

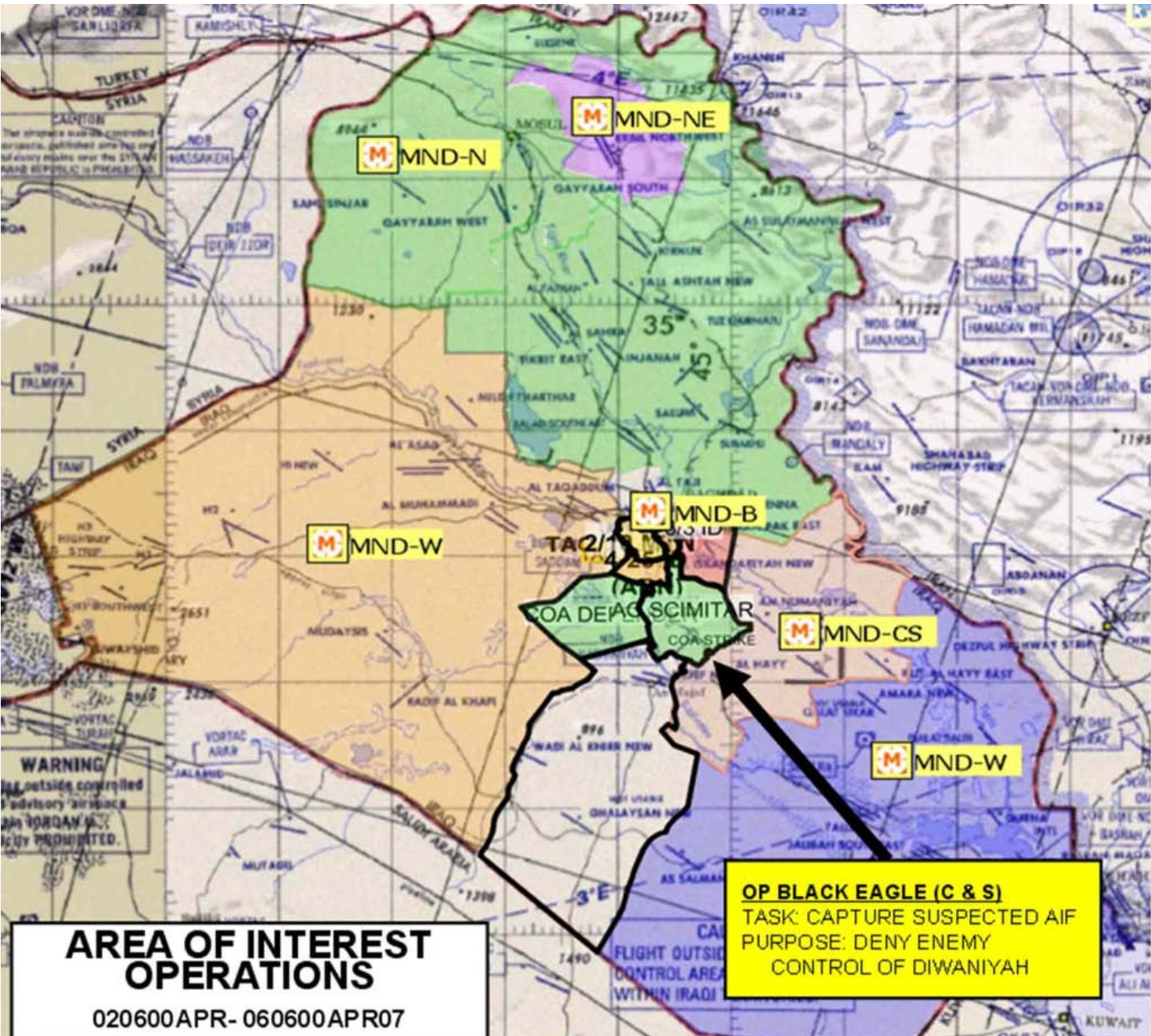
# MULTI NATIONAL DIVISION - CENTER TASK FORCE MARNE



