2d Stryker Cavalry Regiment

Military History Detachment

OP Dragoon Talon (15 Sept-31 Dec)

Always Ready!
Agenda

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4/1 ID Concept of Operation
THERE WERE 18 SUCCESSFUL ATTACKS ON LN AND 22 SUCCESSFUL ON CF IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST.
Pages 7 through 9 redacted for the following reasons:

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**Assessment:** Highlighted areas contain AQIZ members, meeting locations and safe houses. In Muhalla 836 there are two TWJ member locations in vic. of AQIZ and AJAQ.

**Recommendation:** Areas should be cordoned before conducting clearing operations to hinder ACF from evading CF actions.
SOUTHEAST DOURA:
Assessment – Fighting has begun over the last few weeks between competing Sunni groups, AQIZ and the emerging Al Jurah Al Qaeda (AJAQ). AJAQ is led by Dr. Isma'il Al-Qa'edi, yet the purpose and focus of his group is unknown. If fighting continues between the two groups expect attacks from AQIZ, which were focused on CF, to decrease within the AO as they weigh their effort toward defeating AJAQ. Attacks against CF as a whole will not decrease, as Dr. Isma'il is an imam with a high amount of influence in the area and a heavy anti-CF rhetoric. Sunni elements are continuing to funnel weapons into the area via the Tigris River. Sunni supply lines move north along and up the river from the southern SUNI Belt. A causeway from a canal IVO (GRID) is a likely location for Sunni insurgents to move their supplies out of the river and along the canal banks or small dirt tracks north east toward Baghdad.

Recommendation – 1.4c hindering supply re-enforcement with area greatly reduce opera one capability.

CENTRAL DOURA:
Assessment – Sunni elements are continuing to utilize sewage treatment plant within the area as a means of staging weapons until such time as they forward deploy them to out-lying caches. We take 24-48h for supplies to be distributed from the Sewage treatment plant to out-in smaller caches. 1.4c

1.4c This likely supplies remain in these smaller caches until they are needed for attacks, then they will be moved up into the AO. Expect ACF to visit these caches more than once in the first weeks between attacks. The last snapshot of high activity was taken on 26 August 2007. Another supply RVEs being used by Sunni elements is a small dock station located on the Tigris River. Activity suggests weapons movement between Karadah and Doura. Currently Sunni have a small collection of caches located on the Western side of the river.

Recommendation – CF should focus patrols in/around sewage treatment facility during the hours of 2100-0500z in an attempt to mitigate use of the facility. 1.4c CF within the AO should also focus efforts on the smuggling RTEs again in/are use of the area and hinder further weapon movement into the AO. Suggest further collection of the site utilizing UAV/CGS to fill current intelligence gaps of the area.

NORTHWEST DOURA:
Assessment – Sectarian violence has been very focused in this region based on large Sunni neighborhoods. Shia elements continue to target those populated areas with IDF/DF/EIK in an attempt to push Sunni EN out of the area. Actions directed against CF in this area have been primarily focused in 3 separate locations. Locations include: site focused on CPA 14a south of RTE SENATORS along RTE BUICK, IED focused between RTE IRISH & RTE REDWINGS along RTE SENATORS/PREDATOR and along RTE REDWING between COP AZTEC and RTE PREDATORS. These focuses of attacks against CF are due to limited RTEs within the AO. CF are forced
to travel 3 main RTEs which allows ACF to focus combat power more effectively.

**Recommendation** – CF should continue clear/hold operation within Muhalla 820/822/824/826 to hinder Shia elements from continuing sectarian based attacks within the AO. Once CF stop sectarian based attacks in the northern Muhallas Sunni LN will be more inclined to assist CF in detaining AQIZ members. Suggest CF vary times and RTEs of convoys so as not to allow ACF to adjust to patterns. This step will significantly reduce number of CF casualties within the AO.
The MDCOA reflects an increase in the Sectarian fighting in the Northwest populated area, as well as an increase in fighting between AJAQ and AQIZ over control of LOCs and Cache locations in Southeast Doura.

Additionally, IEDs that have been found and cleared may be an indication of a more developed defensive network put in place to prevent CF from raiding AQIZ caches in the area. There is no reporting to indicate this at this time; however, CF should be prepared for possible DBIEDs and prepared networks.
Changes to Enemy Situation
DOURA EN SITEMP
NEXT 10 DAYS (22 OCT 80)

Ali Assessment

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**Hadar Overview**

**AGI TTIs and Active Targets**

1. **Al Qa'ida**: Al Qa'ida is a terrorist organization with a strong presence in Hadar. They often use suicide bombers and other tactics to弈 engine damage to CARs. Agility is key.

2. **Networks**: The AGI network is complex and highly organized. They operate in various locations across the region.

3. **Estonia**: Estonia is a key location for AGI operations due to its strategic location.

**Recommendations**

1. Increase TTPs and target AGI activities to disrupt operations.
2. Enhance intelligence sharing among coalition partners.
3. Mobilize local communities to report suspicious activities.
4. Gather intelligence on AGI leaders and key personnel.

