



2d Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion



Company C

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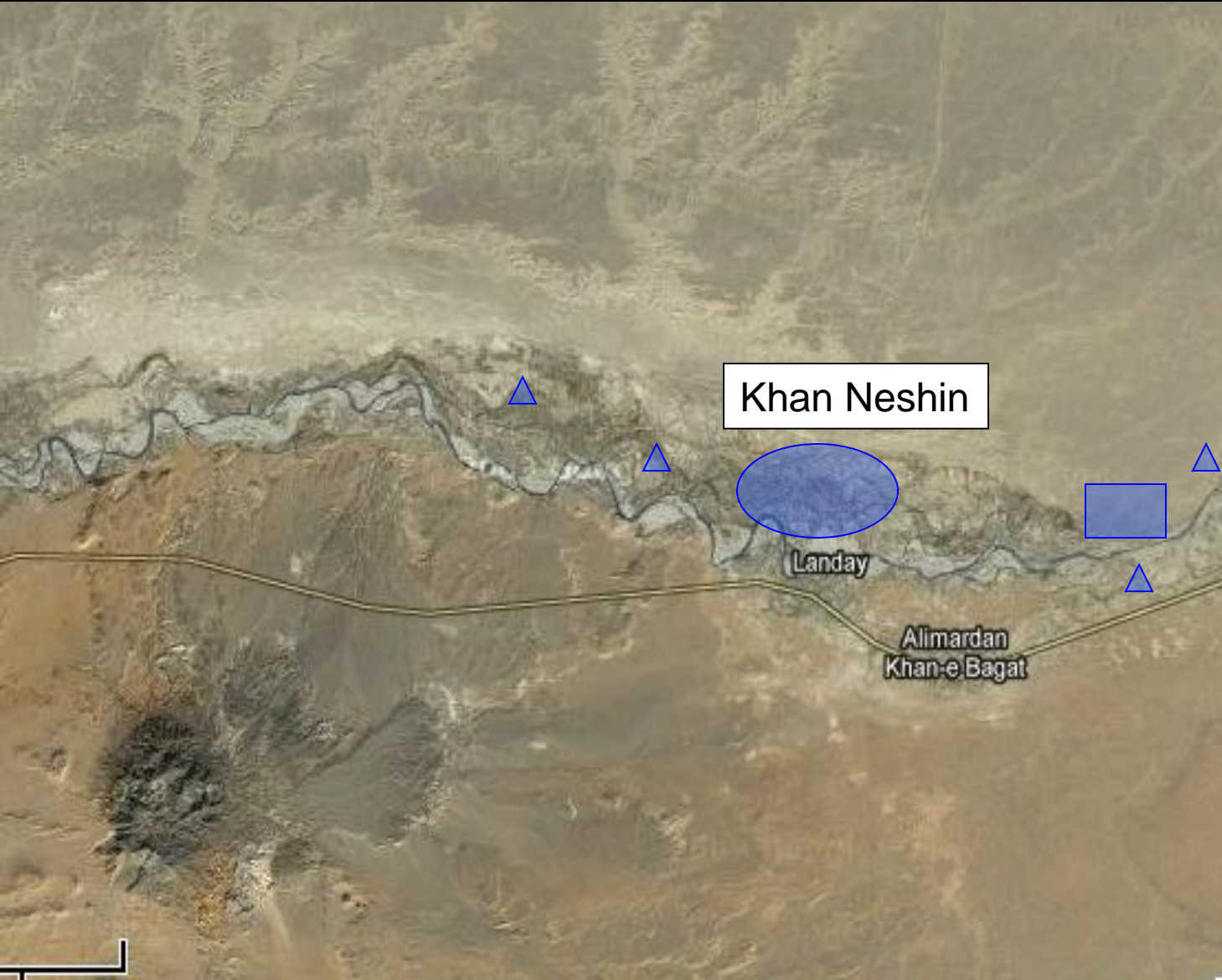


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- Original mission was to seize Khan Neshin, establish GIRoA, and bring security to the area.
- Battlespace of over 14,000 square kilometers.
- Initially seized the District Capital, Khan Neshin Castle.
- Created FOB Payne, and then many smaller COPs for platoons.
- Operations included Security patrols through all the villages; interdiction operations to the north and south side of the river; Civil Affair Missions for the Afghani people.



