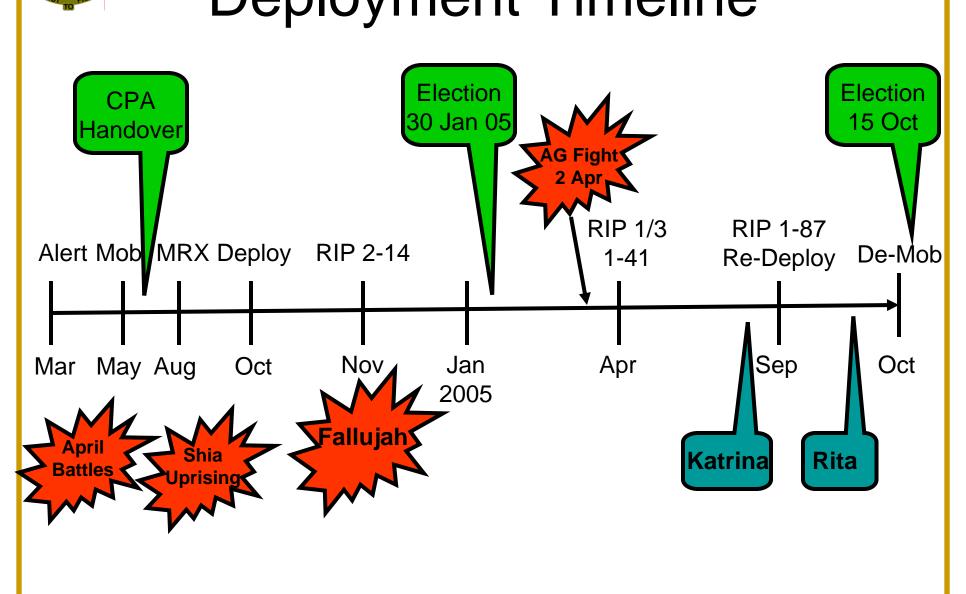


# Heavy Task Force OIF Observations

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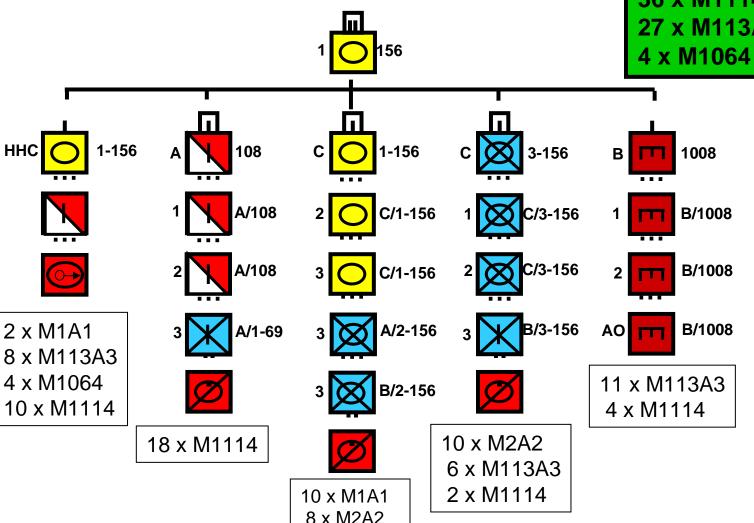