**Assessment**

- **AGI** is attempting to join ISF groups and integrate their operations. They will use human intelligence to plan attacks on key targets.

- AGI leaders and members are planning attacks, and efforts are needed to disrupt these plans.

- **AGI** continues to pose a significant threat to Hadar and the surrounding area.
Mission and Commander’s Intent
MISSION

2SCR(-) conducts full spectrum COIN operations focused on the destruction of AQIZ in TOA Dragoon from 13 SEP – 15 OCT to enable 2nd Squadron to control AO Cougar (formerly TOA Dragoon) after 15 OCT.
COMMANDER'S INTENT

PURPOSE: To enable 2-2 SCR to assume control of AO Cougar after the Regiment(-) has to displace into another BCT's OE on 15 OCT. To achieve this end, we will use 3-2 SCR as an above-ground force focused on the destruction of AQIZ and a subsequent area reconnaissance in the eastern TOA to provide a more accurate enemy template for prosecution. Simultaneously, 2-2 SCR will focus on the establishment and maintenance of its COPs and the development of relationships that will allow it to pursue reconciliation and a transfer of security responsibilities to the ISF and ISV.

KEY TASKS:
- Establish COP Cougar/JSS to deny enemy FOM VIC Saha
- Destroy AQIZ vic M834 and M838 to prevent AQIZ influence on the population in East Rashid
- Secure route Red Wings to protect CF FOM
- Conduct reconciliation to enable the population to begin the transition to self-security
- Monitor gas stations in TOA Dragoon to prevent JAM influence in gas sales
- Execute coordinated BHO from 3-2 SCR to 2-2 SCR to prevent enemy re-seeding and subsequent ability to influence populace

ENDSTATE: AQIZ is incapable of conducting sustained operations in TOA Dragoon and has a significantly reduced influence on the populace; 3-2 SCR is deployed to Khadamiya for follow-on operations and 2-2 SCR is prepared to assume control of AO Cougar and conduct effective COIN operations. AO Cougar is secure and CF FOM preserved
### Concept of the Operations Phase 1 (14-26 Sep 07)

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<td>Occupies COP, establishes COIN, and Blackfoot. Prevents AQIJAM from engaging in TOA Dragoon.</td>
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**3Q SCR (S)***

3Q conducts point raids and begins detailed searches of OBU Hadar/TOA Wolf Pack. Destroys AQI on OBU Hadar. Prevents AQI from using Hadar as a safe haven.
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**Recommendation:** Areas should be cordoned before conducting clearing operations to hinder ACF from evading CF actions.
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<td>P: To reconcile and recruit ISV volunteers.</td>
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<td>T: BPT monitor 2 gas station in TOA.</td>
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<td>P: Prevent AQI access to block market gasoline and money.</td>
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<td>P: Influence security and support COIN operations.</td>
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<td>T: Conduct recon E of CBU Harar.</td>
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<td>P: Identify actionable intelligence.</td>
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<td>T: Conduct Focused Clearing YC CBU Harar.</td>
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<td>P: Prevent AQI from using MLFR as a support zone.</td>
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Phase 3
2/2 SCR (60)
3/2 continues to improve COP
Cougar/JEDS, IDs and begins to stand up
ISVs and monitors
gas stations.

3/2 SCR (50)
3/2 conducts re-
visitation raids and
begins transitioning
targets to 2/2. BFT
clear the waste water
treatment plant.
T: Conducts re-
visitation raids to
destroy AQI.
P: Prevent AQI from
using Hadib as a safe
heaven.
Concept of the Operation
FRAGO 5
Concept of the Operation
FRAGO 8
Dragoon Talon
Phase 1: Isolation and clearing of populated Muhallas

2-2 SCR
- Conduct Full Spectrum COIN
- Coins in COA Cougar
- Prevent AQLI/re-emergence or influence on the populated Muhallas

3-2 SCR
- Conduct Full Spectrum COIN
- Coins in COA Vichy Pack
- Prevent AQLI/re-emergence or influence on the populated Muhallas

Phase 1
Began with Operation Dragon Talon on 13 SEP 07 with 3-2 SCR clearing GBJ Hadar. 3-2 completes clearing COA Wolf Pack. 2-2 SCR continues SOI engagements and retains COA Cougar. Critical for 2-2 SCR is the reconciliation effort in Abu T Shir, to preserve CF FOM and credibility in those Muhallas. This phase ends when GBJ Hadar (M385, 834, 832, 830) is cleared. COA 15 Nov 07.
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#### Phase 2: Isolation and clearing of AQIZ Support Zone