Light Armored Vehicle Family of Vehicles



LAV-25
(25MM CHAIN GUN)

Mission of an LAR Bn:

To conduct reconnaissance, security and economy of force operations, and, within its capabilities, limited offensive or defensive operations that exploit the unit's mobility and firepower



LAV-AT
(ANTI-TANK)



LAV-M
(MORTAR)



LAV-L
(LOGISTICS)

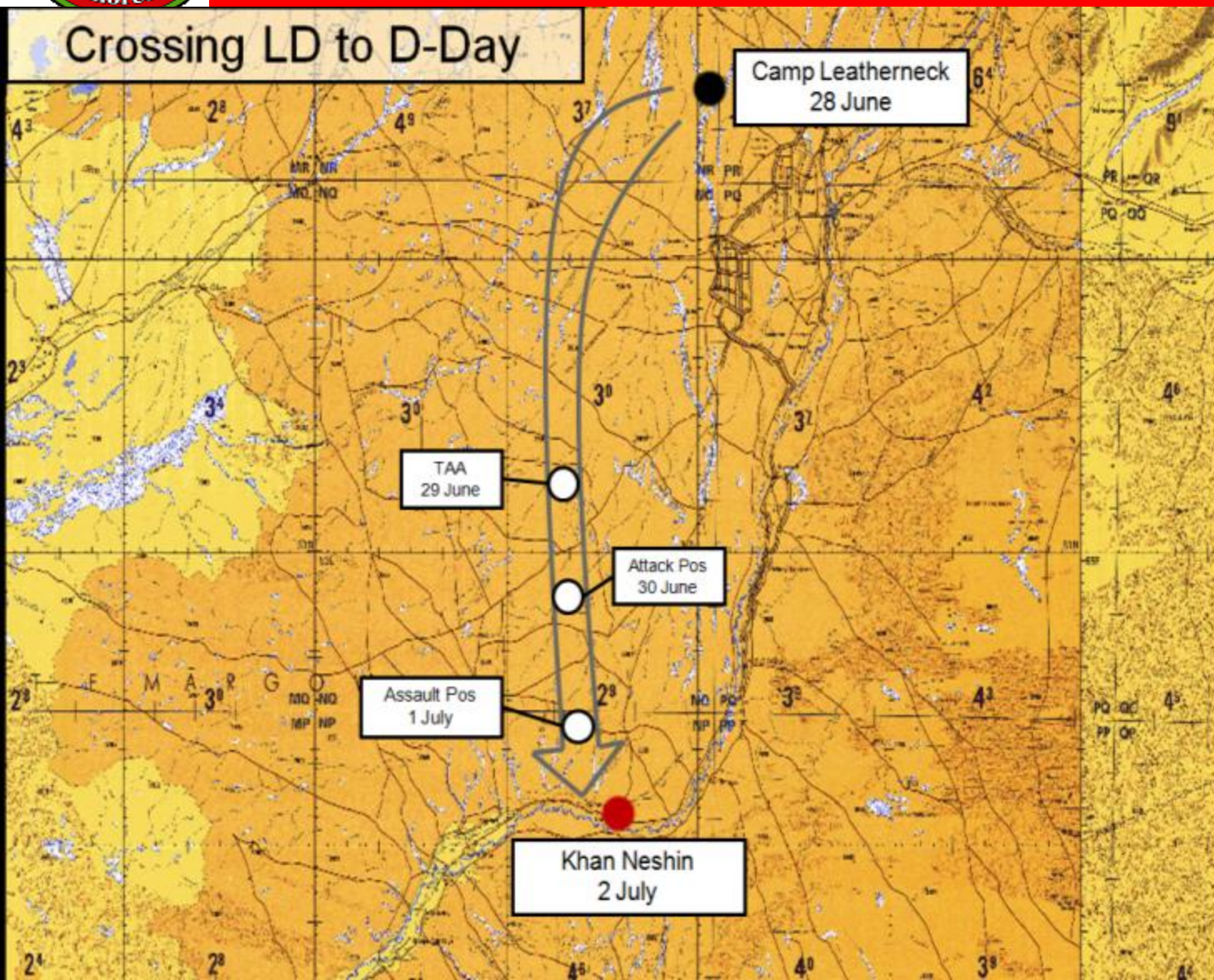


LAV-R
(RECOVERY)



Mobility

Crossing LD to D-Day



Terrain

- Co C crossed LD on 28 Jun. The route decided on would take the company into western Afghanistan, staying away from the Helmand River Valley and the population centers IOT increase the stealth of a whole Bn's movement.
- The terrain became 'unforgiving' through some areas; hard packed dirt to sand dunes that stretched for kilometers.
- All the movement was done at night, while during the day we remained in a defensive position.



