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(2) Command Chronology for 1st Battalion, 2d Marines
(3) Command Chronology for 3rd Battalion, 2d Marines
(4) Command Chronology for 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines
(5) Command Chronology for 1st Battalion, 10th Marines
(6) Command Chronology for Alpha Company, 2nd Combat Engineers Battalion
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY FOR 2D MARINES

01 JANUARY 2003 - 30 JUNE 2003

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SECTION ONE

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Unit designation: Regimental Combat Team - Two (2d Marines), Task Force Tarawa, First Marine Expeditionary Forces, Iraq

- (a) Reporting Unit Code: 12101
- (b) Table of Organization Number: 1096F

2. Period covered and location of Regimental Headquarters

01 Jan 03 - 15 Jan 03	Camp Lejeune, NC
15 Jan 03 - 15 Feb 03	USS Bataan,
TransLant	
15 Feb 03 - 20 Mar 03	Camp Shoup, Kuwait
20 Feb 03 - 12 May 03	Operation Iraqi
	Freedom, Iraq
12 May 03 - 20 Jun 03	USS Bataan,
	TransLant
20 Jun 03 - 30 Jun 03	Camp Lejeune, NC

3. Personnel Information

- (a) Commanding Officer
Col R.L. Bailey 01 Jan 03 - 30 Jun 2003

- (b) Executive Officer
LtCol J.P. O'Rourke 01 Jan 03 - 30 Jun 2003

Principal Staff Officers

- (c) Adjutant
Capt J.K. Henderson 01 Jan 03 - 30 Jun 2003

- (d) S-2/Intelligence Officer
Maj M. Mooney 01 Jan 03 - 15 May 2003
Capt. M.J. Skinkle 15 May 03 - 30 Jun 2003

- (e) S-3/Operations Officer
Maj A.R. Kennedy 01 Jan 03 - 30 Jun 2003

- (f) S-4/Logistics Officer
Maj J.J. Jackson 01 Jan 03 - 30 Jun 2003

- (g) Air Officer
Maj W.P. Bair 01 Jan 03 - 30 Jun 2003
- (h) S-6/Communications Officer
Maj D.I. Fiering 01 Jan 03 - 30 Jun 2003
- (i) Regimental Surgeon
Lt. A.E. Baker 01 Jan 03 - 30 Jun 2003
- (j) Chaplain
LCdr. G.D. Ritchie 01 Jan 03 - 30 Jun 2003
- (k) Command Historian
Maj W.P. Bair 01 Jan 03 - 30 Jun 2003
- (l) Sergeant Major
SgtMaj E.N. Evans 01 Jan 03 - 30 Jun 2003

4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	Officer	Enlisted	Officer	Enlisted
Jan	244	3603	14	164
Feb	244	3603	14	164
Mar	253	3660	15	163
Apr	252	3650	15	184
May	223	3444	13	117
Jun	223	3444	13	117

5. Equipment

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>NOMEN</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
(a) Motor Transportation Equipment	M1043/M1044	4	
	M1123	18	
	M1030B	4	
Motorcycle	M101	5	Trailer
	M105	5	Trailer
	M116	4	Trailer
	M149	2	Water Bull
	M1035	1	Ambulance
	Sixcons	2	Fuel
	Mk 23/25	10	7 Tons
	M997	1	Ambulance

Two M101 trailers and one M105 trailer were destroyed on convoys during movement in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Two M149 trailers were transferred to 3rd Battalion, 23rd Marines to provide them with an organic water transportation capability during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

(b) Communications Equipment	OE-254	19
	PSC-5	3
	AN/MRC-138B	5
	AN/MRC-145	8
	AN/PRC-104	6
	AN/PRC-113	5
	AN/PRC-119A	16
	AN/PRC-119F	6
	AN/PRC-150	2
	AN/VRC-83	5
	AN/VRC-88A	19
	AN/VRC-89	1
	AN/VRC-90	1
	RT 1720 (EPLRS)	8
	SB3614	3
	SB3865	3
	TA-838	40
	AN/CYZ-10	26
	PSN-11	5
	TSEC/KY-57	16
	TSEC/KY-99	13
	TSEC/KY-68	45
	DDS SERVER	2

(c) Weapons	AN/PVS-14	2
	M240G MG	2
	AN/PVS-7B	92
	AN/PVS-4	11
	MK 19 40mm MG	6
	M2 .50 cal MG	6
	AN/GVS-5	8
	M22 Bino	18
	Compass	48
	M249 SAW	6
	M870/500 Shotgun	0
	JCS Shotgun	18
	AT-4 Trainer	0
	M16A2	116
	M9	56

M203	6
M9 Bayonet	179
M7 Bayonet	139
AN/PAQ-4	40
KBAR	57

SECTION 2

Narrative Summary

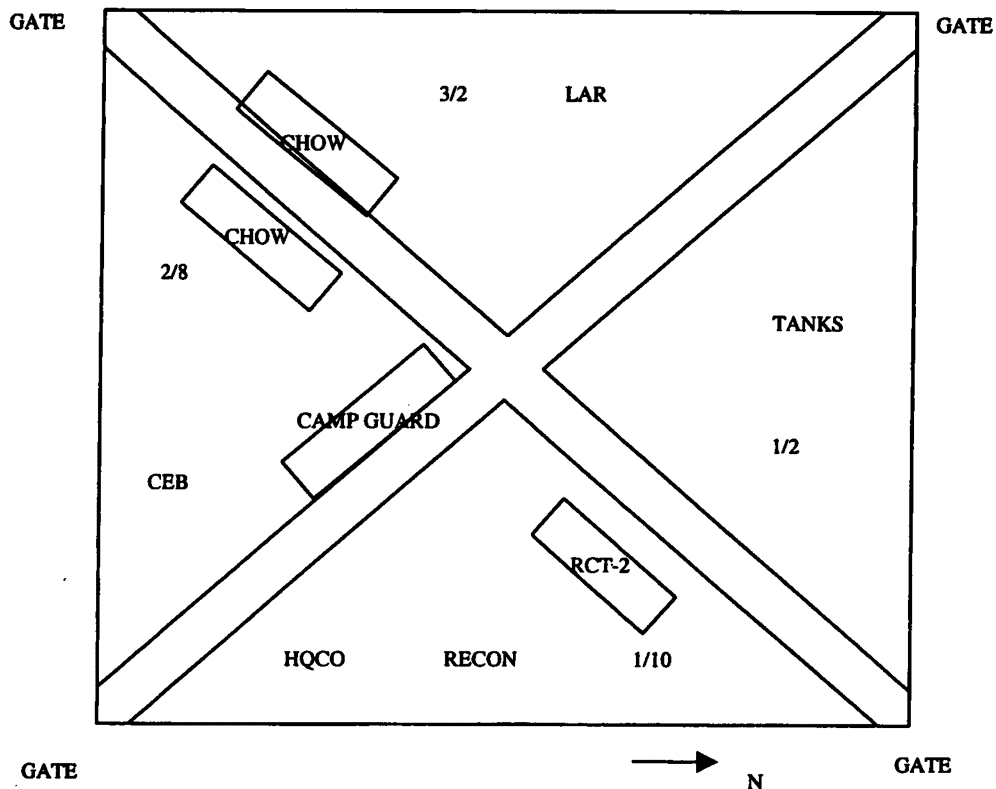
Command, Operations, and Training

Regimental Combat Team 2 (RCT-2) received a Be Prepared to Deploy (BPTD) order on 19 Dec 2002, embarked amphibious shipping 3-15 January 2003 and deployed to Kuwait during January and early February 2003 in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. The major subordinate units in the task organization for Regimental Combat Team 2, included: Headquarters Company, Second Marines; 1st and 3rd Battalions, Second Marines; 2nd Battalion, Eight Marines, 1st Battalion, 10th Marines; Company A, 2nd Reconnaissance Battalion; Company C, 2nd Light Armor Reconnaissance (LAR) Battalion; Company A, 8th Tank Battalion; Company A, 2nd Amphibious Assault Battalion; Company A, 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion. Additionally, RCT-2 was reinforced by detachments from Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Marine Division and US Army Psychological Operations Teams. RCT-2 was embarked on seven amphibious ships with Commander of Troops (COT) and Team Embark Officer (TEO) responsibilities for six of the seven ships. The Commanding Officer of RCT-2, Col Ronald L. Bailey was embarked on the USS Bataan. The Commanding Officers of the subordinate battalions were embarked as follows:

Commanding Officer of 1st Battalion, Second Marines, LtCol Ricky Grabowski, was embarked on the USS Ponce.
Commanding Officer of 3rd Battalion, Second Marines, LtCol Paul Dunahoe, was embarked on the USS Kearsarge.
Commanding Officer of 2nd Battalion, Eight Marines, LtCol Royal Mortenson, was embarked on the USS Siapan.
Commanding Officer of 1st Battalion, Tenth Marines, LtCol Glenn Starnes, was embarked on the USS Gunston Hall.

RCT-2 arrived and off loaded amphibious shipping between 15-30 February 2003 at Kuwait Naval Base (KNB) (Grid Coordinate 39RTM34709603), 60KM south of Kuwait City. Upon arrival in theater, RCT-2 was organized for combat and integrated with the equipment that arrived on civilian contracted 'black-bottom' shipping. The maneuver elements of RCT-2 were organized into one mechanized battalion, two motorized battalions and one LAR Company supported by one battalion of artillery. From mid-February through late March, RCT-2 lived at Camp Shoup (Grid Coordinate 38RQT506745) approximately 75 KM Northwest of Kuwait City. While at Camp Shoup RCT-2 conducted planning and rehearsals in preparation for Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

CAMP SHOUP



Between 19-20 March RCT-2 departed Camp Shoup and moved to the Iraq/Kuwait Border in preparation for combat operations. RCT-2 crossed the line of departure with over 4,121 Marines and Sailors supported by over 700 vehicles including tanks, Amphibious Assault Vehicles (AAV), Light Armored Vehicles (LAV), and other pieces of rolling stock.