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<td>T: Interdict AQIZ LOCs between AJ and the populated mudhallas in COA Dragun, to include ground LOCs through the Five Farms area and all possible river crossing operations NLT 30 Nov 07</td>
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<td>P: Prevent AQIZ FOM and corresponding ability to conduct operations in Rakkad</td>
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<td>T: Begin disruption operations of the Five Farms area NLT 22 Nov</td>
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<td>P: Prevent AQIZ FOM and use of their support zone</td>
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<td>T: Secure engineers during employment of the T-wall barrier along 8306/8506</td>
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<td>P: Prevent ACF harassment or interdiction. Ensure the wall is emplaced event and orderly to prevent an ordered appearance, unlike the Safwan wall</td>
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**Phase 2**  
Begins with 3-2 SCR disrupting AQIZ in their support zone (QSMI to Hadar becomes COA Wolfpack by conducting disruption operations in the Five Farms area. 5-2 SCR interdicts all AQIZ LOCs from Aj and from the eastern side of the Tigris. This phase ends with all LOCs interdicted and AQIZ in the Five Farms area disrupted. 1.4a
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## Phase 3: Establishment of permanent ISF and CLC Security

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<td>T: Reconcile with JAM elements in Abu Tahir P: Allow safe ODF access to that population and subsequent improvement of Abu Tahir neighborhood T: Assist in the pertaining and employment of ISF P: Deny JAM expansion into some neighborhoods in COA Dragoon T: Secure routes in COA Cougar P: Support ODF FOM and to deny AQIZ FOM T: Plan and coordinate the recruitment and emplacement of CLC on RTE Redwings P: Preserve ODF FOM and restrict AIF FOM T: Plan and coordinate the recruit and emplacement of Critical Infrastructure Security (CIS) guards P: Secure the KWWT and subsequent support of clearing ops</td>
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### 3-2 SCR

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<td>T: Conduct revisitation raids P: Prevent AQIZ from re-establishing caches or operations within CCA Wolf Pack</td>
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T: Conduct Route Clearance on selected routes P: Deny the enemy the use of EOD/EDPs against CF vehicles
Dragoon Talon
Phase 4: CF transition to tactical overwatch

2.2 SGR
T: Set conditions (ISF/ISV are capable of self-sustained security operations throughout the COA)
P: Transition to tactical overwatch to support ISF/GOI credibility
T: BFT rapidly assume responsibility at COA Dragon with current task organization
P: Should MNC-I employ the OPPRES

3.2 SGR
T: Set conditions (ISF/ISV are capable of self-sustained security operations throughout the COA)
P: Transition to tactical overwatch to support ISF/GOI credibility

Phase 4
Begins when the ISF and ISV are securing COA Dragon. 2-2 retains COA Cougar and assumes a tactical overwatch posture. 3-2 retains COA Wolf Pack and assumes a tactical overwatch posture and prepares to displace elsewhere in the MNC-I OEs for follow-on operations. This phase ends when 2-2 SCR displaces elsewhere in the MNC-I OEs for follow-on operations.
Concept of the Operation
FRAGO 10
**Dragoon Talon**

**Phase 1: Setting the Conditions for handover**

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### 2-2 SCR
- Conduct Full Spectrum COIN
- Ops in COA Cougar
- Create a secure and stable Environment

### 3-2 SCR
- Consolidate all Lethal and Non-Lethal targets NLT 7 DEC 07
- Support the battle handover to 2-2 SCR

**Phase 1: Setting the conditions for handover**

This phase begins on receipt of this order. 3-2 SCR consolidates all their Lethal Target folders and Non-Lethal Target folders and proceeds. This phase ends on 26 NOV 07 when preparation is complete.
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Phase 2: Relief in Place

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2-2 SCR
- Conduct Relief in Place of COA Wolf Pack on 05 1200 DEC 07
- Enable 2-2 SCR to control TOA Cougar (formerly COA Dragon)

3-2 SCR
- Conduct Relief in Place of COA Wolf Pack on 05 1200 DEC 07
- Enable 3-2 SCR to control TOA Cougar (formerly COA Dragon) upon the OPRES reassignment within MNC-I

Phase 2: Relief in Place
This phase begins on 29 NOV 07. 3-2 SCR begins a methodical hand-over of Company AO’s to 2-2 SCR. 2-2 SCR receives the Lethal and Non-Lethal packets for that Company AO and assumes responsibility for the security of that AO. On 29 NOV 07 DEC 07, Ghost Co AO is handed over to 2-2 DEC 07, Hawk Co AO is handed over. This phase ends on 5 DEC 07 with the transfer of authority from 3-2 SCR to 2-2 SCR.
Intel Rollup
**Statistics / Way Ahead:**
- AQI and JAM SG Attacks have decreased by 82%.
- LN's and SOI's are cooperating with CF and
  
- CIS checkpoints and IANP patrols to protect populace, SOIs, businesses, mosques and schools.
- Target AQI and JAM SG activities in AO to disrupt their ability to influence the populace.
## IED Activity in COA Dragoon

### IED Statistics
(15 Sep – Present)

- **Found:**
  - EFPs: 11, 46%
  - Other IEDs: 207, 51%
  - RCT IEDs: 116, 52%

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# Dragoon’s BDA and Operational Roll-up

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Lessons Learned
Operational Lessons Learned

- Strykers go everywhere
- EOF – Maintain SA and know the probable threat
- Tailgate CMO – be deliberate
Operational Lessons Learned

- Dominate your battlespace – be curious

- Run IEDs to ground to get left of the blast

- Know your environment – what constitutes hostile intent?
  - Cell phone use?
  - Pigeon-skipping?
  - Digging?