Terrain





Swimming

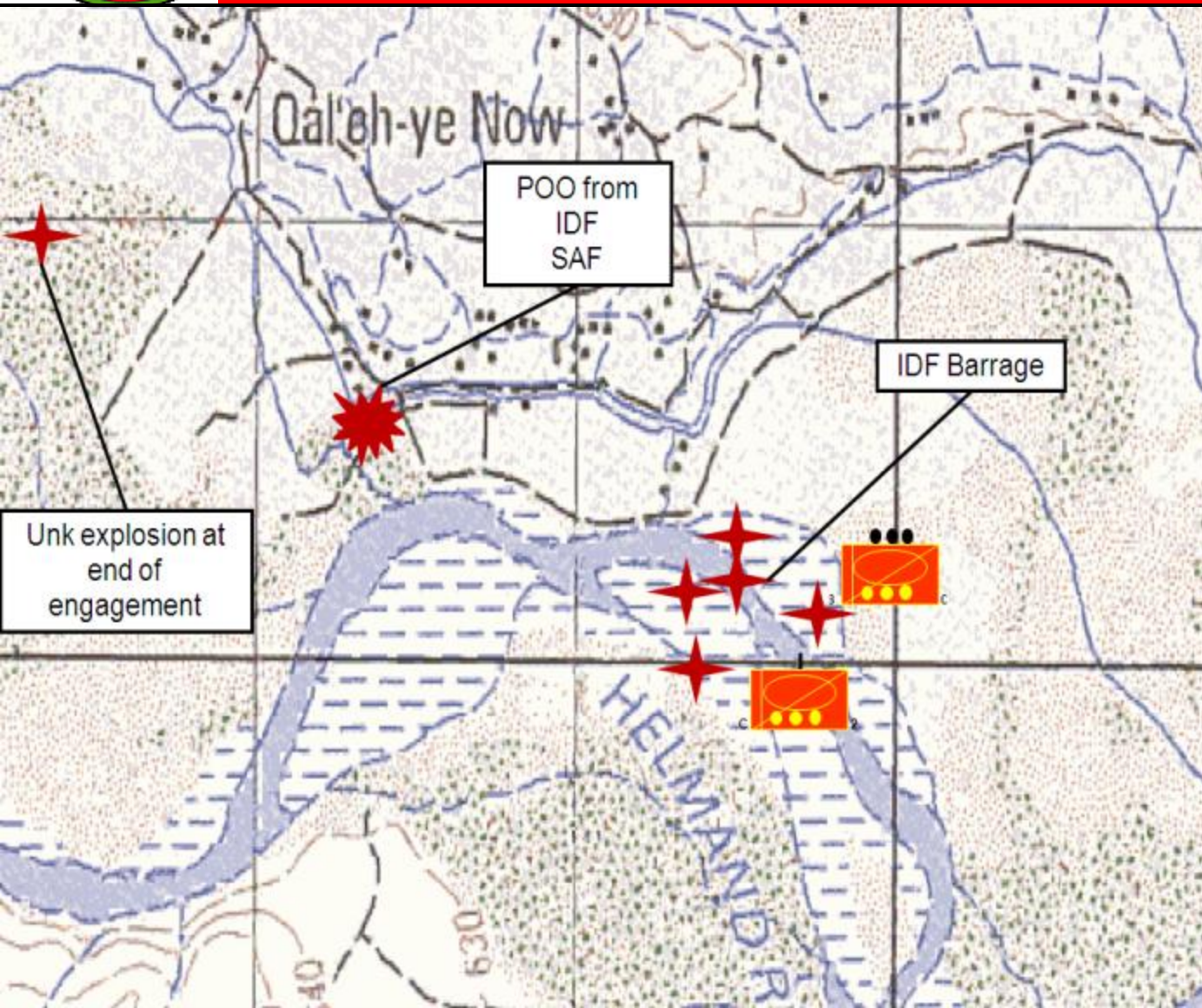


9 Jul 09

- 2d MEB-Afghanistan conducted a coordinated attack along the Helmand River Valley on 2 Jul, where two infantry battalions air assaulted in and 2d LAR made a 150 km night movement through western Afghanistan to seize Khan Neshin.
- Understanding that the Helmand River was a natural obstacle that allowed the enemy freedom of movement south of the river, 2d LAR knew that they could influence the other two battalion's battlespaces because of our ability to SWIM.
- Co C swam the river on 9 Jul, and from that point on, impeded the enemy's ability to maneuver through all of Helmand.



Offensive Action



27 Jul
The company moved through the mountainous terrain of Khan Neshin Gar. 3rd Plt and HQ were exploring the routes to the south of Qual-ye-Now (just west of Khan Neshin) when accurate mortar fire zeroed in on the vehicles. A POO site was identified and a section from 3rd Plt and the two LAV-25s from HQ conducted a combat splash across the river. HQ established a SBF position and allowed 3rd Plt to close distance and dismount scouts. Seven buildings were cleared and 3 men detained. Information from the detainees supported the fact that the enemy didn't realize the capabilities of the vehicles.





IED Strike
Engine side, Front Tire





Suggestions



Gypsy Rack

Tire Pressure





Questions?