# The Surge

## Petraeus gets lucky

- January 07—Decision to increase troops in Iraq
- Add 5 bdes—2 to Baghdad, 3 to the “belts”—30,000 extra boots on the ground
- Petraeus is the first cmdr to have this luxury—and he uses it wisely
- April 07—Creates a new military region—MND-C—to increase permanent presence

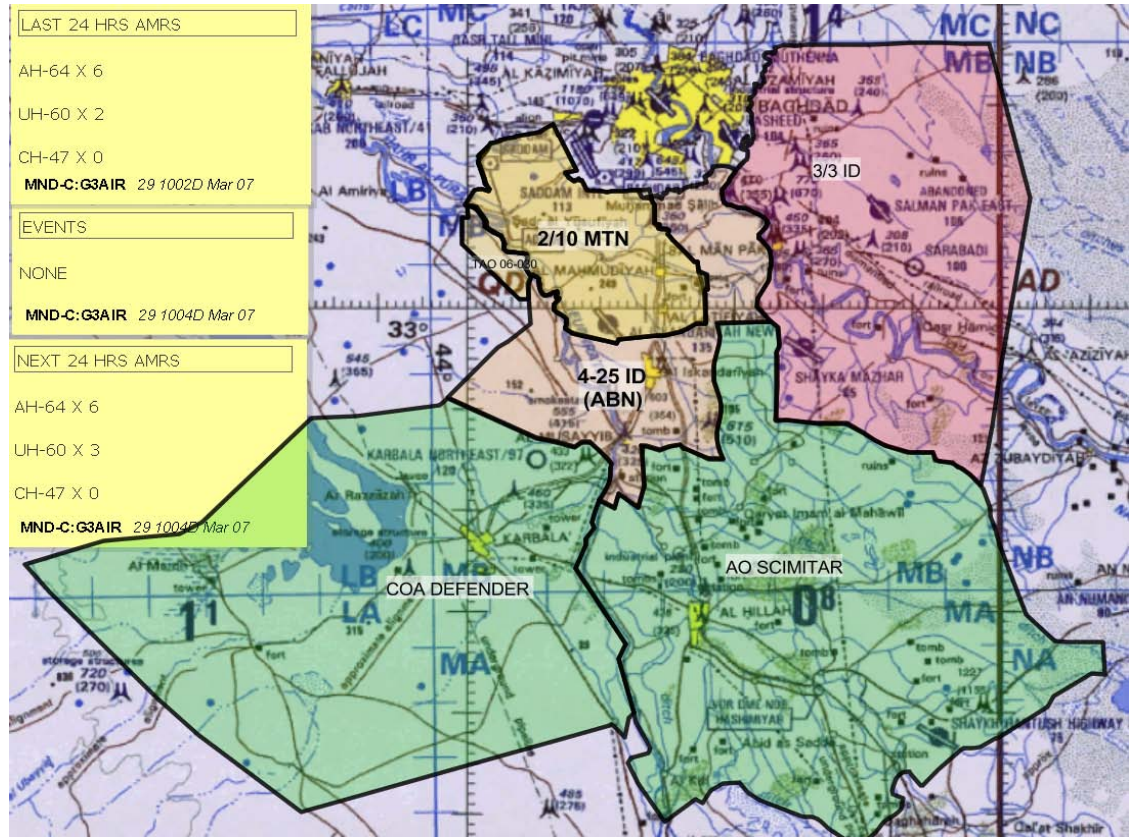


**AREA OF INTEREST OPERATIONS**  
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**OP BLACK EAGLE (C & S)**  
TASK: CAPTURE SUSPECTED AIF  
PURPOSE: DENY ENEMY CONTROL OF DIWANIYAH



- Still a huge AO-40,000 sq km (West Vir)
- Most un-garrisoned, but 14,000 sq km (Maryland) is responsibility of MND-C—but AOs Defender and Scimitar are Iraqi responsibility



