Heavy Task Force
OIF Observations

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Commander, Task Force 1-156 (Geronimo)
Multi-National Division Baghdad
Oct 2004 to Sep 2005
Deployment Timeline

- **CPA Handover**
- **Election 30 Jan 05**
- **AG Fight 2 Apr**
- **RIP 1/3 1-41**
- **RIP 1-87 Re-Deploy**
- **Election 15 Oct**

**Event Timeline:**
- Alert Mob
- MRX Deploy
- RIP 2-14
- CPA Handover
- Election 30 Jan 05
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**Events:**
- **April Battles**
- **Shia Uprising**
- **Fallujah**
- **Katrina**
- **Rita**
- **Mar**
- **May**
- **Aug**
- **Oct**
- **Nov**
- **Jan 2005**
- **Sep**
- **Oct**
Rural AOR

30 km x 30 km
# Combat Action

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Heavy Task Force Observations

- Heavy OPTEMPO/Non-Standard Missions: (Combat/Maintenance Losses)
  - M1A1 = 500-750/wk (1/8=9)
  - M2A2 = 250-500/wk (5/0=5)
  - M113A3 = 500-1000/wk (3/1=4)
  - M1114 = 1200-1500/wk (7/2=9)

- M1A1:
  - Survivability & Intimidation Factor
  - Visibility & Urban Operations Limitations
  - Intense Maintenance Operations
  - Mobility Limitations – Rural & Urban

- M2A2:
  - Most Effective All-Around Platform (Weapons/Sites/Dismounts)
  - Some Mobility Limitations – Rural & Urban
  - Reactive Armor (Transmission Issues)

- M113A3:
  - Adaptability
  - Mobility
  - Bolt On Armor (Ramp Issues)

- Cupolas & Shields
- Air Conditioning
these soldiers did, in the Fall of 2004, present themselves upon the battlefield of Iraq, in defense of their Nation, in defiance of terrorism, and in support of the oppressed Iraqi People. Here they fought, and here they fell. Be it known that these men of honor, having presented themselves thus, have been tested, and found worthy, and henceforth are enrolled into that fraternity of soldiers which the protected will never know. We honor their memory, and celebrate their lives As Patriots, Warriors, and Friends.