



By direction of the Secretary of the Army, the Meritorious Unit Commendation is awarded to:

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, V CORPS

for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service:

During the period of 21 March 2003 to 1 May 2003, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, V Corps and its supporting units distinguished themselves in the accomplishment of unusually difficult and hazardous operations in the liberation of Iraq. During combat operations this fighting force advanced 750 kilometers over difficult terrain and under terrible weather conditions into enemy territory and decisively won every battle while sustaining few casualties thus achieving one of the most one-sided victories in military history. Throughout the 42 days of combat operations this fighting entity continued a tempo of operations never before seen on the modern battlefield, maintaining the initiative and sustaining forces. The ferocity during the campaign was made possible through the skill and determination of the Soldiers at all echelons. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, V Corps and its units annihilated the opposing forces. The units displayed remarkable adaptability throughout the campaign by rapidly evolving new tactics, techniques and procedures to cope successfully with the style of battle encountered and surprising the enemy by its innovative and unprecedented use of armor in urban warfare. The stunning achievement of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, V Corps and its assigned and attached units during Operation Iraqi Freedom set new high standards for ground combat and pointed the way to the future in terms of combined forces operations. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, V Corps' exemplary performance is in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflects great upon themselves, the V Corps, the United States Army, and the United States of America.