# The Boss:

MG Rick Lynch  
CG, 3d Infantry Division,  
TF Marne, and MND-C

Armor officer in command of a  
heavy unit

COIN is no mystery; “kill bad guys”  
or at least push them away—then  
stay to ensure rebuilding

No choice between population-  
centric and enemy-centric COIN



# The Mission

- Halt “accelerants” of violence into Baghdad
- MND-C is one of only two “mixed” AOs—Sunni and Shiite militias
- Maintain permanent presence in former insurgent sanctuaries
- A simple mission—when you more than double troop strength. By July 07 Lynch controlled his battle space

# Permanent Presence—New Bases

- April 07—14 operational bases in MND-C
- August 07—29 bases
- December 07—46 bases
- May 08—56 bases



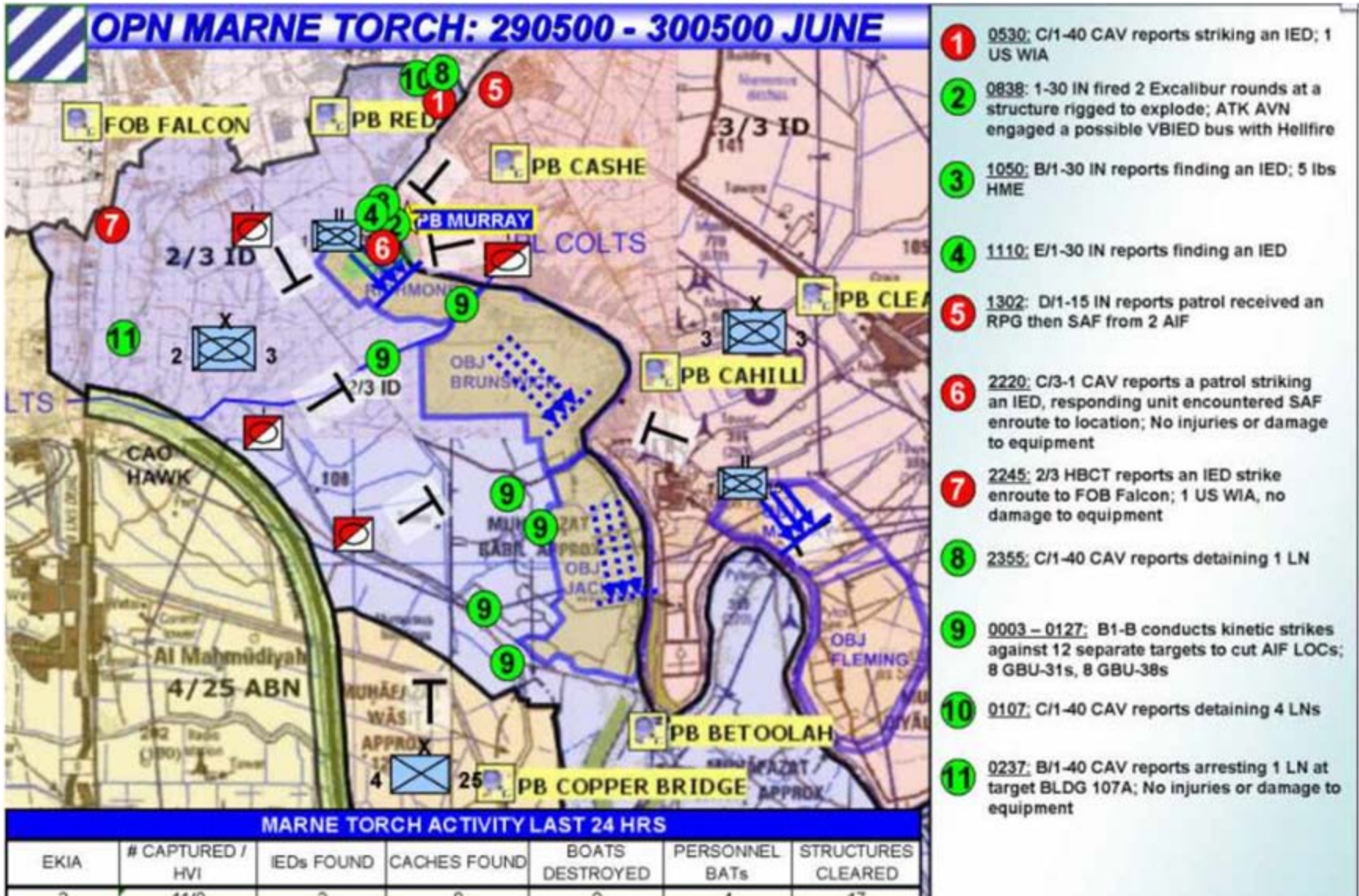


# The Fight

- No “friendly” presence for 2 yrs; AQ prepared ground with IEDs—very slow progress
- Some small arms engagements and indirect fire attacks



