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Memorandum For: COMSOCCENT

Subject: After Action Report - Eagle Anvil

Discussion:

1. 1-101st, in conjunction with 20th SOS, conducted a surgical SOF Heliborne Raid on two EW/GCI sites in Iraq commencing at 170238 Jan 91.

2. 1-101st employed 9 ea uniquely configured AH-64's and 1 UH-60 for the conduct of this mission. (Tab 1). On 14 JAN, all aircraft deployed from KFIA through KKMC and into the ISB (Al Jouf), some 725 NM, to prepare for the strike.

3. Prior to H-Hour, the 1-101st conducted several mission training scenarios with the 20th SOS to include 6 night gunnery exercises. This training commenced on 07 Oct 90 and ended on 10 Jan 91. The battalion flew 184 hours for the train up.

4. The targets consisted of two separate EW/GCI sites some 25 NM inside the Iraqi border. Targets consisted of early warning radars and associated communication equipment (see Tab 2). Target analysis was accomplished by AFSOC A-2 personnel using satellite, SYERS (U-2), and RF-4C imagery. Route analysis was also supported by data from the Joint Electronic Warfare Center. The crews were thoroughly prepared for what they encountered. Timeliness of the intelligence, with the last AO analysis at approximately H-12, allowed last minute changes to the route to avoid probable border/observation posts. The AFSOC intelligence personnel truly went the extra mile to support this operation, with current and accurate imagery and intelligence.

5. The engagements on both targets commenced on time, H-22, as each Attack Team fired Hellfire missiles at their primary targets inside a 20 second window. A total of 29 missiles were fired, with 22 hits, 4 misses and 3 bad missiles. Additionally, approximately 100 MPM/Flechette rockets were fired and approximately 4000 rounds of 30 mm. All weapon systems were fully FMC and we experienced no system failures. The misses were caused by two factors, battlefield obscurants and crews conducting dual weapons engagements causing some out of constraints missile launches. However, all primary targets were destroyed simultaneously, at the designated time. (SEE Tab 4)

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6. The success of this vital mission was directly influenced by the extreme level of professionalism and expertise displayed by all participants. Months of hard training culminated in a flawlessly executed mission. Although the moon emitted zero illumination, all crews completed the mission exactly as planned, and returned home safely.

7. 1-101st Avn Regt is proud to be associated with all SOCCENT participants, specifically the 20th SOS. We would like to extend congratulations to your elements and ensure you that we are prepared for our next, joint mission.

8. Expect No Mercy!!!

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5 TABS

- TAB 1 - APACHE CONFIGURATION FOR THE MISSION.
- TAB 2 - TARGET DIAGRAMS...WITH MULTIPLE ENCLOSURES.
- TAB 3 - TF NORMANDY...THE 1-101ST CREWS
- TAB 4 - EAGER ANVIL OPSCHED FOR TF NORMANDY
- TAB 5 - ROUTE DIAGRAM

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4 APPENDICIES

- APP A - MAP OF ROUTE TO EW SITE #2
- APP B - DIAGRAM OF EW SITE #2...TARGET ARRAY
- APP C - MAP OF ROUTE TO EW SITE #4
- APP D - DIAGRAM OF EW SITE #4...TARGET ARRAY