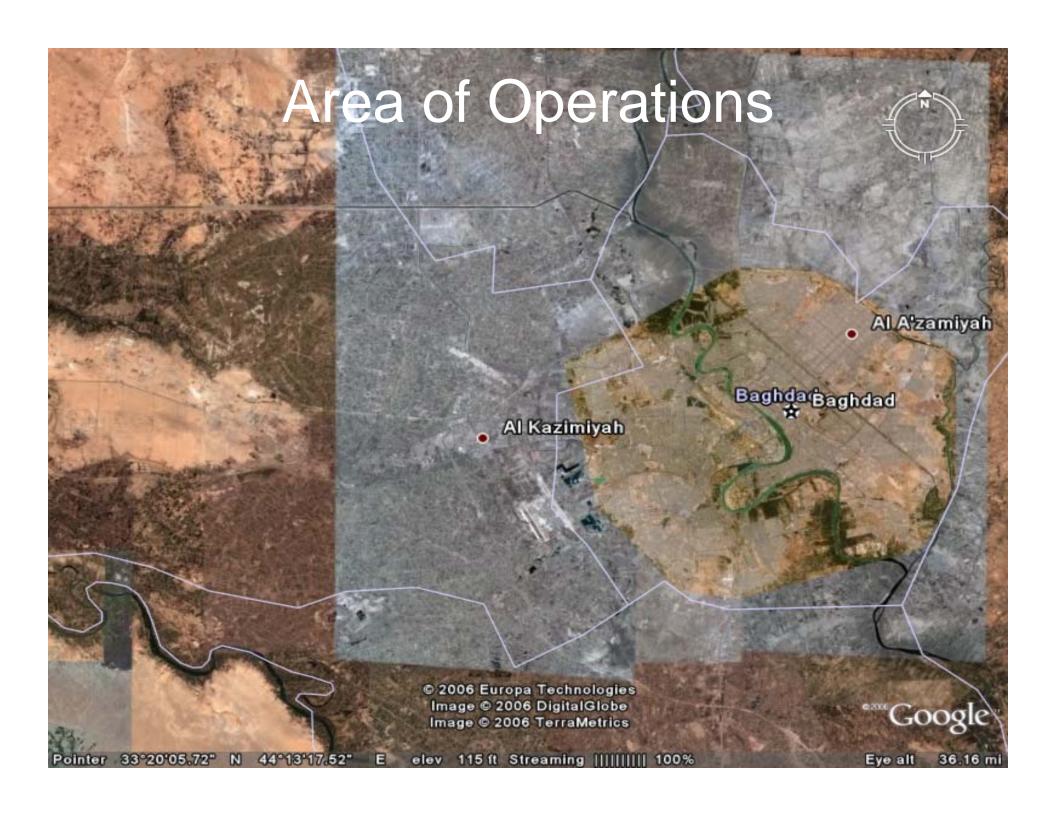
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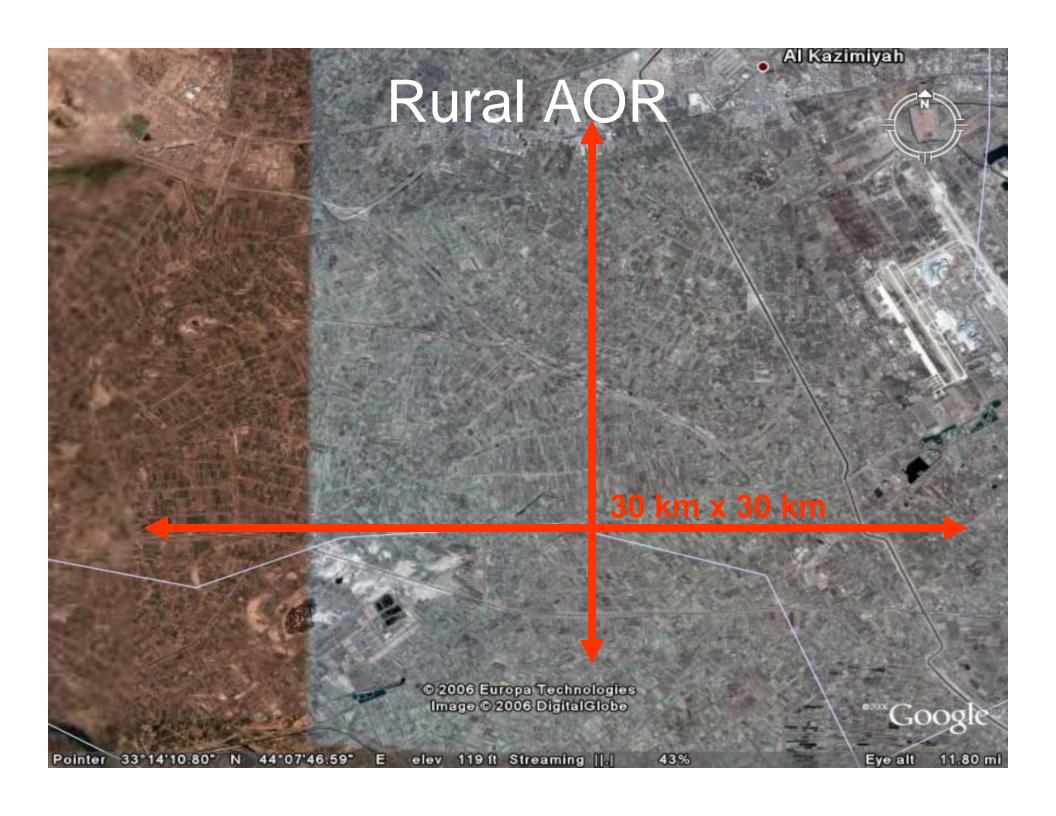
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