# Operation Marne Torch



# MND-C OPERATIONS

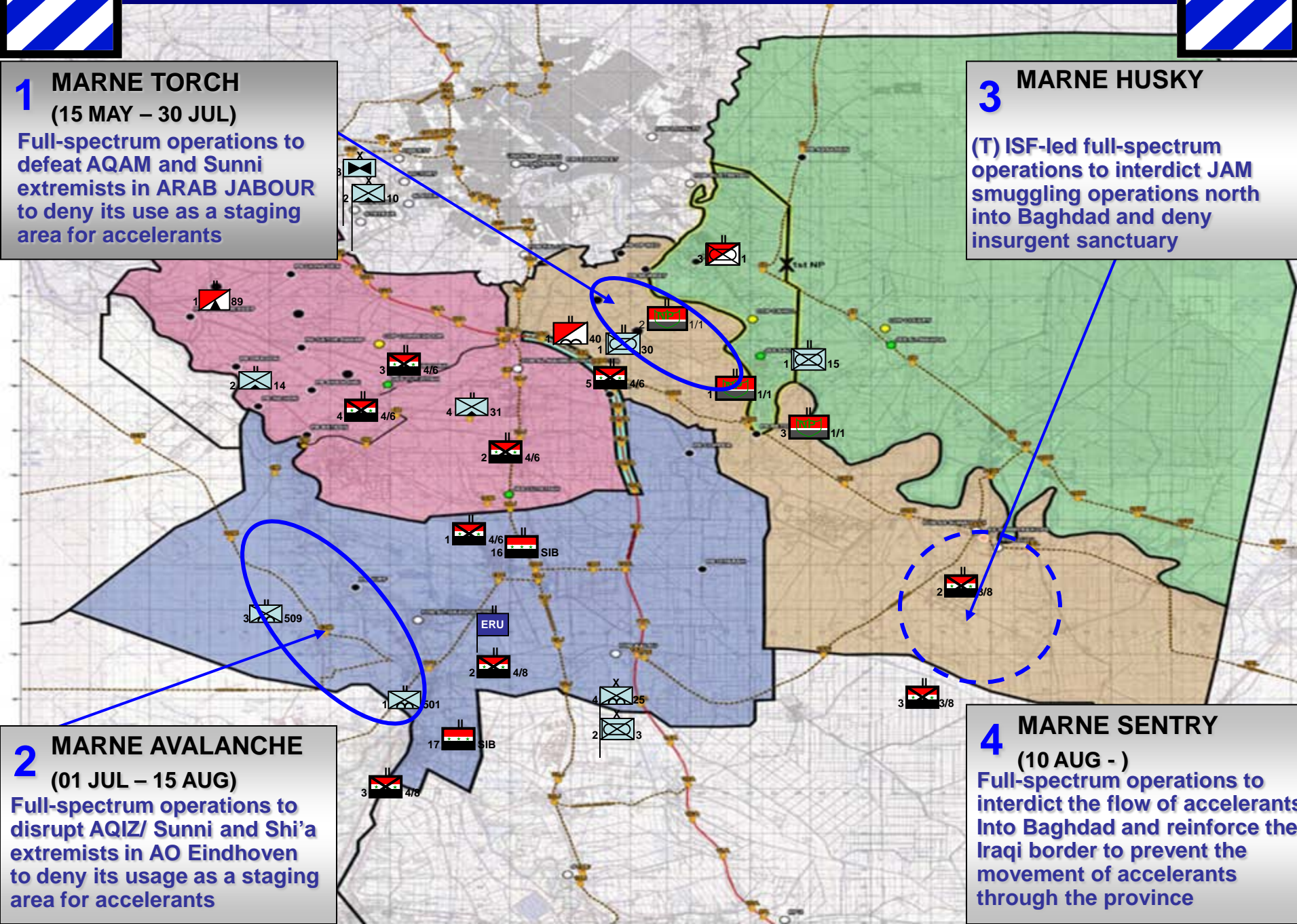


**1 MARNE TORCH**  
(15 MAY – 30 JUL)  
Full-spectrum operations to defeat AQAM and Sunni extremists in ARAB JABOUR to deny its use as a staging area for accelerants

**3 MARNE HUSKY**  
(T) ISF-led full-spectrum operations to interdict JAM smuggling operations north into Baghdad and deny insurgent sanctuary

**2 MARNE AVALANCHE**  
(01 JUL – 15 AUG)  
Full-spectrum operations to disrupt AQIZ/ Sunni and Shi'a extremists in AO Eindhoven to deny its usage as a staging area for accelerants

**4 MARNE SENTRY**  
(10 AUG - )  
Full-spectrum operations to interdict the flow of accelerants into Baghdad and reinforce the Iraqi border to prevent the movement of accelerants through the province



# Reconciliation

- First priority— security; zero reconciliation before 3d ID established permanent presence
- Then reconciliation— 36,000 “concerned citizens” by spring 08
- Mostly Sunni, though some Shiites by late 07