The summary of RCT-2's Combat Actions

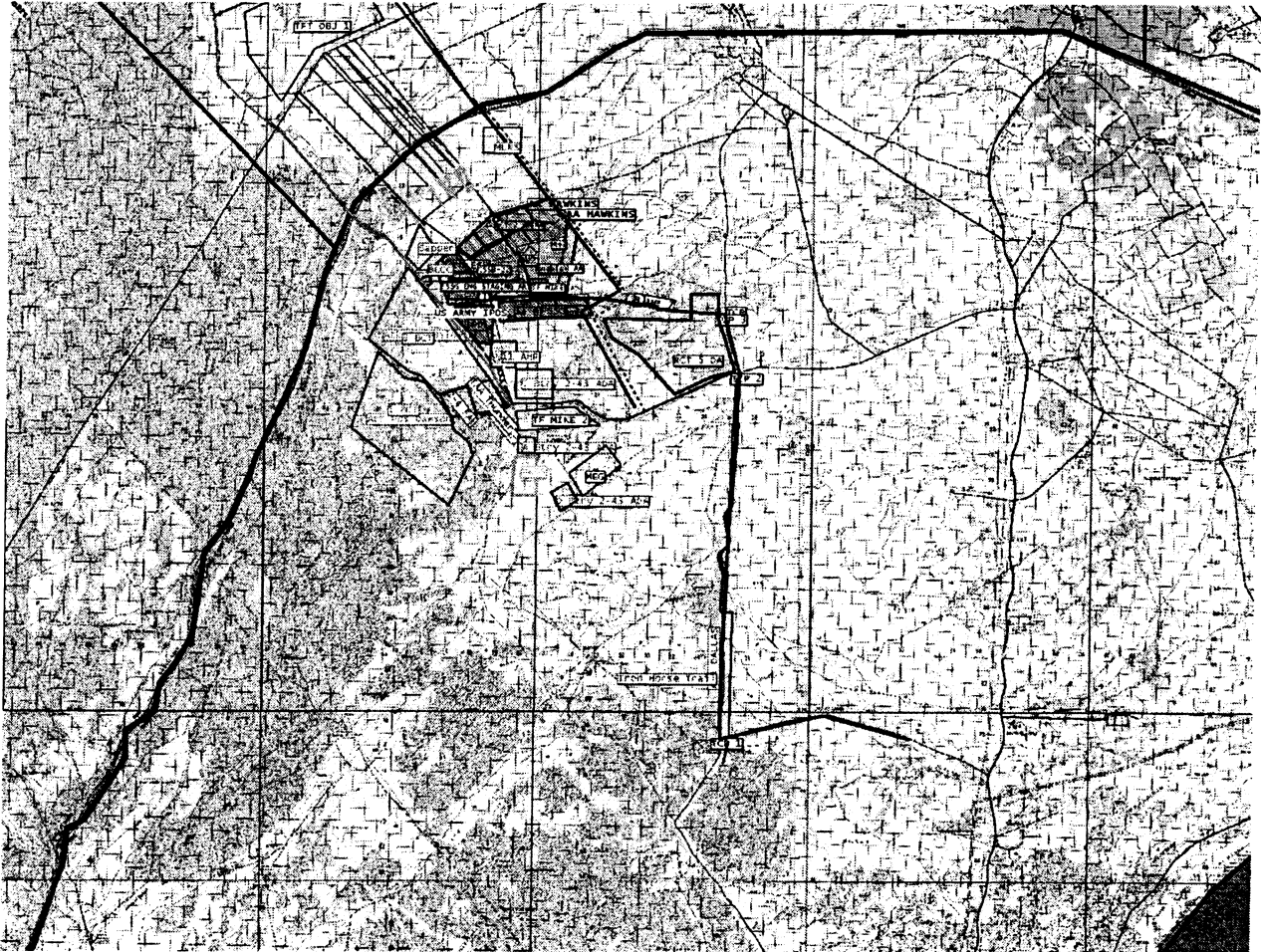
19-20 March: Movement to the Iraq Border

On 20 March, RCT-2 moved from Camp Shoup to Tactical Assembly Area (TAA) Hawkins on the Kuwait/Iraq border. The movement was conducted in echelon, with units spaced 45 minutes apart. On 19 March, LAR led RCT-2 movement and established in TAA Hawkins. The Quartering Party left on the 19th and the main body moved on the morning of the 20th. The roads (Iron Horse Trail and The Log Road) were crowded with USMC and USA units. Heavy Equipment Transport (HET) was requested to move tanks and Combat Engineer Battalion (CEB) heavy equipment but did not

arrive until after dark. All the Tanks and CEB's ACE support equipment had to be driven to the TAA. The RCT-2 Tactical Command Post (TAC CP) and A Co CEB were the last units to reach the TAA.

Company A(-), 2d CEB staged at TAA Hawkins on the night of 20 March. The company made up the nucleus of Task Force Sapper. Task Force Sapper was organized to conduct a deliberate breach into Iraq. Upon arrival at TAA Hawkins, a tank platoon from A Co, 8th Tanks and a Military Police detachment from Combat Service Support Battalion 22 attached to Task Force Sapper for the conduct of the breach. Charlie Company, 2d LAR Battalion served in direct support of TF Sapper to provide security during the breach. 1st Platoon, Alpha Company, 2d CEB was attached to 1st Battalion, 2d Marines and six Marines from 4th Platoon were attached to LAR to serve as Engineer Scouts.

MAP: TAA HAWKINS AND BREACH LANES



21-22 March: Movement to Jalibah Airfield

On the morning of 21 March, RCT-2 conducted a breach of the obstacle belt arrayed along the Kuwaiti/Iraqi border. A total of 4 lanes were breached with 2 western lanes opening first (lanes 3 and 4) followed by 2 eastern lanes (lanes 1 and 2). RCT-2 moved through the breach lanes in prearranged sequence. The Limit of advance was established as the oil field at Al Luhays. All units moved to pre-planned positions by the day's end. On the morning of the 22nd, LAR and 1/2 began to move forward in anticipation of orders to move out to Jalibah. LAR moved as far as Phase Line (PL) 70, while 1/2 held their position adjacent to AL Luhays. In the early afternoon, Task Force Tarawa (TFT) ordered RCT-2 to move to pre-planned positions in vicinity of PL Queensland. This move continued until after sunset. After dark on the 22nd at approximately 1900Z, TFT conducted a quick verbal brief and RCT-2 was ordered to execute a relief in place (RIP) on a Highway 1 bridge, west of An Nasiriyah NLT 230130Z May 03.

RCT-2 was also ordered to disregard current plans for RIP on the east side of AN Nasiriyah, and BPT conduct an attack NLT 230400Z Mar 03 to seize the two bridges east of An Nasiriyah. (the Euphrates and Saddam Canal bridges). The RCT-2 CO verified with the CG TFT the necessity of executing this attack/RIP without pause. Immediately following this brief, RCT-2 issued verbal orders to execute the variations of the pre-planned FRAGO required to comply with TFT intentions. LAR, 3/2, and the TAC CP began movement to the Highway 1 bridge within 3 hours of the TFT brief conclusion. 1/2 1/10, 2/8, the Main CP commenced movement within 6 hours of TFT brief. The RCT-2 moved all day and night on the 22nd. Movement ceased only after the objective was secured on the evening of the 23rd.

22-23 March: RIP with 3rd ID and attack to seize east bridges in An Nasiriyah.

On March 22, C Company, 2nd LAR moved to it's zone north of Jalibah and tied into a screen-line with 2d LAR Battalion. LAR pushed out dismounted patrols and uncovered two ammo caches. At 2000 Zulu, LAR collapsed the screen-line to move and conduct relief in place with 3d Infantry Division (ID), which was complete at 0300 on the 23rd of March. C Company LAR cleared the zone around Highway 1 bridge where numerous ammo and arms caches were uncovered west of the bridge. At 2200 Zulu, 3rd platoon shot two enemy soldiers on the northwest side of the bridge when they attempted to probe our defensive position.

Following a the hazardous trip north in the southbound lanes of Route 1, LAR company completed the RIP with the United States Army Brigade 3-69 on the Highway 1 bridge west of An Nasiriyah. 3/2 occupied positions east of the bridge astride Route 8 blocking enemy egress from the city. That night 3/2 came under mortar fire from the east and engaged enemy forces attempting to traverse Route 8. Two enemy vehicles were destroyed and over 150 automatic weapons were captured. The TAC CP proceeded to link up with the Main CP southeast of An Nasiriyah. Meanwhile, the RCT Main CP, 1/2, 1/10, and 2/8 advance on the east side up Route 7 was receiving direct and indirect fires. The RCT was slowed as a result of encountering the survivors of the 507th Maintenance Co (USA) between the RCT and the enemy. Once the Army soldiers were evacuated, 1/2 seized the Euphrates and Saddam Canal bridges with mechanized companies. 2/8 moved up to the south side of the Euphrates river bridge and 1/2 consolidated north of the Saddam Canal bridge.

At 2400Z on the 22nd, 1st Battalion commenced movement from the intersection of Routes 1 and 8 towards An Nasiriyah. The battalion was formed in two columns. The first column proceeded directly across the intersection from the southern route. The second column staged in the north and proceeded directly across Route 8 and from there took a side trail. The intent was for both columns to link up on the far side of the Route 1 & 8 interchange and then proceed North. The battalion's movement was complicated by the presence of many US Army supply vehicles on both the northern and southern routes. Despite this, both columns successfully passed through the interchange, linked up, and were in position at the 20 Northing along Route 7 at 0251Z well in advance of the 0400Z NLT time that had been set by the RCT-2.

At 0300Z, RCT-2 directed the battalion to move north to the 22 Northing to allow the artillery batteries room to deploy. As this was occurring the battalion began receiving mortar fire from a position to the northeast. Simultaneously, Combined Anti Armor Team (CAAT)-1 began receiving small arms fire from buildings located to their east and west. Team Tank (A Co, 8th Tanks) also received direct fire and engaged the enemy. As Team Tank returned fire they encountered a US Army HMMWV with 3 Soldiers in it. The soldiers reported that they were from the 507th Maintenance Company. They reported that their convoy had been ambushed several kilometers to the north and that several wounded soldiers were pinned down by enemy fire and needed evacuation. Team Tank was directed to recover the soldiers while Team Mech (B/1/2 and A Co, 2nd AAV) assumed Team Tank's position along with CAAT 1 and engaged enemy forces adjacent to the road.

Following the successful recovery of soldiers from the 507th and the destruction of the enemy positions adjacent to the road the battalion continued movement north along the MSR with Company B leading. Team Tank and the tanks from Team Mech were now at the rear of the formation with the logistic trains due to a need to refuel after having moved to recover the soldiers of the 507th Maintenance Company. As CAAT 1 and Company B approached the Railroad Bridge two T-55 tanks were sited on the southern side of the bridge and subsequently destroyed by CAAT with TOW missile shots. An additional seven T-55's were also destroyed by a combination of TOW and Javelin missile shots in that same vicinity. The battalion then continued North and seized the southern bridge spanning the Euphrates River and the Northern bridge spanning the Saddam Canal. During this time period, all companies of the battalion were involved in significant

engagements lasting several hours in three separate locations. Company A at the Euphrates bridge, Company B on the eastern side of An Nasiriyah within the city, and Company C at the Northern bridge spanning the Saddam Canal. Following the seizure of the objectives the battalion assumed a hasty defense on the north side of the Saddam Canal. 2/8 was ordered forward and fought over the same ground covered by 1/2 in order to relieve 1/2 of the southern bridge over the Euphrates.

24-29 March: Securing Nasiriyah

The Regimental CP was located in the trash dump area southeast of An Nasiriyah. On the 24th of March, the RCT-2 conducted a forward passage of lines (as the stationary unit) with RCT-1 (the moving unit). During this time the units of RCT-2 also expanded their area of influence and exploited intelligence found locally from various sources. Operations were conducted based on that intelligence.

From 24 March through 3 Apr 2003, 1st Battalion focused on several tasks. First, ensuring security of the LOC and adjacent areas in order to facilitate the passage of follow-on forces from First MARDIV. Second, the battalion focused on clearing any additional enemy forces out of its sector. Third, the battalion's Civil Affairs Team worked with local leaders to identify critical areas requiring support.

On the 24th, the first order of business was to reposition forces to better accomplish our assigned tasks. Accordingly, A Co 8th Tanks, functioning as a Team Mech, established a blocking position oriented south towards An Nasiriyah. Companies A, C, & B were positioned in the vicinity of the "T" intersection north of Saddam Canal in order listed above from left to right. Throughout the day, the battalion was attacked from all sides by a mix of Fedayeen militia and uniformed soldiers and came under fire from enemy mortars and artillery. Other actions accomplished on the 24th were two logistics re-supply via CH-46 and six medivacs (mixed civilian, enemy, and friendly). EPW's and detainees were processed. Most significantly, a ground re-supply run was made by the battalion's Logistic Train, escorted by 2d LAR Bn(-), that brought vital supplies to the fight.

