



Operation Iraqi Freedom I and II

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Operation Iraqi Freedom I



- Deployment to Kuwait (Camp Ripper)
- Task Organized into TF 3-4
 - Team Mech (Co K)
 - Team Tank
 - Mech Co (I Co)
 - 81s/CAAT (GS of TF)

Lima Co attached to TF Tank (1st Tank Bn)

“Mechanized Attack Basra to Baghdad”



OIF I (2003)



Basra

Hwy 1

Ad Diwanyia

Afak

Al Kut

Azza Faryniah

Baghdad





OIF II (2004)



- Okinawa UDP
- Camp Schwab Pre-Deployment (SASO)
- Haditha
- COIN/SASO
- Fallujah
- April & June (direct combat operations)



OIF II War Story



On this date **Corporal Amaya** performed his duties in the highest traditions of the Marine Corps. Company K was engaged in fierce house-to-house fighting while clearing the city of Fallujah, Iraq. When the company's momentum was stalled by a fortified enemy position within a building, his squad was assigned to clear the structure. He maneuvered his squad through enemy fire and personally led the assault. Immediately upon entering the structure, he realized the extensive damage done to the building and continued accurate enemy fire within the building, made the position untenable for the remainder of his entry team. Opting not to seek cover, he simultaneously moved back into the kill zone presented by the entry way and physically shoved the second Marine of the entry team out of the kill zone while ordering the team to abort the entry. During this selfless act, he was mortally wounded by enemy fire. His complete disregard for his own personal safety saved the lives of the remainder of his squad. By his zealous initiative, courageous actions, and exceptional dedication to duty, Corporal Amaya gallantly gave his life for his country and reflected great credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service. The Combat Distinguishing Device is authorized.





Operation Iraqi Freedom 2005-2007

1st Lt Joannides

S-3A



January 2005: 3/4 Returns to Fallujah

3/4's aggressively patrols to hunt for
insurgents and weapons following the Al Fajr Offensive





Elections



On January 30, 2005, the Iraqi people chose representatives for the newly-formed 275-member Iraqi National Assembly in legislative elections.

In 3/4's AO, there was not a single incident of violence against the local citizens voting.



The Success of the Hunt:

Biggest Hidden Insurgent Cache
in Iraq discovered by 3/4 during Operation Southern Advance:
19,000 pounds of Munitions





ISF Training



3/4 leads the way by committing themselves to the development of Iraqi Security Forces





The Fourth Deployment





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In September 2006, 3/4 is first battalion to make four trips and covers an area the size of a regimental sized area of operations

The battalion secured the border into Syria denying smuggling operations or weapons and foreign fighters, while enjoying tremendous success in developing and training Iraqi Army and Police forces.

The battalion efforts truly were in the concert with the Marine Corps concepts of fighting...



In the air...





On land...





...and sea (kind of)





Extension and Troop Surge



- In January 2007, the battalion was extended for its deployment as part of the national strategy to surge troops in Iraq
- The surge is considered a success due to insurgent resistance dying out
- In particular, the battalion was acknowledged as a model for its outstanding success in the Al Qaim region by senior military leaders in Iraq



The Fifth Deployment...



The Thundering Third will again lead the way as the first battalion to make five trips.