# RECONCILIATION PRIORITIES OVERVIEW

## 1 RADWINIYAH-ZAIDON

**Tribe/Group:** Zuwayhi and Zobi, 1920's RB  
**Leaders:** Sheik Asfok Agill Shallal; Sheik Khairi  
**Stance:** Willing to fight AQI  
**Recent Reporting:** 12 caches, Bde HVI, IPV man 14 Checkpoints  
**Way Ahead:** Engage Sheiks to discuss 3 focus areas: 1) Zaidon/Radwaniyah 2) S. Abu Ghraib 3) Sadr Al Yusufiyah

## 2 SALMAN PAK

**Tribe:** Al Jabouri  
**Leader:** Sheik Husayn Al Jabouri  
**Stance:** Will establish IPV.  
**Recent Reporting:** 3 caches.  
**Way Ahead** Possible focus areas: 1) Al Zaweeah 2) Kargolia 3) Arafiz/Jurf Nadaf 4) Tuwaitha 5) Waheda 6) Wardia 7) Jaara 8) Salman Pak

## 4 JURF AS SAKHR

**Key Groups:** (6) Janabi, Qarguli, Jabour, Dulaymi, others  
**Leaders:** Sheik Fadel Kareem Youseef Al-Janabi, Imad Ghurtani  
**Stance:** Sheiks will fight AQI.  
**Recent Reporting:** Sheik Taha ready to fight for GOI. JAI fighting AQI.  
**Way Ahead:** MNF-I must engage with GOI to assist Sunni IPV in Shia area

## 3 ARAB JABOUR

**Tribes:** (12) Sunni & Shia mix  
**Leader:** Sheik Tawfiq Al-Jaburi  
**Stance:** Willing to provide intel.  
**Recent Reporting:** Caches, IEDs, AQI safe houses  
**Way Ahead:** Continue to work sources for intel and local guards