On the 25th, 1st Battalion conducted a Forward Passage of Lines (FPOL) with RCT-7 (also known as Inchon). Extensive coordination was conducted regarding procedures for the FPOL. Despite these efforts the, lead battalion, 1st Bn 4th Marines fired several thousand rounds of small arms at B/1/2 from a

distance of less than 200 meters resulting in one casualty. Having accomplished its primary mission of securing the LOC and affecting the passage of lines the battalion then focused on expanding its influence throughout the sector. Among the final actions, 1st Battalion participated in the rescue of Army PFC Jessica Lynch on 1 and 2 April. Working in conjunction with Army Special Operation Forces, the battalion provided one tank platoon as part of the raid force and also stood up a company size reaction force with requisite command and control assets. Upon completion of this mission the battalion staged for movement and on 3 April departed An Nasiriyah heading for Ad Diwanyah

At 0200Z on 24 March, 3rd Battalion displaced to eastern An Nasiriyah to assist RCT-2 main effort, 1st Battalion 2nd Marines, in seizing the eastern bridge crossings over the Euphrates River. That morning the battalion occupied an assault position 15 kilometers south of the city. In the assault position, companies refueled and conducted pre-combat checks. At 2200Z, the order was issued to attack and reinforce 2/8 South of the Euphrates and clear west, in zone, in order to prevent enemy interference with friendly forces on Highway 7.

At first light, 25 March, key staff moved up Highway 7 and made liaison with the staff of 2/8. They were also able to conduct a leaders reconnaissance of the battlespace. By 1200Z, the companies began to occupy positions astride Highway 7 oriented north and west. As 3rd battalion occupied its positions, the area was teeming with civilians. Within the crowd were numerous Army deserters from the Iraqi 11th Infantry Division and elements of the Ba'ath Party Militia and Saddam Fedayeen Militia. Incoming fires were originating from the west and from the north, across the river; however, there was also enemy fire from adjacent unit sectors, complicating immediate response with direct fire and making the employment of fire support severely challenging. Hostile forces, carrying small arms, were frequently observed moving to the west and north. Each company engaged enemy forces with direct fire while multiple counter-battery radar artillery missions were fired to neutralize enemy mortars. After establishing a linear defense extending from the riverbank to Route 8, patrols and scout sniper teams were dispatched to develop the rapidly changing situation. A rainstorm limited visibility. There was no direct contact with the enemy during the night, only sporadic mortar fire. Over the next few days, 3rd Battalion extended its perimeter, searching buildings and homes to identify and neutralize threats in the area.

29 March-2 April: Relief in Place (RIP) 15th MEU in Nasiriyah

On 29 March, 15th MEU(SOC) arrived in Nasiriyah to begin clearing a new sector of the city and to prepare for a relief in place of RCT-2 forces. RCT-2 and the Battalion Battle Staffs conducted liaison with the 15th MEU BLT S-3 and MEU Commander. The BLT was briefed on current situation, areas of interest, enemy activity, battle space, and current operations.

During the evening of 01 April, Special Forces conducted a raid on a hospital rumored to house EPWs, specifically Private First Class (PFC) Jessica Lynch, a member of the US Army's 507th Maintenance convoy ambushed on 23 March. The mission was successful, as the Special Forces located and liberated PFC Lynch from captivity. Battery C/1/10 fired in support of the mission, destroying a suspected weapons cache in a residence as a diversion for the Special Forces to secure the hospital. This mission would be the last mission fired by 1/10 in the Battle for Nasiriyah.

LAR was ordered to occupy blocking positions vicinity of Highway 1 and Highway 17, east of Ad Diwaniyah along the main supply routes. Between 1 and 3 April, the main focus of engineer effort became the survivability of the Battalion and the Regimental areas. Over 30 CAAT vehicle positions were dug for 2/8 and 3/2. A route into the 2/8 ALOC was improved to enhance MTRV trafficability. The Regimental Main and TAC CPs and CSSB-22's CSSOC, were surrounded with protective berms. During this period, the engineers were tasked to bury destroyed vehicles from 507th Maintenance Battalion, 2/8 and A Co, 2d CEB. The Engineer Company also maintained its blocking position south of the city limits of An Nasiriyah.

3 - 6 April: Securing Ad Diwaniyah, An Numiniyah, and Hantush

From 3-11 April, RCT-2 conducted a series of movements designed to prevent enemy forces from counterattacking south and disrupting coalition force operations in sector. RCT-2 moved south along Route 7 to Route 1 then turned north and headed to Ad Diwaniyah to establish a defense IOT prevent southern movement of the Iraqi 10th Armored Brigade. Total distance traveled was approximately 220km.

On the morning of 4 April, RCT-2(-) left Ad Diwaniyah and headed to Al Arish in order to provide security for an expeditionary airfield that had been established along Route 1.

Additionally, 1st Battalion still had the mission of blocking Iraqi movement south along Route 1. On the 6th of April, the expeditionary airfield displaced and 1st battalion conducted a repositioning of forces to better block major LOC's. That evening RCT-2(-) was instructed to conduct movement south in the vicinity of Qulat Sikkar, a distance of 175 km. Taking Route.1 south to the Route 1 and Route 17 interchange and then proceeding east along Route 17, RCT-2(-) arrived at the designated grid. At which time instructions were received to proceed an additional 25 km west and link-up with the remainder RCT-2 at Qulat Sikkar airfield. Link-up was completed and an operation order was issued directing movement to the vicinity of Al Amarah the following morning to prevent movement of Iraqi 10th Armored Division forces south and west of the Tigris River (vicinity Al Arish).

On the morning of 5 April, 3rd Battalion displaced to the Western side of the Route 7 and Route 17 intersection and established battle positions approximately 10km to the east of Ad Diwaniyah oriented West. At approximately 2200Z, 3rd Battalion received another order to displace the following day to An Numaniyah and secure the airfield. While enroute to An Numaniyah, 3rd Battalion received a change to the order. The new mission was to conduct a relief in place with 1st Battalion, 23rd Marines in the city of An Numaniyah.

On 8 April, 1st Battalion initiated an 80km movement east along Route 17 and then North. That evening the battalion received instructions to retrace its route back to Qulat Sikkar on the following morning. This action was executed on the morning of 9 April. 1st Battalion arrived at Qulat Sikkar airfield and remained at that location until 11 April conducting maintenance on vehicles and equipment.

7 - 11 April: Southern Iraq to Al Amarah.

On the morning of 7 April, at 0345Z, RCT-2(-) moved southeast approximately 120 kilometers to Qalat Sikar Airfield. 8 April, TFT ordered to transition into camouflage uniforms, from MOPP suits, for the first time since leaving Camp Shoup on 20 March. At 0330Z, RCT-2(-) crossed the line of departure into the attack once again. The destination was Al Amarah, the method was a movement to contact to locate, close with, and destroy the 10th Armored Division.

The attack consisted of Charlie Company, 2d LAR; 1st Battalion, 2d Marines; units from 2d Battalion, 2d Marines and

1st Battalion, 10th Marines. Encountering only light resistance, RCT-2(-) occupied firing positions at 0900Z only 10 kilometers from the Tigres River. Moving closer to Al Amarah, RCT-2(-) established firing positions two kilometers from the Tigrus (only 51 miles from the Iranian border) and prepared for combat. Several hours later, RCT-2(-) was informed that the 10th Armored Division had capitulated and not to expect any fire missions.

Consequently, at 1030Z on 9 April, 1/10 and CEB returned to Qalat Sikkar Airfield to conduct maintenance and prepare for follow-on missions. It was here that members of RCT-2(-) gathered around short wave radios to hear the BBC announce the fall of Baghdad. The following day, the remainder of RCT-2 arrived at the airfield and was able to refit and repair equipment for the first time since departing Kuwait.

11 April-7 May: Stability Operations An Nasiriyah to Al Kut.

On 11 April, RCT-2 departed Qalat Sikkar airfield headed for Al Kut west along Route 17 to the Route 7 and Route 17 interchange and then proceeded north along Route 7 to a turnoff labeled Route River near Al Haay. As units passed through Al Haay, the local populous lined the streets and cheered as the RCT passed. This is significant because it was the first large scale welcome the RCT experienced. After moving through Al Haay, RCT-2 continued towards Al Kut. 1/2 established a position in an abandoned Republican Guard (RG) base on the south side of the Tigris River and conducted maintenance.

From 12 through 15 April, 1/2 remained at the RG Base. On the 14th instructions were received from TFT for 1/2 to cross the Tigris River and conduct security operations in a designated sector north of the Tigris and west of Al Kut. Permission was not granted to proceed directly through Al Kut due to an agreement made between TFT and the leadership of Al Kut preventing the passage of Armored vehicles through that city. As a result 1/2 had to execute a 75 km movement that involved proceeding west to an alternate crossing site and then, after crossing the Tigris, heading east towards Al Kut. 1/2 arrived at an abandoned Iraqi communications facility on the morning of the 16th and remained in that location until 24 April. Between 16 and 24 April, 1/2 and 3/2 were tasked OPCON to TFT forward CP controlling the cities of Al Kut and An Numaniyah.

On 19 April, RCT-2 was notified that it would be relieving elements of the 15 MEU and 24th MEU in security operations between An Nasiriyah and Qalat Sikkur and the Dhi Qar Province. The follow on mission was to conduct Civil-Military Affairs and begin the transitional phase from war to peace and reconstructive operations. To facilitate this mission 1/2 was given the area between Qalat Sikkar and the Saddam Bridge north of An Nasiriyah, 1/10 controlled the area south of An Nasiriyah (as a provisional rifle battalion), 2/25 maintained control of the city of An Nasiriyah and was OPCON to RCT-2, A Company, 2nd Recon controlled the western bridge crossing and C Company, 2nd LAR with A Company, 2nd CEB were used as strengthening forces.

During the period 24 April through 6 May, RCT-2 was completing the multi-unit relief-in-place and conducting security operations with Phase IV forces. During this period, typical missions included: security patrols on roads and in villages, distribution of foods and medicines, identification of weapons caches and unexploded ordinance sites, establishment of elected town councils, training of local security forces, securing key facilities, and assisting in the re-establishment of local utilities (sewage, water treatment, electric).

For the Phase IV relief in place, L/3/23 was designated to assume 3/2's mission in An Numaniyah. To facilitate this turnover, the battalion conducted extensive briefs for 3/2 battalion staff and the Lima Company Commander. These briefs included vehicular tours of the city, introduction to prominent local citizens, aerial over flights of the surrounding battle space, and combined patrolling operations. 3/2 completed the handover on 8 May and executed orders to retrograde to Kuwait on 9 May. At the time of the turnover, not a single Marine or vehicle convoy had been engaged by enemy personnel in or around the vicinity of An Numaniyah while under the control of 3/23.

While conducting these missions 1/2(Rein) was instructed to prepare for retrograde to Kuwait. On 2 May, A Co 8th Tanks departed for Jalibah Airfield to turn in ammunition and prepare for movement via Heavy Equipment Transport (HET). Between 2 and 4 May, HETs from an Army National Guard Unit transported all Armored and Mechanized assets of 1/2 to Kuwaiti Naval Base. Beginning 6 May, RCT-2 conducted a relief in place with Second Battalion, 25th Marines in vicinity of An Nasiriyah. On 7 May, 1/2 held a memorial ceremony to honor its fallen in the vicinity of the northern bridge spanning the Sadaam Canal. 1/2 was flown the following day to Camp Shoup in USMC KC-130 aircraft.

3/2 executed the retrograde order on 9 May. The one-day trip involved one vehicle accident that involved a ground MEDIVAC to Al Kut airfield and one stop at Jalibah Airfield for re-fueling. The vehicle had only minor damage, was towed to Camp Shoup and subsequently driven to Kuwaiti Naval Base for back-load. On the 10th, the entire unit reorganized, accounted for RBE items, and mobile loaded vehicles for the trip to Kuwaiti Naval Base and subsequently onto the USS Kearsarge and USS Baatan.