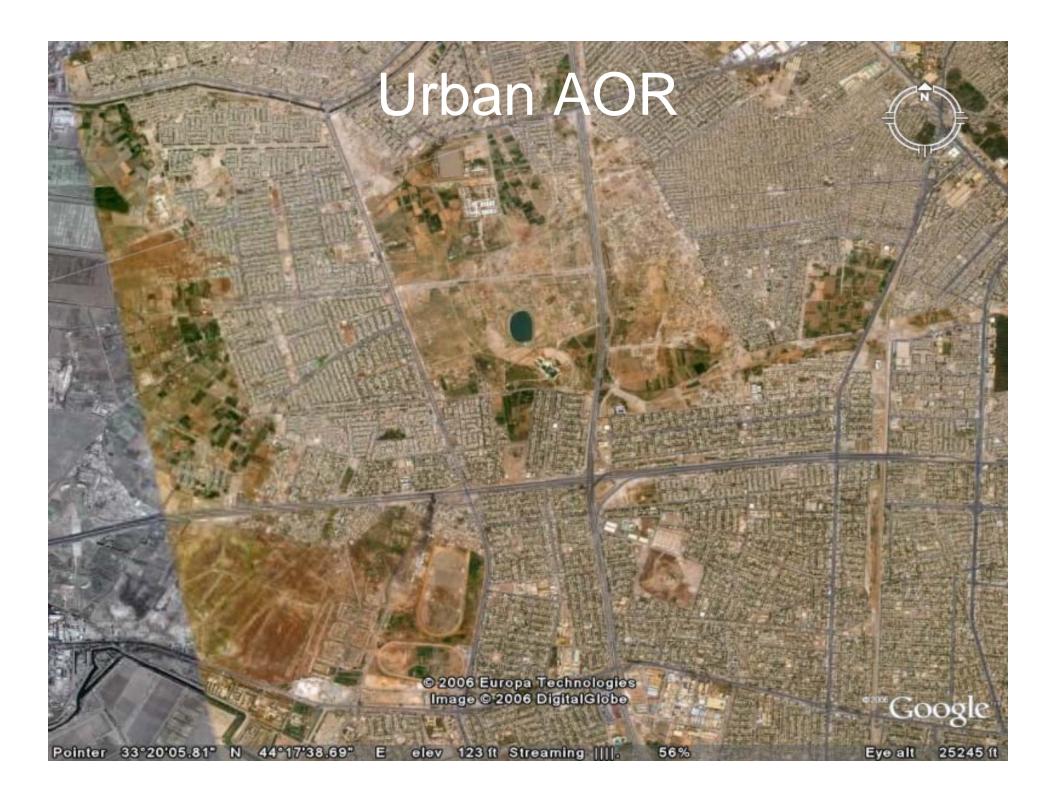
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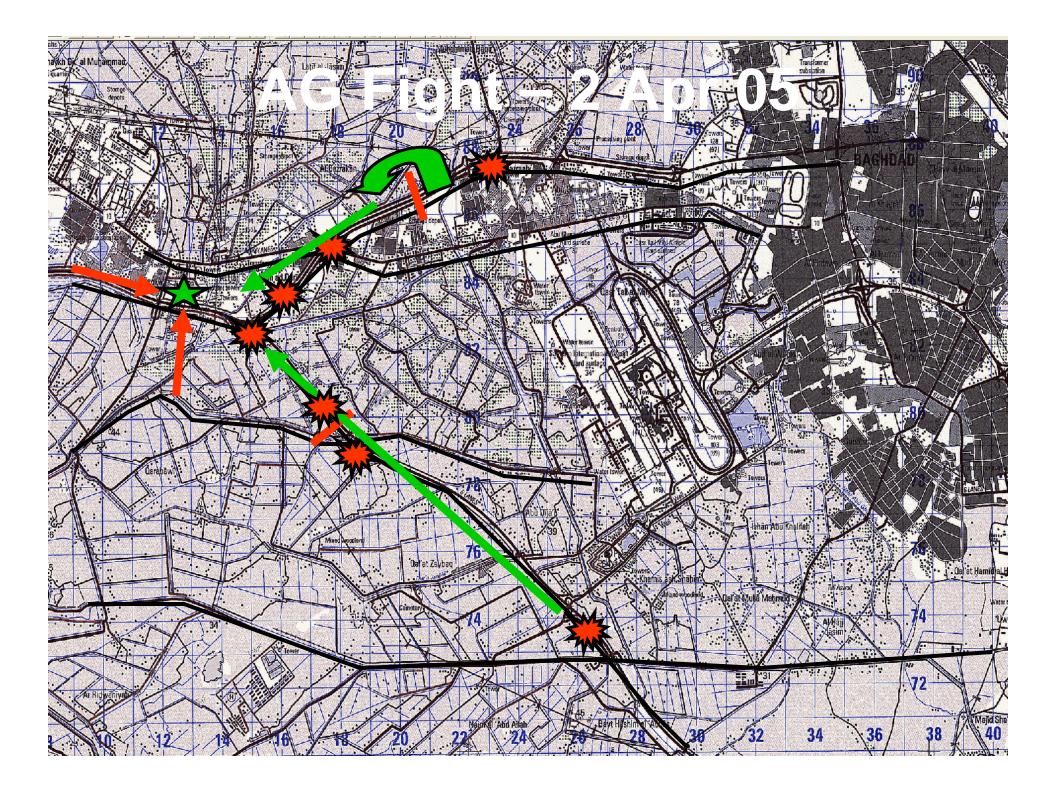






