

# 13th MEU (SOC) / BHRARG Deployment 02-1

## *Fighting the Global War on Terrorism*

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# Preparing For War

- Predeployment Training
- Post September 11<sup>th</sup> review
  - Aircraft mix changes
  - Accelerate training
- Impacts of early deployment

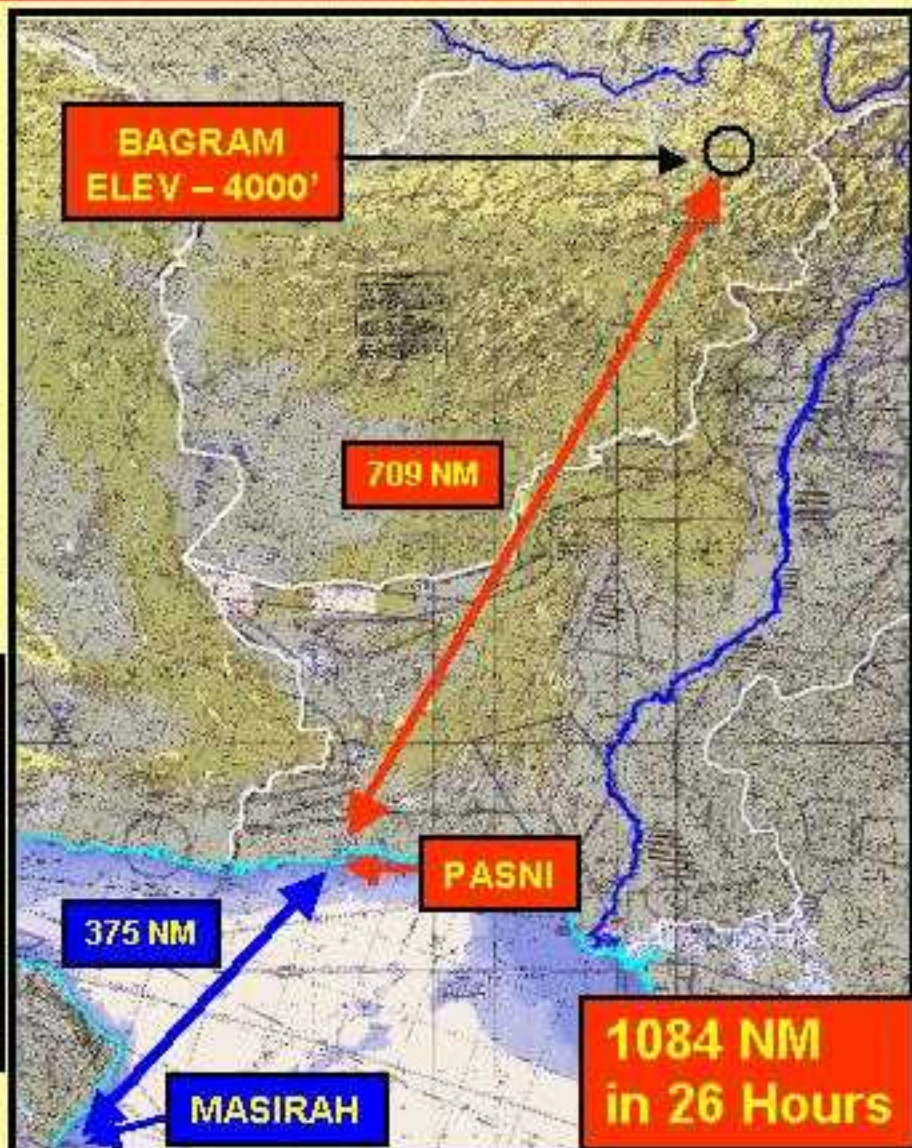




# Operation Anaconda (A Glimpse at OMFTS)



- AH-1W - 217 Sorties
- CH-53E - 181 Sorties
- AV-8B - 79 Sorties
- KC-130 - 303 Sorties