On 21 April, 1/10's TAC CP and battery advance parties departed to locate a position south of An Nasiriyah, a move over 100 kilometers. Signaling the coming of Phase IV, the advance elements of the battalion located a position within the headquarters of the 11th Infantry Division from which the battalion would conduct "Stabilization Operations."

1/10's main body fell in on the battalion advance parties south of An Nasiriyah on 23 April. After a day of repose, the battalion began executing Phase IV tasks and missions. As the month of April came to a close, the battalion said farewell to its three fallen officers. On the morning of 28 April, the battalion held a memorial service for 1stLt (posthumously) Fred E. Pokorney, Jr. The service was held near the northern bridge, crossing the Saddam Canal. 1stLt Pokorney died seizing this bridge. On the morning of 30 April, a memorial service was held for Chief Warrant Officer 2 Andrew T. Arnold and Chief Warrant Officer 2 Robert W. Channel Jr., the two Marines who died in the RPG training accident.

After a Relief in Place near Al Kut, C Company, 2d LAR joined the Regimental Reserve outside of An Numaniyah. C Company rearmed and refitted in vicinity of Logistics Support Area (LSA) Chesty. Charlie secured a large ammunition supply point three kilometers west of LSA Chesty. The company ran mounted patrols and secured the site for 2/6 as they relieved LAR. C Company then road marched back to An Nasiriyah. At An Nasiriyah, the company worked closely with Civil Affairs. Two banks were secured and convoy security was provided in the transfer of two billion dinar. At the ALOC, C Company conducted mounted and dismounted patrols where more ammunition caches were uncovered. After coordination with Navy EOD, these weapons were destroyed.

From 20 March 2003 through 20 May 2003, RCT-2 moved over 900 miles and destroyed the enemy in a number of pitched battles on its way to Tigris River and beyond. RCT-2's losses included

22 killed in action. The Marines of RCT-2 spent 18 days in MOPP 1 or 2. Throughout, extended lines of communication, bad weather, and limited resources challenged RCT-2. Once the RCT-2 attacked across the Iraqi border, it continued to press the enemy and keep him off balance. In the end, the pressure exerted by RCT-2 on the enemy robbed him of the initiative and shattered his will to fight in zone. RCT-2's accomplishments during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM are a testimony to the mettle and competence of the Marines and Sailors of the RCT-2. Their indomitable will, innovativeness, flexibility, aggressiveness, and initiative allowed RCT-2 to attack along unexpected avenues of approach and rapidly cover great distances while consistently integrating combined arms and maneuver at the decisive time and place.

Personnel and Administration

Awards

Awarded:

IT2	YEPEZ	PABLO	E	USS CERTCOMM BATAAN
IT2	WILLIAMSON	SHARI	K	USS CERTCOMM BATAAN
CPL	OCHOA	ALEXANDER		RCT-2 CERTCOMM

Awards pending approval:

NAME	RANK	UNIT	AWD
ACUNA, AH	1STLT	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V
AFMEGED, NM	CPL	2BN8MAR	NA W/V
AKRIDGE, CR	CPL	RECON	CC
ALBANESE, CM	CPL	RECON	CC
ALFORD, JD	MAJ	2BN8MAR	BS W/ V
ALGREN, EC	LCPL	RADBN	NA W/V
ALLEN, RJ	LPCL	HQCO	NA
ANDERSON, RA	PVT	HQCO	NA
ANDERSON, W.R.	CPL	HQCO	CC
ANDIS, RJ	CPL	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V
ANDRADE, MR	CPL	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V
APEL, TG	SGT	2BN8MAR	NA W/V
ARMENROUT, T D.	2NDLT	HQCO	NA W/V
ARNOLD, MA	MGYSGT	HQCO	BS W/ V
ARTIS, BA	SSGT	HQCO	CC
AYALA, RD	SSGT	2BN8MAR	NA W/V
BABIN, JK	CPL	RECON	CC
BAILEY, JS	LCPL	1STBN2MAR	NA W/V
BAILEY, RL	COL	HQCO	LOM
BALL, KW	HM3	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V
BANFIELD, RK	SGT	1BN10MAR	NA W/V
BARBARICK, HE	HM3	1STBN2MAR	NA W/V
BARNHART, RM	1STLT	1STBN2MAR	NC W/ V
BARON, RW	MSGT	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V
BARRON, M	SSGT	HQCO	BS W/ V
BARTELS, WK	SSGT	2BN8MAR	NA W/V
BARTOSIK, ME	SSGT	HQCO	NA
BAUGH, PA	SGT	2BN8MAR	NA W/V
BECKER, KW	SSGT	2BN8MAR	NC W/ V
BEESON, SR	CAPT	RECON	NC W/ V
BEITH, RP	1STSGT	2BN8MAR	NC W/ V
BELT, AA	CPL	LAR	NA W/V
BELT, RA	2NDLT	2BN8MAR	NC W/ V
BENNETT, AW	LCPL	HQCO	NA W/V
BENTZ, JP	CAPT	2BN8MAR	NC W/ V

BERGMAN, ML	SGT	RECON	NA
BERNARD, WR	PFC	HQCO	CC
BERNET, JS	MSGT	HQCO	NC
BESTWICK, RA	HM3	1BN10MAR	NC
BILLEY, SD	LCPL	HQCO	NA
BISHOP, JT	CPL	1STBN2MAR	NC W/ V
BLEVINS, GR	1STLT	RECON	NC
BLOCHARD, AD	SGT	1STBN2MAR	NC
BOGGS, BI	MAJ	1BN10MAR	BS W/ V
BOOKER, BJ	LCPL	CEB	NA W/V
BOOKER, JY	SGT	HQCO	NA W/V
BOUZA, Z	2NDLT	2BN8MAR	NA W/V
BRADLEY, MD	LCPL	HQCO	NA W/V
BRAMLEY, D	LCPL	HQCO	CC
BRAS, AJ	LCPL	HQCO	CC
BRAY, DS	LCPL	1STBN2MAR	NA W/V
BRAZEAL, DD	GYSGT	3BN2DMAR	NC W/ V
BREZINE, KC	1STLT	1STBN2MAR	BS W/ V
BRIGGS, EA	GYSGT	1BN10MAR	NA W/V
BRIGHT, JL	SGT	HQCO	CC
BRODA, CA	MGYSGT	2BN8MAR	NC W/ V
BROOKS, MA	CAPT	1STBN2MAR	BS W/ V
BROWN IV, JK	1STLT	CEB	NA W/V
BROWN, CA	LCPL	1STBN2MAR	NA W/V
BROWN, DA	SGT	HQCO	NA
BRUBAKER, JC	LCPL	CEB	NA
BRUGGER, DL	1STLT	1BN10MAR	NA W/V
BRYANT, HC	GYSGT	RECON	NA
BUCHANAN, FW	GYSGT	HQCO	NC W/ V
BUCKLES, CA	CPL	RADBN	NA
BUFFKIN, PW	LCPL	HQCO	NA
BURKE, JD	CPL	2BN8MAR	NA W/V
BURNS, GA	SGT	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V
BUTLAND, JR	SGT	HQCO	NA
BUTLER, LB	CAPT	1BN10MAR	NA W/V
BUTLER, RJ	CPL	2BN8MAR	NA W/V
CABARRUS, JA	CPL	1STBN2MAR	NA W/V
CABRAL-NAZARIO, R	SSGT	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V
CABRERA, PJ	CAPT	RECON	NC
CALLAHAN, HJ	GYSGT	1BN10MAR	NA W/V
CAMARILLO, JL	1STLT	HQCO	NC W/ V
CAMPBELL, KV	SGT	2BN8MAR	NA W/V
CAMPBELL, TH	CAPT	RECON	NC
CANFIELD, DT	MAJ	3BN2DMAR	BS W/ V
CANGEMI, JW	LCPL	RECON	NA W/V
CANO, CN	CPL	1STBN2MAR	NA W/V
CANTU, JM	SSGT	1STBN2MAR	NC W/ V
CARELA, GC	LCPL	HQCO	CC
CARLSON, RE	SGT	RECON	NC W/ V
CARR, DE	LPCL	HQCO	CC

CARR, ME	2NDLT	1STBN2MAR	NC W/ V	DELGADO, NI	CAPT	1BN10MAR	NC W/ V
CARR, PS	GYSGT	2BN8MAR	NC W/ V	DEMENTER, AP	SGT	2BN8MAR	BS W/ V
CARTER, JC	SGT	2BN8MAR	BS W/ V	DEMETRIADES, CG	1STLT	2BN8MAR	NA W/V
CARTER, JL	1STLT	1STBN2MAR	NC W/ V	DENNIS, CD	LCPL	RADBN	NA W/V
CASSAZZA, MV	CPL	RADBN	NA W/V	DENNIS, RL	SSGT	2BN8MAR	NA W/V
CASSIDY, CR	CAPT	3BN2DMAR	NC W/ V	DICESARE, JM	CPL	2BN8MAR	NA W/V
CASTILLO-VENZOR, J	CPL	HQCO	NA W/V	DICKINSON, CL	SGT	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V
CASTLEBERRY, EJ	LCPL	1STBN2MAR	NC W/ V	DILLARD, CA	SSGT	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V
CASTRO, MB	2NDLT	LAR	SS	DOMBROWSKI, DJ	LCPL	HQCO	NA
CATHCART, DK	LCPL	2BN8MAR	NA W/V	DOOLING, SA	CPL	2BN8MAR	NA W/V
CECCACCI, AJ	CPL	2BN8MAR	NC W/ V	DORAN, JK	GYSGT	1STBN2MAR	NX
CHABOT, MR	SSGT	1BN10MAR	BS W/ V	DOUTHIT, RW	SSGT	LAR	NA W/V
CHOWDURI, R	SGT	RECON	NA	DOWDELL, JA	SSGT	HQCO	NC
CLAYTON, EG	1STLT	1STBN2MAR	BS W/ V	DREMANN, TR	CAPT	2BN8MAR	BS W/ V
CLEMENTE, LK	LCPL	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V	DRURY, T	LCPL	2BN8MAR	NA W/V
CLEMENTSON, RA	IT	USS BATAANCC		DUBRULE, MA	1STLT	3BN2DMAR	BS W/ V
CLUTTER, AD	SSGT	LAR	NC W/ V	DUGGAN, CA	CPL	LAR	NA W/V
COE, TC	HM3	1STBN2MAR	NC W/ V	DUNAHOE, PB	LTCOL	3BN2DMAR	LOM
COIN, AB	CPL	HQCO	CC	DUPREE, JR	CAPT	2BN8MAR	NC W/ V
COLE, JA	CPL	1STBN2MAR	NA W/V	DURANT, DA	1STLT	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V
COLEMAN, RD	CPL	CEB	NA	DYER, SA	CAPT	1STBN2MAR	NC W/ V
COLLINS, JJ	SGT	1STBN2MAR	NA W/V	EAST, LC	SGT	HQCO	NA W/V
COMPTON, DE	SSGT	HQCO	NA W/V	EBY, JM	CAPT	3BN2DMAR	BS W/ V
CONSENTINO, JV	CAPT	HQCO	NC W/ V	EINSIG, JA	CPL	1STBN2MAR	NA W/V
CONTRANCHIS, CJ	HM	2BN8MAR	NA W/V	EISEHOWER, MB	SGT	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V
COOK, RJ	LCPL	1STBN2MAR	NA W/V	ELLIS, JW	LCPL	HQCO	CC
COOK, SH	1STLT	1STBN2MAR	BS W/ V	EMCH, JN	SSGT	1STBN2MAR	NA W/V
COON, JL	SGT	1STBN2MAR	NC W/ V	ESPINOZA, AD	HM3	2BN8MAR	NA W/V
CORDOVA, CJ	HM3	2BN8MAR	NC W/ V	EURING, MK	1STLT	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V
COURANGE, CL	CPL	1STBN2MAR	NC W/ V	EVERETT, IL	SGT	RECON	NA
COWEN, SR	SGT	2BN8MAR	NA W/V	FANNING, AL	2NDLT	1STBN2MAR	NC W/ V
COX, RJ	GYSGT	RADBN	NA W/V	FEBLES, AM	GYSGT	3BN2DMAR	NC
CRAFT, JD	LCPL	LAR	NA W/V	FEIRING, D	MAJ	HQCO	BS W/ V
CRAIG, E	1STLT	2BN8MAR	BS W/ V	FERGUSON, ER	SGT	2BN8MAR	BS W/ V
CREMEANS, AD	CPL	HQCO	NA	FERGUSON, GJ	SGT	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V
CRITCHLOW, MA	LCPL	HQCO	NA W/V	FERNANDEZ, R	LCPL	HQCO	CC
CROUCH, ML	CPL	1STBN2MAR	NA W/V	FIELD, WM	CAPT	1BN10MAR	NC W/ V
CRUEA, MA	CPL	1STBN2MAR	NA W/V	FILIPKOWSKI, JD	SSGT	1STBN2MAR	NA W/V
CUHNA, PM	CPL	HQCO	CC	FILLER, FE	CAPT	HQCO	NC W/ V
CUPP, KE	WO	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V	FITZSIMMONS, MJ	2NDLT	2BN8MAR	NA W/V
CURTIS, JE	SSGT	LAR	NC W/ V	FLEMING, BL	HM3	1STBN2MAR	NC W/ V
DANHOF, BE	1STLT	CEB	NA W/V	FLETCHER, VC	LCPL	HQCO	NA W/V
DANIEL, JZ	1STLT	1STBN2MAR	BS W/ V	FLICK, WR	LCPL	2BN8MAR	NA W/V
DANIELSON, DG	IT2	USS BATAANNA		FLOREK, MT	PFC	1STBN2MAR	NA W/V
DARBY, K	LCPL	HQCO	CC	FLORES, F	CPL	HQCO	NA W/V
DAVIS, JS	CPL	2BN8MAR	NA W/V	FLYNN, GJ	2NDLT	2BN8MAR	NA W/V
DAY, AC	CPL	1STBN2MAR	NC W/ V	FONSECA, LE	HA	1STBN2MAR	SS
DAY, JL	CAPT	3BN2DMAR	NC W/ V	FONTENOY, JD	SSGT	1BN10MAR	NC W/ V
DEES, PD	SSGT	CEB	NC W/ V	FORMAN, JL	1STLT	3BN2DMAR	NC W/ V
DELANEY, PJ	1STSGT	RECON	NC	FOWLER, AF	SSGT	3BN2DMAR	NC W/ V