## Combat Action TASK FORCE 1-156

	OLD AO	<b>NEW AO</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
•COORDINATED ATTACK	9	15	24
•DETAINEES	154	138	292
•FIED	18	39	57
•GRENADE ATTACK	2	15	17
•IED SUCCESSFUL	190	115	305
•IED UNSUCCESSFUL	111	42	153
•MANPAD ATTACK	4	0	4
•MORTAR ATTACK	54	3	57
•ROCKET ATTACK	13	0	13
•RPG	15	23	38
•SAF/DRIVE-BY SHOOTING	45	142	187
•UXO	40	22	62
•VBIED SUCCESSFUL	8	15	23
•VBIED UNSUCCESSFUL	4	3	7
•VCIED SUCCESSFUL	1	6	7
•VCIED UNSUCCESSFUL	0	2	2
•WEAPONS CACHE	30	4	34
•AIF KIA	18	34	52
•AIF WIA	3	8	11
TOTAL # ENEMY CONTACT	719	626	1345
FRIENDLY KIA	13	1	14
FRIENDLY WIA	72	70	142
INTERPRETERS KIA	4	0	4
INTERPRETERS WIA	2	2	4





### Heavy Task Force Observations

Heavy OPTEMPO/Non-Standard Missions: (Combat/Maintenance Losses)

- M1A1 = 500-750/wk (1/8=9)

- M2A2 = 250-500/wk (5/0=5)

- M113A3 = 500-1000/wk (3/1=4)

- M1114 = 1200-1500/wk (7/2=9)

#### M1A1:

- Survivability & Intimidation Factor
- Visibility & Urban Operations Limitations
- Intense Maintenance Operations
- Mobility Limitations Rural & Urban
- M2A2:
  - Most Effective All-Around Platform (Weapons/Sites/Dismounts)
  - Some Mobility Limitations Rural & Urban
  - Reactive Armor (Transmission Issues)
- M113A3:
  - Adaptability
  - Mobility
  - Bolt On Armor (Ramp Issues)
- Cupolas & Shields
- Air Conditioning



## TASK FORCE GERONIMO WALL of HONOR



1LT Chris Barnett 23 DEC 04



SGT Craig Nelson 27 DEC 04



SSG Bill Manuel 10 JAN 05



SGT Robert Sweeney 10 JAN 05



SPC Alain Kamolvathin 16 JAN 05



SPC Francis Obaji 17 JAN 05



SSG Jonathan Reed 28 JAN 05



SGT Michael Evans 28 JAN 05



SGT Chris Ramsey 28 JAN 05



19 FEB 05



SGT Nicholas Olivier 23 FEB 05



26 MAR 05



SGT Isiah Sinclair 26 MAR 05



SGT Robin Fell 19 MAY 05



SGT Bernard Sembly 19 MAY 05



SGT David Murray 9 JUN 05

THESE SOLDIERS DID, IN THE FALL OF 2004, PRESENT THEMSELVES UPON THE BATTLEFIELD OF IRAQ, IN DEFENSE OF THEIR NATION, IN DEFIANCE OF TERRORISM, AND IN SUPPORT OF THE OPPRESSED IRAQI PEOPLE. HERE THEY FOUGHT, AND HERE THEY FELL. BE IT KNOWN THAT THESE MEN OF HONOR, HAVING PRESENTED THEMSELVES THUS, HAVE BEEN TESTED, AND FOUND WORTHY, AND HENCEFORTH ARE ENROLLED INTO THAT FRATERNITY OF SOLDIERS WHICH THE PROTECTED WILL NEVER KNOW. WE HONOR THEIR MEMORY, AND CELEBRATE THEIR LIVES AS PATRIOTS, WARRIORS, AND FRIENDS.