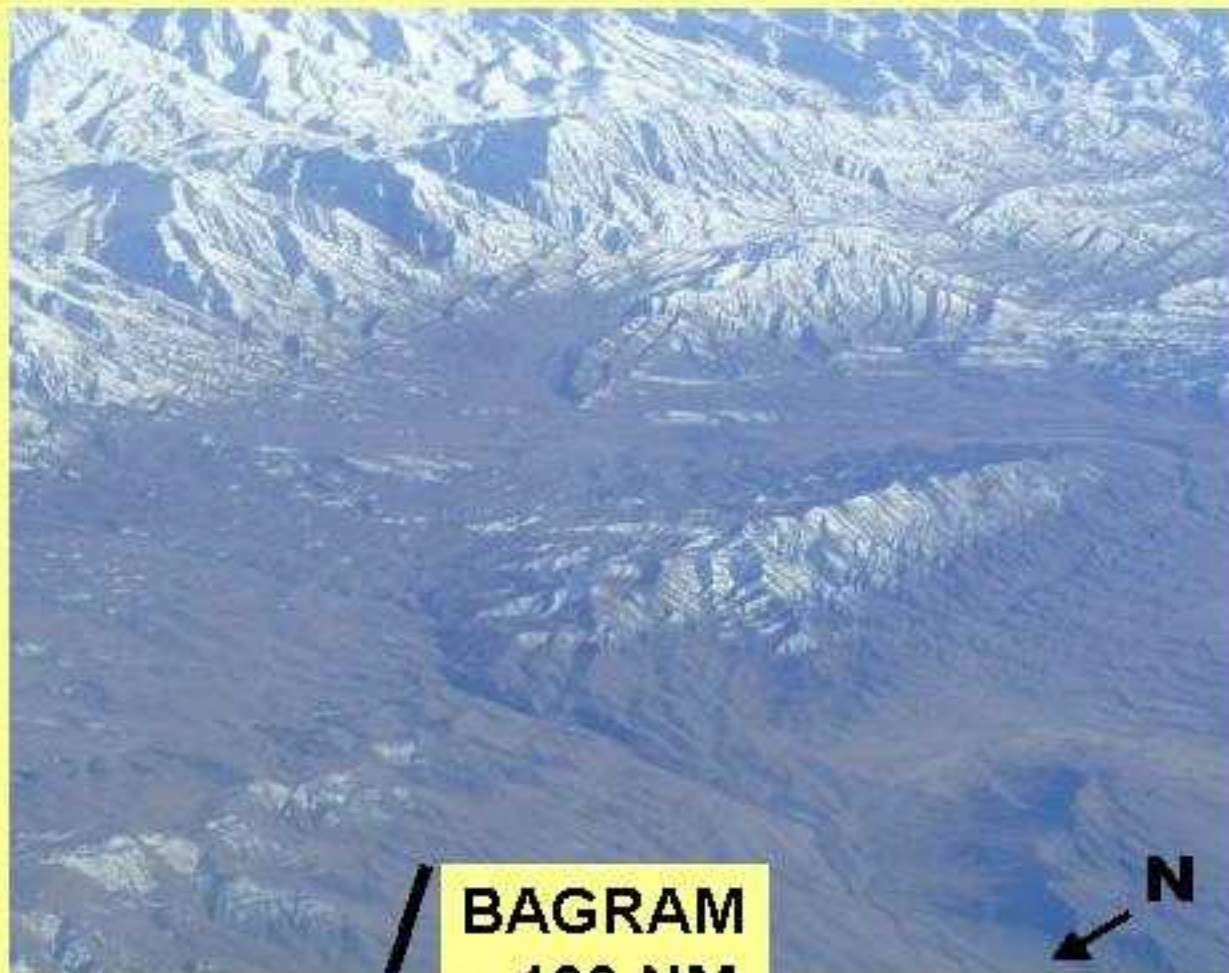




# Anaconda Objective Area



- **Complex Battlespace**
- **Extreme Relief**
- **Weather**
- **Challenging LZs**
- **Fortified positions with heavy air defenses**