FRASER, JB	SGT	HQCO	NA	HARRELL, SA	SGT	1STBN2MAR	NC W/ V
FREELAND, ML	SGT	HQCO	NA W/V	HARRIS, CH	CWO2	2BN8MAR	NC W/ V
FREEMAN, TD	PFC	HQCO	NA W/V	HARRIS, H	CPL	HQCO	CC
FRENCH, JW	CPL	RADBN	NA W/V	HARRIS, ML	LCPL	HQCO	CC
FRIEND, JJ	CPL	2BN8MAR	BS W/ V	HASKELL, TL	CAPT	2BN8MAR	NA W/V
FULFORD, RC	MAJ	2BN8MAR	LOM W/V	HAWKINS, DS	MAJ	1STBN2MAR	NC W/ V
FULTON, AC	GYSGT	HQCO	NC W/ V	HAWKINS, J	1STSGT	2BN8MAR	NC W/ V
GALINSKI, SS	CPL	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V	HAYES, JL	2NDLT	3BN2DMAR	NC W/ V
GALLO, JL	CPL	HQCO	NA	HEALEY JR, EJ	CAPT	3BN2DMAR	BS W/ V
GARCIA, BR	1STSGT	3BN2DMAR	NC W/ V	HEATH, MJ	CPL	2BN8MAR	NC W/ V
GARLAND, BT	CPL	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V	HECHT, OE	GYSGT	3BN2DMAR	NC W/ V
GARLOCK, TT	2NDLT	1STBN2MAR	NC W/ V	HEFTY, WA	2NDLT	2BN8MAR	NA W/V
GARRETT, TE	MSGT	HQCO	MSM	HELM, ZK	LCPL	LAR	CC
GATEWOOD, HB	1STSGT	2BN8MAR	BS W/ V	HENSLEY, LF	CPL	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V
GEE, R	LCPL	CEB	CC	HERRERA, D	LCPL	HQCO	CC
GEISENHOF, DW	MAJ	1BN10MAR	NC W/V	HICKMAN, EM	SSGT	1BN10MAR	NA W/V
GENIA, SE	HM3	HQCO	NA W/V	HICKS, MK	1STLT	1BN10MAR	NA W/V
GERVASIO, JE	SGT	1BN10MAR	NA W/V	HIDALGO, NA	SSGT	LAR	BS W/ V
GETSINGER, K	CPL	HQCO	CC	HILL, CN	SSGT	1BN10MAR	NA
GIBSON, CE	LCPL	HQCO	CC	HINES, JR	CPL	2BN8MAR	NA W/V
GIDDINGS, JJ	CPL	CEB	CC	HISEL, PW	LCPL	1STBN2MAR	NC W/ V
GILBERT, GV	CPL	1STBN2MAR	NA W/V	HOFHEINS, CR	SGT	1STBN2MAR	NA W/V
GIORGIS, CA	1STLT	1BN10MAR	NA W/V	HOGANCAMP, NC	SSGT	3BN2DMAR	NC W/ V
GLOEDE, DR	SGT	2BN8MAR	NA W/V	HOLLAR, AN	SSGT	1STBN2MAR	NC W/ V
GOLAT, MR	CPL	HQCO	CC	HOLMES, MJ	HM1	2BN8MAR	NC W/ V
GOMEZ, MA	CPL	HQCO	NA	HORTON, SK	SGT	2BN8MAR	NA W/V
GONZALES III, W	CPL	2BN8MAR	NA W/V	HOWE, CL	GYSGT	2BN8MAR	NA W/V
GONZALEZ, JA	PFC	HQCO	CC	HUNT, TM	CPL	LAR	NA W/V
GOOBER, GD	2NDLT	LAR	NC W/ V	HUNT, WF	SGT	1STBN2MAR	NA W/V
GOODWIN, AL	SSGT	1STBN2MAR	NC	HURD, FM	SSGT	1STBN2MAR	NC W/ V
GOODYEAR, AB	SSGT	1STBN2MAR	NC W/ V	HUTCHESON, JD	LCPL	LAR	CC
GRABOWSKI, RL	LTCOL	1STBN2MAR	NX	HYLA, BM	CAPT	HQCO	NC W/ V
GRAHAM, WS	LCPL	HQCO	CC	HYPES, JC	SSGT	RECON	NC
GRATES, LA	MSGT	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V	INGERSON, EA	GYSGT	1STBN2MAR	SS
GRIFFIN, JK	CPL	RECON	NA W/V	JACKSON, JJ	MAJ	HQCO	BS W/ V
GRIFFIN, GL	SGT	1STBN2MAR	NC W/ V	JACKSON, KE	SGT	HQCO	NC
GRINSTEAD, WT	PVT	HQCO	NA	JACKSON, KJ	CPL	HQCO	CC
GRUNWALD	CAPT	LAR	BS W/ V	JAMES, RA	SGT	RECON	NA
GUELMEYER, AC	2NDLT	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V	JANETSKI, JR	CPL	1BN10MAR	NA W/V
GUZMAN, R	CPL	HQCO	CC	JENNINGS, ET	CPL	2BN8MAR	NA W/V
HAAG, MC	HM	1STBN2MAR	NC W/ V	JOHNSEN, DR	HMCHIEF	2BN8MAR	NA W/V
H Aidar, MM	SGT	HQCO	NA W/V	JOHNSON, CC	SGT	RECON	NA
HAIRE, SA	CPL	HQCO	CC	JONES, DG	CPL	HQCO	NA W/V
HALEY, MT	CPL	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V	JONES, JB	CAPT	1STBN2MAR	BS W/ V
HALL, AA	GYSGT	2BN8MAR	NC W/ V	JONES, MS	GYSGT	LAR	NC W/ V
HALL, AR	HM3	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V	KAMPER, AR	SSGT	1STBN2MAR	NA W/V
HAMILTON, AD	CAPT	1BN10MAR	NC	KARAZEWSKI, JM	LCPL	1STBN2MAR	NA W/V
HAN, EA	LCPL	HQCO	CC	KEAGY, BK	SSGT	HQCO	NC W/ V
HANEY, TP	GYSGT	2BN8MAR	SS	KEENE, BS	CPL	1STBN2MAR	NC W/ V
HARRELL, GJ	LCPL	HQCO	CC	KEISLER, CE	SGT	LAR	NC W/ V

