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1600 SPEARHEAD DIVISION AVENUE  
FORT KNOX, KY 40122

PERMANENT ORDERS 128-17

8 May 2013

1st Battalion, 503d Infantry Regiment  
Company E, 173d Support Battalion

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 19 July 2012 to 15 March 2013

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

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 19 July 2012 to 15 March 2013, the 1st Battalion, 503d Infantry Regiment and the cited unit displayed exceptionally meritorious service while deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The units' expertise in bringing decisive combat power to bear on the enemy set the conditions for victory and made a lasting contribution to the region's security and stability while conducting sustained combat operations across Ghazni, Logar and Wardak provinces. The units' partnership with the Afghan Government and the Afghan National Security Forces set in motion sustainable progress that will benefit the Afghan people for generations. The units' relentless dedication to mission accomplishment on freedoms frontier extended beyond the call of duty. The actions of the 1st Battalion, 503d Infantry Regiment and the cited unit are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon the units, the 173d Airborne Combat Team, Regional Command-East and the United States Army.

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