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~ 100 NM

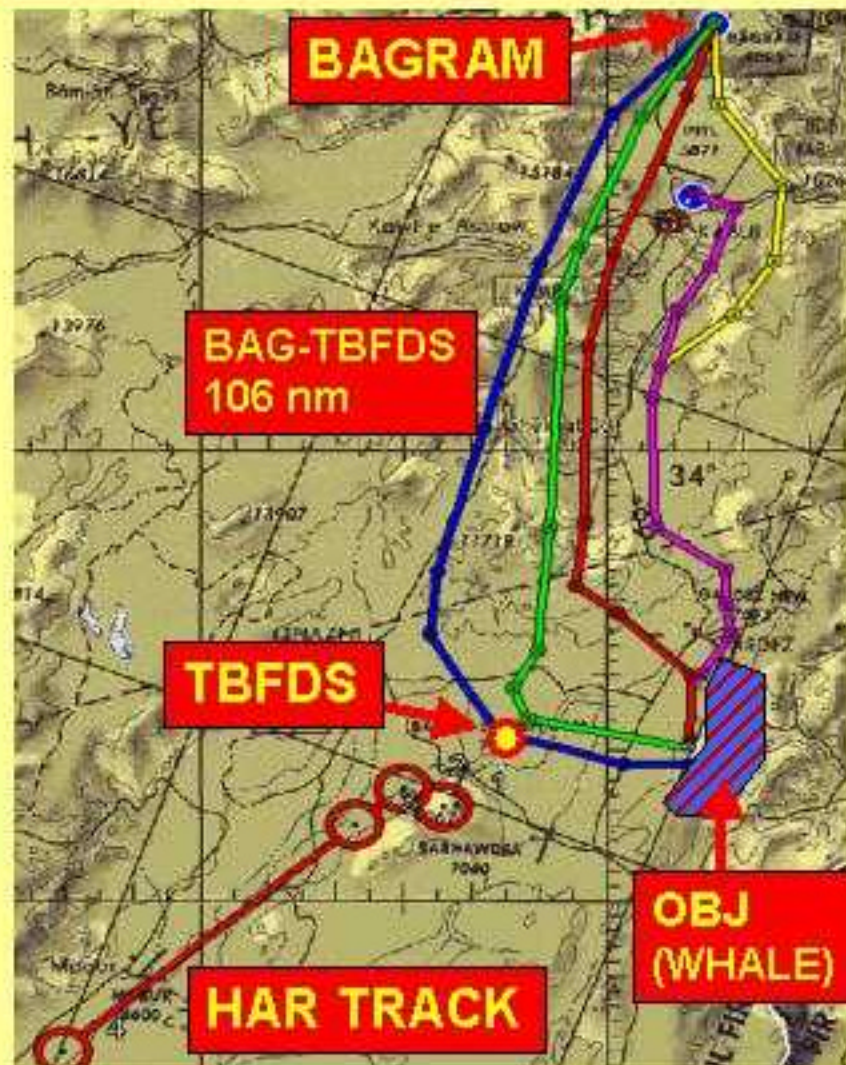
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- Self-contained with own security/ordnance
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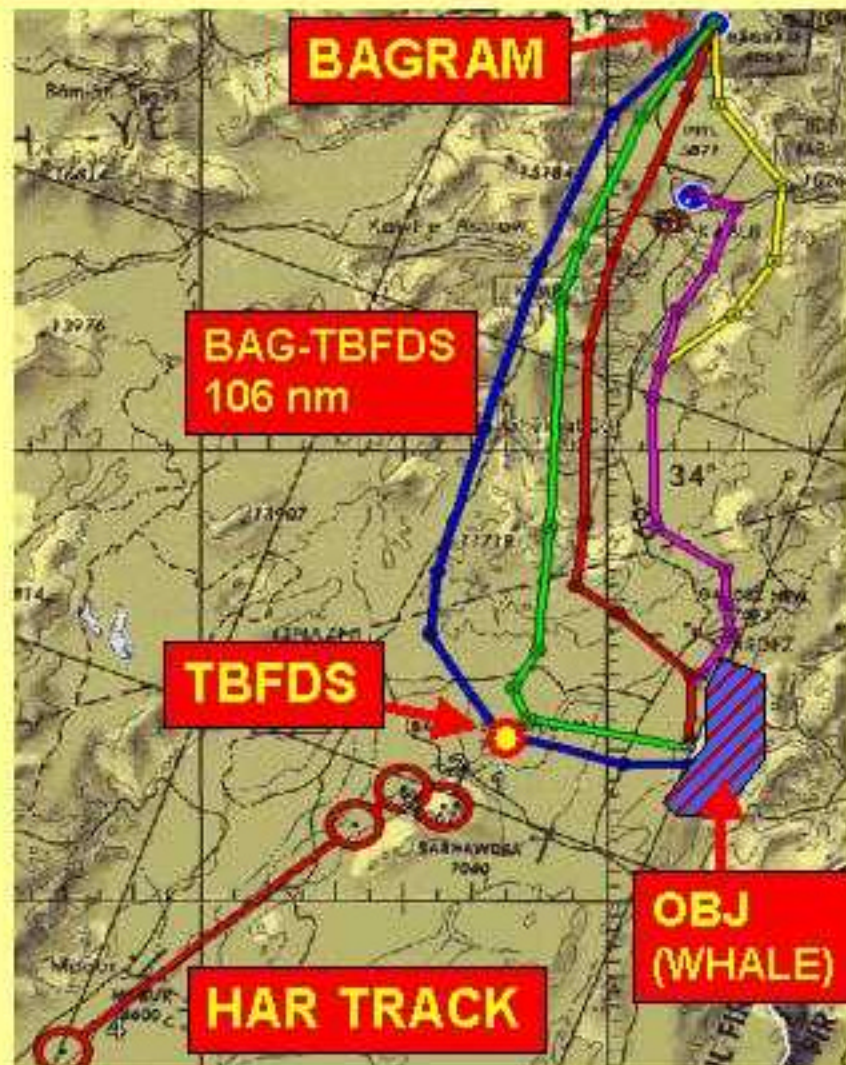




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# Key Aviation Issues

- **KC-130s – A Critical Enabler**
  - Upgrade training, communications, night vision capability
  - Active/Reserve Integration a plus
- **Aircraft Survivability Equipment (ASE)**
  - CH-53E and KC-130 need attention





# Final Observations