KELLER, JN	CPL	LAR	NA W/V	MACSAY, DJ	1STLT	LAR	BS W/ V
KELLY, DM	LCPL	1STBN2MAR	NA W/V	MAHONEY, SP	SGT	2BN8MAR	NA W/V
KENNEDY, AR	MAJ	HQCO	BS W/ V	MARCY, CJ	SGT	HQCO	NA W/V
KENNEY, BW	1STLT	LAR	BS W/ V	MARRERO, NA	LCPL	HQCO	NA
KERSLAKE, SP	MSGT	RECON	NC	MARTELL, JC	SGT	LAR	NC W/ V
KIDWELL, DW	LCPL	1STBN2MAR	NC W/ V	MARTIN, MJ	1STLT	1STBN2MAR	BS W/ V
KILLSINWATER, RJ	LCPL	CEB	CC	MARTINEZ, A	CPL	2BN8MAR	NA W/V
KING, KP	LCPL	2BN8MAR	NA W/V	MARTINEZ, J	CPL	HQCO	NA
KINSEY,	SSGT	HQCO	CC	MARTINEZ, JD	SGT	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V
KIPPLER, MA	CPL	1STBN2MAR	NC W/ V	MASTIN, BD	SGT	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V
KISER, JM	LCPL	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V	MCBRIDE, PJ	SGT	CEB	CC
KLEMAN, RJ	CPL	LAR	NA W/V	MCCALL, JJ	CPL	1STBN2MAR	BS W/ V
KNOTT, TM	SSGT	USS BATAANNA		MCCARTHY, RG	1STLT	1BN10MAR	NC W/ V
KONG, J	LCPL	HQCO	CC	MCCAULEY, JL	SGT	2BN8MAR	NC W/ V
KOPSIC, ME	SGT	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V	MCCLELLAN, RM	1STLT	CEB	NA
KOSIROG, KR	CPL	2BN8MAR	NA W/V	MCCORMICK, MA	LCPL	2BN8MAR	NA W/V
KOT, BA	LCPL	LAR	CC	MCCUE, BE	SGT	HQCO	NA W/V
KYKER, SS	CPL	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V	MCCULLOUGH, DJ	CPL	1STBN2MAR	NA W/V
LANE, JM	1STLT	1STBN2MAR	NC W/ V	MCDONALD, DR	SGT	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V
LARIOS, JA	SSGT	HQCO	NC W/ V	MCDONALD, JS	LCPL	2BN8MAR	NA W/V
LATHAM, CR	SSGT	LAR	NA W/V	MCINTIRE, SR	SGT	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V
LAWS, WF	PFC	HQCO	CC	MCMULLEN, MB	SSGT	3BN2DMAR	NC W/ V
LAWSON, JE	GYSGT	1BN10MAR	NA W/V	MEDAL, RA	1STLT	2BN8MAR	NA W/V
LEAHY, BE	1STLT	3BN2DMAR	NC W/ V	MEIER, JF	CPL	2BN8MAR	NC W/ V
LEDBETTER, M	HN	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V	MENGEL, MM	PVT	2BN8MAR	NA W/V
LEE, DT	SGT	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V	MERTINS, CJ	LCPL	HQCO	CC
LEE, JM	LCPL	1STBN2MAR	NA W/V	METKE, PP	1STLT	3BN2DMAR	NC W/ V
LEE, RE	LCPL	HQCO	NA	MILLAR, JG	CPL	CEB	NA W/V
LEGGETT, DD	GYSGT	1STBN2MAR	BS W/ V	MILLIGAN, DP	SSGT	3BN2DMAR	NC W/ V
LEHEW, JD	GYSGT	1STBN2MAR	NX	MILTER, DB	LCPL	1STBN2MAR	NA W/V
LETENDRE, BS	1STLT	1STBN2MAR	NC W/ V	MIRAMONTES, N	HM3	LAR	NA W/V
LEWIS, DL	HM2	2BN8MAR	NA W/V	MITCHELL, EP	LCPL	HQCO	NA
LINDEN, MS	GYSGT	HQCO	NA	MONTEMAYOR, MP	CPL	1STBN2MAR	BS W/ V
LINSTROM, CA	SSGT	HQCO	NA	MOONEY, MJ	MAJ	HQCO	BS W/ V
LITTLE, AJ	LCPL	HQCO	CC	MOORE, BR	CAPT	1STBN2MAR	BS W/ V
LITTLE, TL	WO	HQCO	NC W/ V	MOORE, JW	CPL	2BN8MAR	NA W/V
LOHMANN, JM	HN	3BN2DMAR	NC W/ V	MOORE, RL	MSGT	2BN8MAR	NC W/ V
LOPER, GA	CWO3	1BN10MAR	NA W/V	MOORE, SH	SSGT	HQCO	NC
LOPEZ, AJ	CPL	HQCO	NA W/V	MOREE, BA	SSGT	2BN8MAR	NC W/ V
LOPEZ, CB	LCPL	1STBN2MAR	NC W/ V	MOREFIELD, AR	CPL	CEB	NA W/V
LOVE, JJ	LCPL	HQCO	CC	MORRIS JR, DE	CPL	1STBN2MAR	NA W/V
LOVERIDGE, MF	CPL	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V	MORROW, JL	CPL	1STBN2MAR	NA W/V
LOVETT, HE	SSGT	1STBN2MAR	NC W/ V	MORTENSON	LTCOL	2BN8MAR	SS
LOZANO, HD	PFC	1STBN2MAR	NA W/V	MOUSER, JM	LCPL	1STBN2MAR	NA W/V
LUCIANO, BJ	CAPT	2BN8MAR	BS W/ V	MUCCIA, JA	SSGT	HQCO	NC W/ V
LUGO, MJ	LCPL	2BN8MAR	NC W/ V	MUNIZ, D	CPL	2BN8MAR	NA W/V
LYNN, RJ	LCPL	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V	MURPHY, JJ	SGT	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V
LYONS, JP	SGT	RECON	NA W/V	MURRAY, FL	LCPL	HQCO	CC
MACCUTHEON, SW	CAPT	2BN8MAR	BS W/ V	MURTIE, RP	LCPL	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V
MACKES, WP	GYSGT	HQCO	NC W/ V	MYERS, ML	SGT	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V

NASRALLAH, JA	CPL	LAR	NA W/V	POSS, KC	CPL	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V
NELSON, KP	CPL	RECON	NA	POWERS, SC	SGT	2BN8MAR	NC W/ V
NEWLAND, TA	CAPT	1STBN2MAR	BS W/ V	PRATHER, JC	CPL	HQCO	CC
NEWPORT,AL	LCPL	HQCO	CC	PRITCHETT, LM	SGT	1STBN2MAR	NA W/V
NIELSON, DC	1STLT	3BN2DMAR	NC W/ V	PUCCIO, CJ	SSGT	1BN10MAR	NA W/V
NIENABER, AK	SGT	1STBN2MAR	NA W/V	PULLINS, SR	SGT	1BN10MAR	NA W/V
NOLAN, GS	1STLT	2BN8MAR	NA W/V	QUALKINBUSH, HW	CAPT	3BN2DMAR	NC W/ V
NORIEGA, GA	CPL	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V	QUEHL, ER	CAPT	HQCO	NC W/ V
NORMAN, BD	LCPL	1STBN2MAR	NA W/V	QUILAN, CJ	SGT	3BN2DMAR	BS W/ V
NORTON, WH	GYSGT	3BN2DMAR	NC W/ V	RAGAN, CW	1STLT	2BN8MAR	BS W/ V
NOTIER, AW	CPL	LAR	NA W/V	RANDALL, JM	CAPT	1BN10MAR	NA W/V
OCHOA-GONZALES, A	CPL	HQCO	CC	REED, AT	GYSGT	HQCO	NA
O'DONNELL, D	1STLT	2BN8MAR	NA W/V	REITH, CM	SGT	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V
OESER, ML	CPL	LAR	NA W/V	RENNER, CM	1STLT	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V
OLSON, EM	1STLT	3BN2DMAR	NC W/ V	RESTANO, R	CPL	RECON	NA W/V
ONEAL III , JC	SGT	HQCO	NA W/V	REYNOLDS, D. L.	CPL	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V
ONTIVEROS, RS	SGT	3BN2DMAR	NC W/ V	REYNOLDS, RD	CPL	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V
ORBISTOW, BJ	HN	CEB	NC W/ V	RHODES, MA	CPL	HQCO	NA W/V
ORDERDORK, LS	HM	1STBN2MAR	NC W/ V	RICE, AL	LCPL	HQCO	NA
OROURKE, JP	LTCOL	HQCO	BS W/ V	RICE, JJ	LCPL	CEB	CC
OSPINA, A	SGT	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V	RICHARDSON, WL	SGT	RECON	NA
OSTERBUR, AT	SGT	1STBN2MAR	NA W/V	RICHIE, RW	HM3	1STBN2MAR	NC W/ V
OWENS, TJ	1STLT	2BN8MAR	NC W/ V	RIGGINS, BO	HM3	2BN8MAR	NA W/V
PADILLA, GH	SSGT	2BN8MAR	NA W/V	RITCHIE, JD	SGT	LAR	NA W/V
PADILLA, JJ	SGT	LAR	NA W/V	RIVERA, BJ	SGT	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V
PALACIOS, E	SGT	1STBN2MAR	NC W/ V	ROBINSON, CR	PFC	1STBN2MAR	BS W/ V
PARKER, DL	SSGT	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V	ROBISTOW, BJ	HN	3BN2DMAR	NC W/ V
PARKER, DM	1STSGT	1STBN2MAR	SS	ROCHA, CJ	CPL	2BN8MAR	NA W/V
PARKER, JP	CPL	HQCO	CC	ROGERS, TJ	SGT	2BN8MAR	NA W/V
PARKS, CA	SSGT	2BN8MAR	NC W/ V	ROMA, JJ	1STLT	LAR	BS W/ V
PARRICK, KD	1STSGT	1BN10MAR	NC W/ V	RONCS, EA	SGT	RECON	CC
PARSONS, MJ	1STLT	CEB	NA W/V	ROSE, MD	LCPL	HQCO	NA
PARTIDA, DP	LCPL	HQCO	CC	ROSS, BA	CAPT	2BN8MAR	NC W/ V
PASADEN, CW	PO1	HQCO	NA W/V	ROWE, EE	SGT	1STBN2MAR	NA W/V
PATTERSON, KL	GYSGT	HQCO	NA	RYAN, MW	SGT	RECON	NC
PAYTON, DD	CPL	2BN8MAR	NA W/V	RYANS, JA	CAPT	2BN8MAR	NC W/ V
PEDERSON, CM	CPL	RECON	CC	SALAS, TM	CPL	HQCO	NA W/V
PEEPLES, WP	MAJ	1STBN2MAR	BS W/ V	SANTAGELO, NA	SGT	HQCO	NA
PEIFFER, LR	SGT	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V	SANTIAGO, SP	MAJ	3BN2DMAR	BS W/ V
PELLIGRIN, CM	HM2	RECON	NA	SARMIENTO, MD	CPL	1STBN2MAR	NA W/V
PEREZ, RJ	HM	2BN8MAR	NA W/V	SAROKA, CT	SGT	HQCO	NA
PERKINS, DW	CPL	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V	SATTERLY, JA	CPL	1STBN2MAR	NA W/V
PERKINS, LC	CPL	2BN8MAR	NA W/V	SCAPPACE, JL	LCPL	HQCO	CC
PERKINS, TH	CPL	2BN8MAR	NA W/V	SCHAEFER, DJ	CPL	2BN8MAR	NA W/V
PERRY, C	CPL	2BN8MAR	NA W/V	SCHIELEIN, TF	SSGT	1STBN2MAR	BS W/ V
PESAMOSKA, MC	CPL	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V	SCHIELER, RW	SGT	1STBN2MAR	NC W/ V
PETERSON, PB	SGT	1BN10MAR	NA W/V	SCHILLING, MH	CPL	RECON	CC
PETROSKI, CJ	CPL	CEB	CC	SCHOLL, LW	SGT	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V
PHAM, TV	SSGT	3BN2DMAR	NC W/ V	SCOTT, HL	SSGT	2BN8MAR	NA W/V
PHINNEY, HG	SGT	LAR	NC W/ V	SEALEY, DD	SGT	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V

