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Background –

✓ 3 Separate Deployments in support of OIF.

⇨ OIF I: 3rd ACR Troop XO (Bradleys)

⇨ OIF III: 1-15 IN, 3HBCT, 3ID: AS3 (M1114)

⇨ OIF V: D/1-15, 3 HBCT, 3ID: Tank Company Team Commander (M1, M2, MRAP, M1151)

✓ OIF V:

⇨ 3 HBCT, 3ID Task Organization: 1xCAB, 1xRISTA Squadron, 1xArtillery BN, 1xGG BN, 1xBSB, 1xBSTB

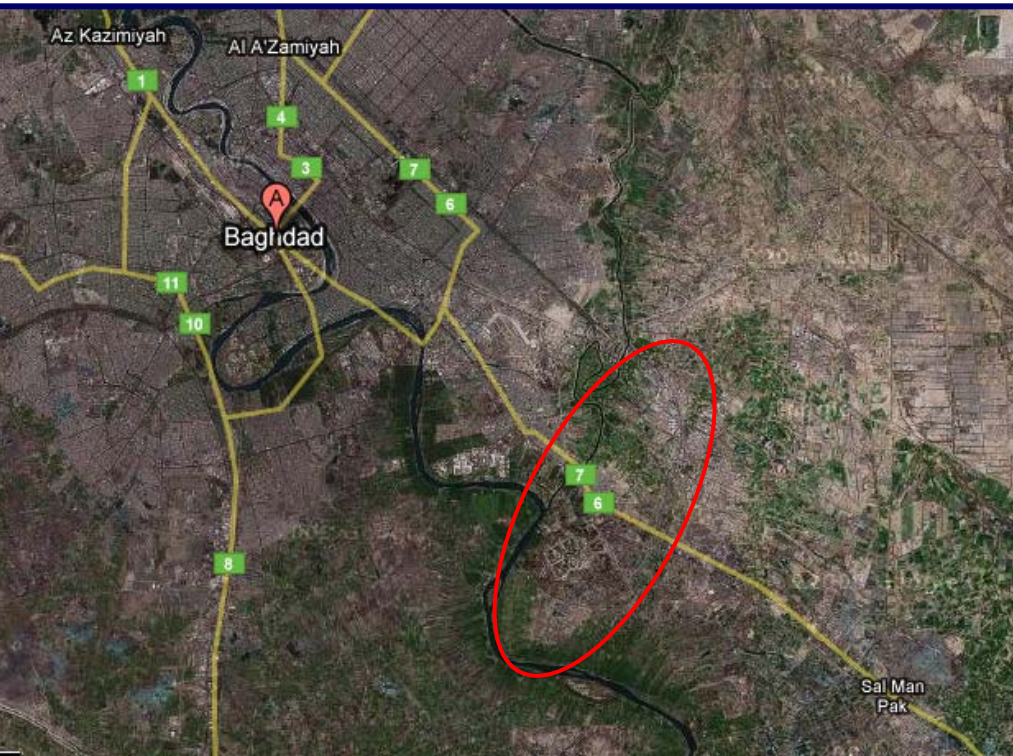⇨ Company Team Consisted of 1xTank Platoon, 1xInfantry Platoon, 1xScout Platoon, 1xMortar Platoon.

⇨ Company operated out of a combat outpost located in the city of Jisr Diyala. Approximately 3km southeast of Baghdad. Population approx. 200,000.

⇨ Company AO consisted of both urban and rural terrain. Rural terrain was extremely diverse ranging from Unrestricted – Severely Restricted. Specifically along the Tigris River.
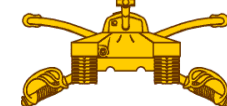
Brigade Mission

3 HBCT conducts Full Spectrum (FSO) ICW Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) and Sons of Iraq (SoI), to interdict accelerants IOT deny extremist elements freedom of movement from the Mada'in Qada into Baghdad and prevent sectarian violence.

Company Missions

1. Secure LOCs/Deny Accelerants into Baghdad
2. Secure Population
3. Develop Sons of Iraq Groups
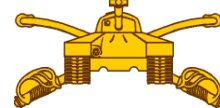4. Capture/Kill Criminals/Terrorists

Effects of The Brigade Operation

- ✓ EKIA: 160
- ✓ EWIA: 13
- ✓ # DETAINED: 602
- ✓ HVI'S KILLED OR DETAINED: 47
- ✓ IED'S FOUND/DETONATED: 197/137 FOUND RATE 59%..IED event every 1.3 days
- ✓ CACHES SEIZED:205
- ✓ BOATS DESTROYED: 172
- ✓ BATS/HIDES: 12,053
- ✓ BLDGS CLEARED: 3,892
- ✓ VEHICLES SEARCHED: 18,215
- ✓ TDF MISSIONS: 2615, fired over 7000 rds
- ✓ A company named operation…1 every 1.7 days…10,825 CBT Patrols…17,528 ISF patrols
- ✓ 15,000 jobs restored
- ✓ Increased water irrigation: 540%
- ✓ 500,000 dollars in small business grants
- ✓ 45 million in Cerp…468 projects
- ✓ 1 radio station built..81 Iraqi media events
- ✓ 750 Combat Logistics Patrols
- ✓ Over 60 sources developed…over 2,000 SIR, DIIR, and or Spot-reps
- ✓ Over 5,200 SUAV flights….1040 missions
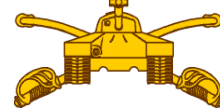
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Background Cont.

✓ OIF V:

⇨ MRAPs were primarily used when conducting operations on improved roads where deep buried IEDs were the main threat.

⇨ The MRAP provided us the protection that the M1151 lacked while still giving us the mobility needed to operate in tight spaces and on roads that could not bear the weight of an M1 or M2.

⇨ We conducted weekly route clearance on an improved road that bordered the Tigris River. This road historically had Deep Buried IEDs that were command detonated. Each side of the road was lined by palm groves and dense foliage. The MRAP obviously provided good protection but also the height for the Gunner to see into those palm groves to provide accurate and timely direct fire.

⇨ Drawback to the MRAP was also the height due to low hanging wires throughout the AO. This caused us to make modification to the truck in order to push the wires out of the way of the gun turret.

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Background Cont.

✓ OIF V:

⇨ With the infantry platoon the MRAP maintained the capability of the M2 as far as troop carrying ability. Although the Soldiers had some difficulty dismounting because of the height of the ramp we were still able to deploy dismounted Soldiers fairly quickly from this platform.

⇨ Because of the troop carrying capability we often used the MRAP during Raid operations in Urban environment when the threat of enemy contact was minimal and speed and surprise was essential. The MRAP is much more quiet than a Bradley and can easily act as a blocking vehicle on the inner cordon. Again the only concern was the low hanging wires because of the height of the vehicle.

⇨ The final drawback to the MRAP was the suspension. Because of the tight suspension we rarely used the MRAP on unimproved roads. The vehicle seemed prone to roll overs in rugged terrain and at higher speeds the smallest pothole caused the vehicle to bounce.