment and forces in the ten-year history of United States operations in Afghanistan. The unit demonstrated the ability to be adaptive to changing environments and accomplished various missions beyond the call of duty. Its ability to provide the Warfighter with essential supplies whenever and wherever needed enabled continuous operations and proved to be a combat multiplier for the forces on the ground. The 1484th Transportation Company and the 515th Transportation Company provided convoy security operations in conjunction with logistical support to more than 75,000 additional Warfighters within Regional Command-South and Regional Command-West in Afghanistan. The 1484th Transportation Company and the 25th Transportation Company conducted over 240 convoys, traveling 400,000 miles and transporting 30,361 short tons of supplies. In addition, the units provided direct logistical support to Operation Hamakari. The dedication and outstanding performance demonstrated by Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 1297th Support Battalion and its subordinate units is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon the unit, the 7th Sustainment Brigade, the 5th Sustainment Brigade, the Joint Sustainment Command-Afghanistan 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.

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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:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elisa M. Robinson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

ELISA M. ROBINSON
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Deputy Chief, Awards and Decorations
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