SERRA, SM	CPL	ASP	CC	TILLMANS, JC	LCPL	RADBN	NA
SHARON, CM	SGT	3BN2DMAR	BS W/ V	TIPTON	LCPL	HQCO	CC
SHARP, RC	SGT	3BN2DMAR	NC W/ V	TOBIN, C	LCPL	HQCO	NA W/V
SHAW, JD	GYSGT	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V	TOLENTINO, NJ	HM2	1STBN2MAR	NC W/ V
SHEA, SM	1STL	1BN10MAR	NA W/V	TORRES, EG	CPL	HQCO	CC
SHEETZ, JN	LCPL	1STBN2MAR	NA W/V	TUCKER, MT	CWO2	HQCO	MSM
SHIRLEY, MW	LCPL	1STBN2MAR	NA W/V	TUGGLE, JD	MAJ	1STBN2MAR	BS W/ V
SIBILIAMARTINEZ, VA	HM3	1STBN2MAR	NC W/ V	TURNER, SD	NAVYLT	2BN8MAR	NA W/V
SILVERTS, TM	1STLT	2BN8MAR	NC W/ V	TYRE, WK	GYSGT	1STBN2MAR	BS W/ V
SIMMONS, JT	SGT	2BN8MAR	NA W/V	VARNEKE, AJ	SGT	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V
SIMMONS, LD	SSGT	LAR	NC W/ V	VAUGHN, CL	SGT	HQCO	NA
SKINKLE, MJ	CAPT	HQCO	NC W/ V	VAZQUEZ, CM	CPL	2BN8MAR	BS W/ V
SMENTKOWSKI, LA	LCPL	1STBN2MAR	NA W/V	VELAZQUEZ, A	HN	1STBN2MAR	BS W/ V
SMITH D. W.	LCPL	2BN8MAR	BS W/ V	VILLAFRANCA, G	PVT	CEB	CC
SMITH, BH	SGT	1BN10MAR	NA W/V	VINSON, SM	IT3	USS BATAANCC	
SMITH, KP	LCPL	1STBN2MAR	NC W/ V	VOELKEL, TE	SGT	2BN8MAR	NA W/V
SNYDER, FB	SSGT	1STBN2MAR	BS W/ V	VOELKER, BM	CPL	3BN2DMAR	NC W/ V
SNYDER, TJ	SGT	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V	WAFLER, ,RF	SGT	2BN8MAR	NA W/V
SOSA, DB	MAJ	1STBN2MAR	BS W/ V	WAINWRIGHT, CJ	SGT	1BN10MAR	NA W/V
SOUTH, TS	SGT	RECON	NA	WAITE, BK	LT	3BN2DMAR	NC W/ V
SOUTHWICK, KK	2NDLT	2BN8MAR	NC W/ V	WALKER, MA	GYSGT	2BN8MAR	NC W/ V
SPEISER, DR	LCPL	3BN2DMAR	NA	WALLACE, BE	SGT	RECON	NA
SPRAGUE, ME	1STSGT	LAR	MSM	WALLACE, MJ	SGT	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V
ST JOHN, RE	SSGT	2BN8MAR	BS W/ V	WALSTON, MS	LCPL	CEB	NA W/V
STARLING, CS	MAJ	3BN2DMAR	BS W/ V	WALTON, JR	CPL	2BN8MAR	NA W/V
STARNES, GT	LTCOL	1BN10MAR		WALTS, JJ	CPL	2BN8MAR	NA W/V
STEPHAN, SE	1STLT	3BN2DMAR	NC W/ V	WARREN, TJ	GYSGT	1BN10MAR	NA W/V
STEPHENS, RE	GYSGT	3BN2DMAR	NC W/ V	WARSHAL, RT	MAJ	HQCO	NC W/ V
STEWART, AB	PVT	HQCO	NA W/V	WATROUS, JE	CPL	CEB	CC
STRACK, RA	GYSGT	LAR	MSM	WATZIG, JD	LCPL	LAR	NA W/V
STROMAN, BL	SGT	HQCO	CC	WEHUNT, CP	HM3	1STBN2MAR	NA W/V
STRONG, DM	CPL	1STBN2MAR	NA W/V	WELKER, LM	LCPL	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V
STROUD, GR	LT	3BN2DMAR	NC W/ V	WEMPLE, JL	LCPL	LAR	NA W/V
STURGILL, KL	SSGT	HQCO	NC W/ V	WENTZEL, JR	CPL	1STBN2MAR	NC W/ V
SUTTON, MO	SGT	1STBN2MAR	NA W/V	WESTBROOK,	MGY	HQCO	MSM
SWAIN, ST	SSGT	1STBN2MAR	NC W/ V	WHEELER, WB	1STSGT	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V
SWEENEY, WE	GYSGT	2BN8MAR	NC W/ V	WHITE, SL	SGT	USS BATAANNA	
TEAI, TM	SSGT	RECON	NA W/V	WHITE, TA	SGT	3BN2DMAR	NA W/V
TEHAS, BJ	SSGT	1BN10MAR	NA W/V	WIDMAN, JT	1STLT	3BN2DMAR	NC W/ V
THEIS, AJ	PFC	HQCO	NA	WILDEBAUR, BS	LCPL	LAR	CC
THOMAS GE	CPL	HQCO	CC	WILHELM, BT	CPL	LAR	NA W/V
THOMAS, GA	CAPT	3BN2DMAR	BS W/ V	WILKES, JW	CPL	HQCO	CC
THOMPSON JR, JA	1STSGT	1STBN2MAR	SS	WILKIN, CW	SGT	2BN8MAR	NC W/ V
THOMPSON, JR	CAPT	1STBN2MAR	BS W/ V	WILKINS, JW	PFC	HQCO	NA W/V
THOMPSON, PA	HM1	2BN8MAR	NA W/V	WILLAIMS, LA	CPL	HQCO	CC
THRASH, JB	SGT	CEB	NA W/V	WILLIAMS, ES	CPL	1STBN2MAR	NA W/V
THRONTON, MA	LCPL	HQCO	CC	WILLIAMS, NA	LCPL	1STBN2MAR	NA W/V
THURMAN, EL	SGT	3BN2DMAR	NC W/ V	WILLIAMS, TA	SGT	HQCO	NA W/V
TIERNEY, KJ	SSGT	LAR	NA W/V	WILLIAMS, WC	CPL	1STBN2MAR	NA W/V
TILLERY, JM	CPL	ASP	NA	WILLIAMSON, NB	SGT	2BN8MAR	NA W/V

WILLIAMSON, SK	IT3	USS BATAANCC	E4	CPL	ELLIOTT	NICHOLAS	C
WINFREY, JD	2NDLT	3BN2DMAR NA W/V	E4	CPL	ESPINOZA GARCIA	MANUEL	
WITTNAM, DJ	CAPT	1STBN2MAR SS	E3	LCPL	FITZGERALD	JORDAN	A
WOJCICKI, T	CPL	1STBN2MAR NA W/V	E4	CPL	GLASS	RANDY	A
WOLF, EG	SGT	2BN8MAR NC W/ V	E2	PFC	JUSKA	MATTHEW	V
WOLFE, LJ	CPL	HQCO CC	E2	PFC	KEOUGH	JASON	J
WONG, JF	2NDLT	2BN8MAR NC W/ V	E1	PVT	MATTESON	DAVID	J
WOODARD, JT	LCPL	2BN8MAR NC W/ V	E3	LCPL	MEAD	MICHAEL	J
WOODHEAD, MA	CAPT	1STBN2MAR NA W/V	O2	1STLT	MENARD	JOSHUA	D
WOODS, MA	CAPT	1BN10MAR NC W/ V	E3	LCPL	REID	JAMES	B
WOODY, M	1STLT	3BN2DMAR NA W/V	E3	LCPL	SANTAMARIA	JOHN	B
WORTHINGTON, JA	LCPL	HQCO NA	E3	LCPL	SEEGERT	BRADLEY	W
WRIGHT, GA	CPL	1STBN2MAR NC W/ V	E3	SGT	TORRES	JOSE	M
WYATT, DC	GYSGT	1STBN2MAR SS	E5	LCPL	TREVINO	NOEL	S
WYKSTRA, CA	SSGT	1STBN2MAR NC W/ V	E3	LCPL	VELAZQUEZ	SAMUEL	M
YEO, KE	CPL	1STBN2MAR NA W/V	E3	LCPL	WALTS	JUSTIN	J
YEPEZ, PE	SSGT	1STBN2MAR NC W/ V	E4	CPL	HAMMOND	STEVEN	V
YONTS, TP	CPL	1STBN2MAR NA W/V	E4	CPL	HASTING II	ALBERT	D
YOUNG, JM	CPL	1STBN2MAR NA W/V	E5	SGT	ZAKAR	STEVEN	G
YOUNGBLOOD, RM	CAPT	2BN8MAR BS W/ V	O3	CAPT	QUEHL	ERIC	R
YUN, JY	CAPT	2BN8MAR BS W/ V	E3	LCPL	DYER	JOHNATHAN	T
YUN, JY	IT2	USS BATAANCC	E2	PFC	CAREY	SCOTT	R
ZONNEVELD, JR	02	1STLT	02	1STLT	HUTCHINSON	FREDERICK	J
	CPL	1STBN2MAR NA W/V	E3	LCPL	SHAW	TY	M
	LCPL	LAR NA	E2	PFC	VARNER	MICHAEL	S
	SSGT	3BN2DMAR NC W/ V	E3	LCPL	CORDRY	RICHARD	E
	SGT	3BN2DMAR NA W/V	E4	CPL	SIMMONS	RASHAD	L
	CPL	RADBN NA	O2	1STLT	BROWN IV	JOHN	K
	CPL	2BN8MAR NA W/V	E2	PFC	FAKES	PHILLIP	A
			E4	CPL	WELLS	EARL	L
			E3	LCPL	SWAFFORD	MARC	L
			E3	LCPL	KORDOY	THOMAS	A
			O2	1STLT	UWINS	JAMES	R
			E3	LCPL	BRAS	ADAM	J
			E7	GYSGT	HALE	TRACY	W
			E3	LCPL	BROWN	ESQUIRE	M
			E3	LCPL	GRAFF JR	RICHARD	L
			E4	CPL	ANDERSON	WILLIE	R
			E4	CPL	WOOLHETHER	BRET	J
			E3	LCPL	BEST	JOHN	W
			WO	WO	CAMPBELL	CHRISTOPHER	T
			E7	GYSGT	HANEY	TIMOTHY	P
			E4	CPL	WOLFE	LAWRENCE	J
			E4	HM3	MONREAL JR	JOSE	R
			E3	LCPL	SMEDLEY	JASON	C
			CIV	CIV	MOHAMMAD	DUALJ	K
			CIV	CIV	ALANZI	KAHILID	A
			E3	LCPL	HENDERSON	NATHAN	A
			E4	CPL	MCCUE	ERIC	M
			E8	MSGT	RELIFORD	PATRICK	W
			E6	SSGT	GLORE	TIMOTHY	L

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WIA:

GRADE	RANK	LAST	FIRST	MI					
E3	LCPL	BROM	MAXWELL	A	E4	CPL	ANDERSON	WILLIE	R
E4	CPL	EICHELBERGER	TRAVIS	E	E4	CPL	WOOLHETHER	BRET	J
E3	LCPL	ESHelman	SHAWN	T	E3	LCPL	BEST	JOHN	W
O2	1STLT	FERRELL	DUSTIN	P	WO	WO	CAMPBELL	CHRISTOPHER	T
E3	LCPL	WESTERINK	BRET	R	E7	GYSGT	HANEY	TIMOTHY	P
E3	LCPL	HANNA	CHRISTOPHER	D	E4	CPL	WOLFE	LAWRENCE	J
E7	GYSGT	DEJOHN	MICHAEL		E4	HM3	MONREAL JR	JOSE	R
E3	LCPL	HOLSONBACK	CHRISTOPHE	L	E3	LCPL	SMEDLEY	JASON	C
E3	LCPL	GUE	NATHAN	P	CIV	CIV	MOHAMMAD	DUALJ	K
E5	SGT	OSTERBUR	ADAM	T	CIV	CIV	ALANZI	KAHILID	A
E2	PFC	BERGERON	MICHAEL	P	E3	LCPL	HENDERSON	NATHAN	A
E3	LCPL	THOMAS	JEREMY	F	E4	CPL	MCCUE	ERIC	M
W2	CWO2	CONNER	SHAUNE	T	E8	MSGT	RELIFORD	PATRICK	W
E3	LCPL	HARMON	JULIAN	P	E6	SSGT	GLORE	TIMOTHY	L
E2	PFC	MORGAN	DERRICK	S					
E3	LCPL	RUCKER	FRANK	L					
E3	LCPL	ZIMNY	CHRISTOPHER	E					
E3	LCPL	SANCHEZ	JUAN	J					
E6	SSGT	CHAMBERS	WAYNE	W					
E4	CPL	HARTLEY	JIMMY						
E2	PFC	ELEK	DOMINIC	M					
E8	MSGT	BARON	ROBERT	W	E5	SGT	BITZ	MICHAEL	E
E2	PFC	VERNET	JHEMS	L	E3	LCPL	BUESING	BRIAN	R
E3	LCPL	COPELAND	ANTHONY	M	E3	LCPL	FRIBLEY	DAVID	K
E7	GYSGT	HELSTROM	AARON	A	E4	CPL	GARIBAY	JOSE	A
E4	CPL	SULLIVAN JR	JOHN	W	E4	CPL	GONZALEZ	JORGE	A
E4	CPL	CARL	JAMES	W	E7	GYSGT	JORDAN	PHILLIP	A
E3	LCPL	CLAY	RYAN	E	O2	1STLT	POKORNEY	FREDERICK	E
E4	HM3	CORDOVAROSA	CARLOS	J	E4	CPL	ROSACKER	RANDAL	K
					E3	LCPL	SLOCUM	THOMAS	J

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KIA:

E3	LCPL	WILLIAMS	MICHAEL	J
E4	CPL	NIXON	PATRICK	R
E2	PFC	BURKETT	TAMARIA	D
E3	LCPL	CLINE JR	DONALD	J
E1	FVT	GIFFORD	JONATHAN	L
E5	SGT	REISS	BRENDON	C
E3	LCPL	HUTCHINGS	NOLAN	R
E4	CPL	CHANAWONGSE	KEMAPHOOM	A
E5	SGT	HODSON	NICOLAS	M
E3	LCPL	ANDERSON	BRIAN	E
W2	CWO2	CHANNEL	ROBERT	W
W2	CWO2	ARNOLD	ANDREW	T

SECTION THREE
CHRONOLOGICAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT ENVENTS
JANUARY - JUNE 2003

JANUARY

- 2 Received warning order to be ready to deploy as Regimental Combat Team Two. To deploy 16 Jan, plus or minus 7 days.
- 5 Advance parties depart for Norfolk to board shipping
- 12-15 Conducted on-load of 7 ship Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) across Onslow Beach
- 16 ARG set sail, east bound
- 23 Smallpox vaccines begin. ARG is treated as a floating quarentine until all person complete their shots and the innoculation period is completed. (est. 15 Feb)
- 26 Super Bowl Sunday held on the hangar decks of the ships
- 28 ARG transits the Straits of Gibraltar
- 30 Djibouti advance party departs

FEBRUARY

- 4 Transit of Suez Canal
- 7 Insert teams for Djibouti exercise
- 8 Djibouti exercise complete and all personnel return to shipping
- 13 Transit Straits of Hormuz
- 14 Kuwaiti Naval Base (KNB) advance party departs
- 15
- Off-load begins. All personnel and equipment is off-loaded at KNB and moved by air and surface to Camps Shoup (RCT-2) and Ryan (Tarawa)
- 18 Ship augments are returned to units
- 23 Leaders Recon fo TAA Hawkins. LAR conducted TOW firing practice.
- 27-28 Black bottom ships arrive with remaining gear and personnel. Movement to Shoup is completed.

MARCH

- All units conduct maneuver training, small arms training, vehicle mobility training, CAS is conducted at Udairi Range to work Type I, II, III CAS procedures.
- 1-12
- 3 Commander's helo recon of TAA Hawkins
- 8 TOW and Javilin shoots conducted. Ground and helo MEDEVAC/CASEVAC drill conducted
- 11 Civilian media teams arrive at the RCT-2 HQ
- 12 Javilin shoot.
- 13 TOW and Javilin shoots conducted. RCT-2 maintenance day.
- 15-17 TACP shoot at Udairi range. All units recalled from field training and ordered to return to Shoup. No further overnight training is authorized, on daily training.
- 19 Quartering party to TAA Hawkins departs.
- RCT-2 moves to TAA Hawkins. Convoy ops are conducted between 0600c - 2330c. Missiles and ATACAM fill the night sky.
- 20
- 21 0400z TAC CP moved to Kuwaiti berm to control breaching movement.

0810z LAR through the breach via lane 3.

1602z Breach is completed as TAC and Main CP's join.

1810z D/O mission is briefed by OpsO. All units be prepared to move to An Nasiriyah by 0400z

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0100z Received intel update: All east and west bridges in An Nasiriyah are secure. Chem Ali is in command of central Iraq and has been authorized to use CW. Southern Iraqi units have surrendered or capitulated.

0800z RCT-2 is ordered to move north to Jalibah and continue to An Nasiriyah.

2110z TAC CP, LAR and 3/2 move along route 1 to join up with Army for RIP of An Nasiriyah. Army had avoided An Nasiriyah, secured Talil air base and left An Nasiriyah unsecure.

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Vehicle crash between 3/2 and Army kills one and wounds three they are Air EVAC'd south.

0340z 1/2 receives enemy mortar fire in their position south on An Nasiriyah. 1/10 responds.

1000z 1/2 reports southern bridge taken and they are moving north. Oil field is burning, numerous enemy in city and enroute.

1008z 1/2 reports three tanks stuck in mud south of bridge. CAS on station being controlled by FACs.

1135z 1/2 reports 50 WIA and 7 KIA. CASEVAC enroute.

1340z RCT-2 orders all units south of An Nasiriyah to build strong points for the night. Units begin to collect EPW's

1344z 3/2 is ordered upto take 2/8's position. 2/8 is ordered up to take southern bridges from 1/2 and 1/2 to consolidate IVO northern bridge.

1545z 1/2 reports "snow storm" and 3/2 report enemy contact.

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0422z 2/8 reports finding a dog tag (Killeen EA, [REDACTED]). Passed to S-1 for ID

0541z EPW wearing a US Army t-shirt. S-2 and HET to investigate.

0659z 1/2 engages dismounted infantry NE and NW of position. Enemy is using civilian taxis, buses, and trucks as transports and armed vehicles.

0902z "code red" approved. Ground and Air emergency resupply is sent to 1/2.

1142z first units of 1st MarDiv commences forward passage of lines under "code red" cover.

1325z 2/8 reports being engaged by enemy direct fire.

1635z main takes control of the fight. TAC CP moves to join main.

10th Marines controls fires for battery G, Royal Horse Bn, 6th Para Regiment (UK)

Then conducted raids to destroy enemy weapons caches. Destroyed AAA guns, trucks, AK47's and 82mm mortars

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Artillery engaged five D-30 batteries, two type 59-1 batteries, an ammunition dump with four D-30 artillery tubes, a refueling point with APCs and trucks, a convoy with infantry, a BM-21, and four "red rain" missions. Estimated destruction: 44 artillery tubes, 25 vehicles, 400 enemy

1/10 fired a "Batallion 10 rounds" of DPICM at an enemy assembly area near the railroad yards south of An Nairiyah.

1/10 fired danger close missions ISO 2/8, C/2dLAR, and RCT-2 HQ. These missions helped stop an enemy counter attack that was oriented south of the city.

A/2d CEB with elements from 2/8 and C/2dLAR conducted a demolition raid near An Nas Hospital and a simultaneous raid to build an obstacle and crater to block the hwy 7/8 intersection. During the obstacle raid, Iraqi

Task force Rex was created to secure the route one bridge west of An Nasiriyah.

C/2dLAR dropped seven 1,000 pound JDAM's on a known Ba'ath Headquarters

APRIL

1 C/1/10, C/2LAR, 8th Tanks provides diversionary air and ground attacks ISO of TF 20's (SOF) rescue of PFC Jessica Lynch, US Army.

2 0300z TAC CP begins move north to Ad Diwanyah with LAR, 3/2, and 1/10(-). Main continues to control An Nasiriyah.

3 0300z RIP with elements of 1st MarDiv. RCT-2 TAC has control of Ad Diwanyah.

1016z Main CP, with remaining units, on the move to join TAC CP in Ad Diwanyah

4 0152z 3/2 and 2/8 conduct a RIP. 3/2 begins move to airfield IVO An Numiniyah

0740z NBC and HET investigate a possible CW site

1550z TF Tarawa orders 2/8 to block north of Ad Diwanyah as ODA conducts a clearing op of the city.

5 0742z TAC CP moves to ALOC pos.

1019z 2/8 report location of a mine field.

6 0450z 1/2 moves into LAR AOR and conducts a RIP

7 0100z RCT-2 receives and issues displacement FRAGO to all units.

1200z RCT-2 TAC CP arrives at 24 MEU HQ IVO Qa'lat sukkar airfield.

1700z RCT-2 briefs mission to attached units. (1/2, 1/10, LAR, CEB, CSSB 18, TAC, ALOC, 2/2(-)(+) with Fox Btry.

8 0230z LAR leads movement to Obj 1 & 2.

0605z LAR reports RCT Obj 1 secure. (Bridge area)

0916z LAR reports RCT Obj 2 secure

1218z 2/2 reports TFT Obj 2 secure (airfield)

2300z follow-on mission for 9th and BPT missions for 10th and 11th are briefed.

9 0301z LAR and Tanks move toward Obj. Air support canx'd by TFT

2/2 detached by TFT and attached to TFT for follow on missions.

0800z LAR reports mission complete

1730z All units returned to secured area IVO of Air field

10 All units conduct a maintenance day. Parts are minimal, only what units brought as PEB.

11 0425z RCT reports displacement for Al Kut Mission, to TF Tarawa continued mission.

1310z RCT TAC CP(+) continues past Al Kut and joins the main IVO An Numaniyah.

20 0625z RCT TAC departs for An Nasiriyah to link up with 2/25 and 15th MEU and 24 MEU IVO Qa'lat Sukkar

1200z RCT-2 TAC CP arrives at 15 MEU HQ, An Nasiriyah
21 A/2d CEB reports OpCon to 2MEB HQ for security operation in vicinity of Al
Kut
22 A live fire range training accident kills two and injuring six Marines from
1/10.
25 RCT-2 begins transitional operations from Phase III to Phase IV.
30 C/ 2dLAR Secured the An Nasiriyah Central Bank for the transfer of two
billion dinar

MAY

1 Ship ADVON departs
3/2 begins relief in place (RIP) with 2/6 for An Numiniyah. An Nasiriyah
payment plan for local government workers is made. A rolling RIP begins as
2/25 takes over the southern sector of DhiQar Province between Qa'lat
3 Sukkar and An Nasiriyah.
Heavy equipment begins to be move to Shoup for cleaning and embarkation
4 prep.
5 British commander's visit for RIP brief
6 Gen Fry visits for RIP brief
8 Tactical CP Moves to Whitehorse.
9 Main CP departs for Camp Shoup.
The last of 3/2 flies from Al Kut to Shoup for follow on the KNB and
10 ultimately shipping.
2/8 completes RIP in Al Kut and flies to Shoup for follow on the KNB and
11 ultimately shipping.
12 The last of RCT-2 exits Iraq and returns to Camp Shoup, KNB and shipping.
Embarkation is completed. RCT-2 personnel and equipment are aboard
15 shipping.
16 ARG depart Kuwaiti territorial waters
Remaining of RCT-2 black bottom ships are loaded. Camp Shoup is closed. 17
Marines from RCT-2 remain in theater ISO 2/25 as drivers until 01 September
17 2003. CONUS ADVON departs for Camp Lejeune, NC
20 RCT-2 conducts a battle debrief with unit commanders.
22 Transit of Straits of Hormuz
25 BAT steel beach party

JUNE

7-10 Liberty call in Lisben, portiguel
22-24 Off-load shipping at Morehead City and Onslow beach
25-27 Inventory equipment and complete medical screening
27 post deployment leave period begins.

SECTION FOUR

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

- Item # 1 Collection of Operations Orders, Logbooks, and supporting documentation (classified: Secret and held in 2d Marines vault)
- Item # 2 Group Photo of RCT-2 Staff, An Numiniyah, Iraq, April 2003
- Item # 3 CD of articles collect by USS Bataan Command Master Chief
- Item # 4 Operation Iraqi Freedom Magazine
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