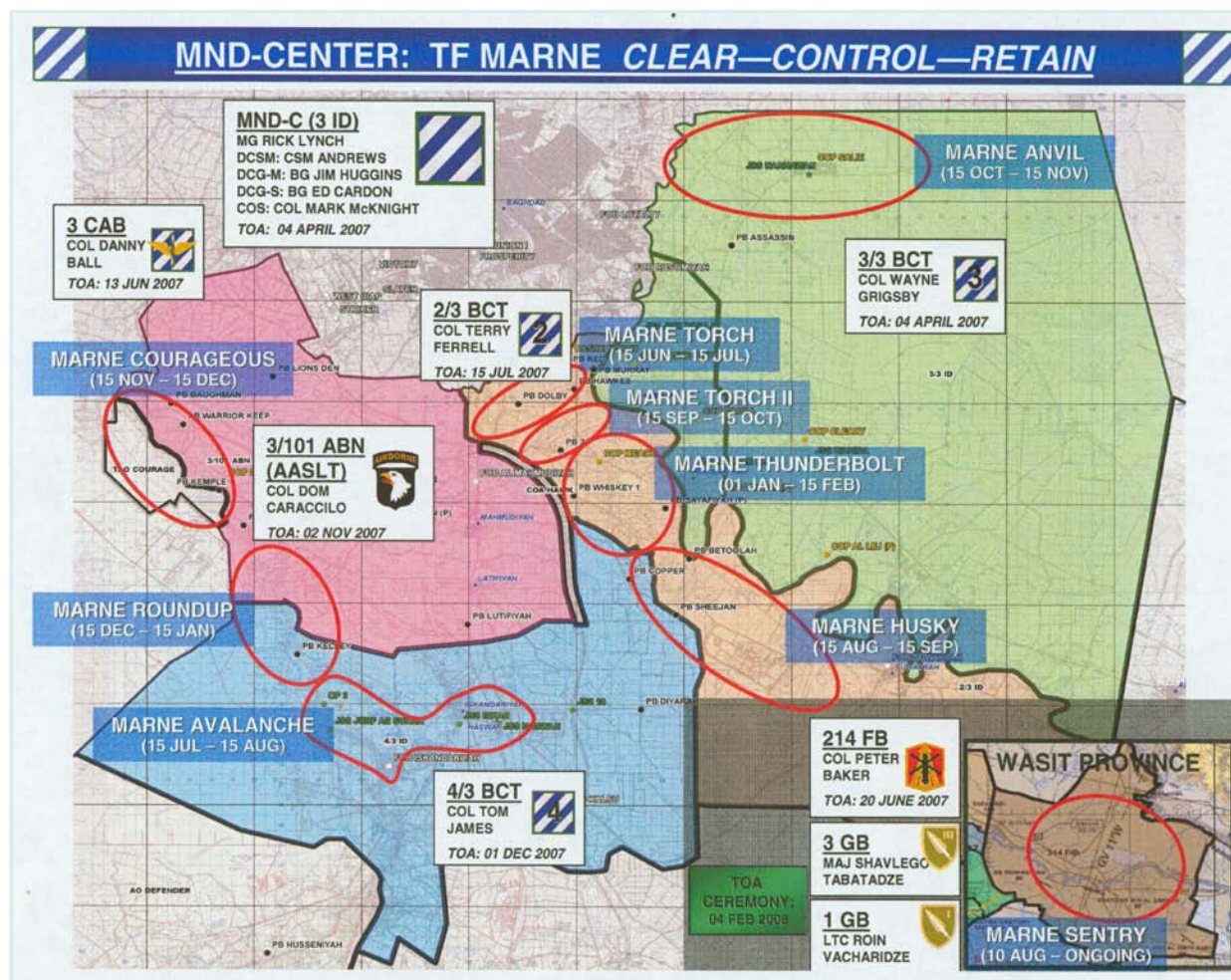
## 5 WASIT

**Tribes:** (18 tribes) Sunni & Shia; Al-Abudi, Al-Kinani  
**Leaders:** Sheik Hamid Chomigh al-Abudi, Sheik Qasim Aoda al-Abudi, COL Abd-al-aal Jabar al-Fatlawi  
**Stance:** Sheiks agree to secure the border  
**Recent Reporting:** NSTR  
**Way Ahead:** Engage provincial governor to gain support for CF and tribes' plan

# New Phase

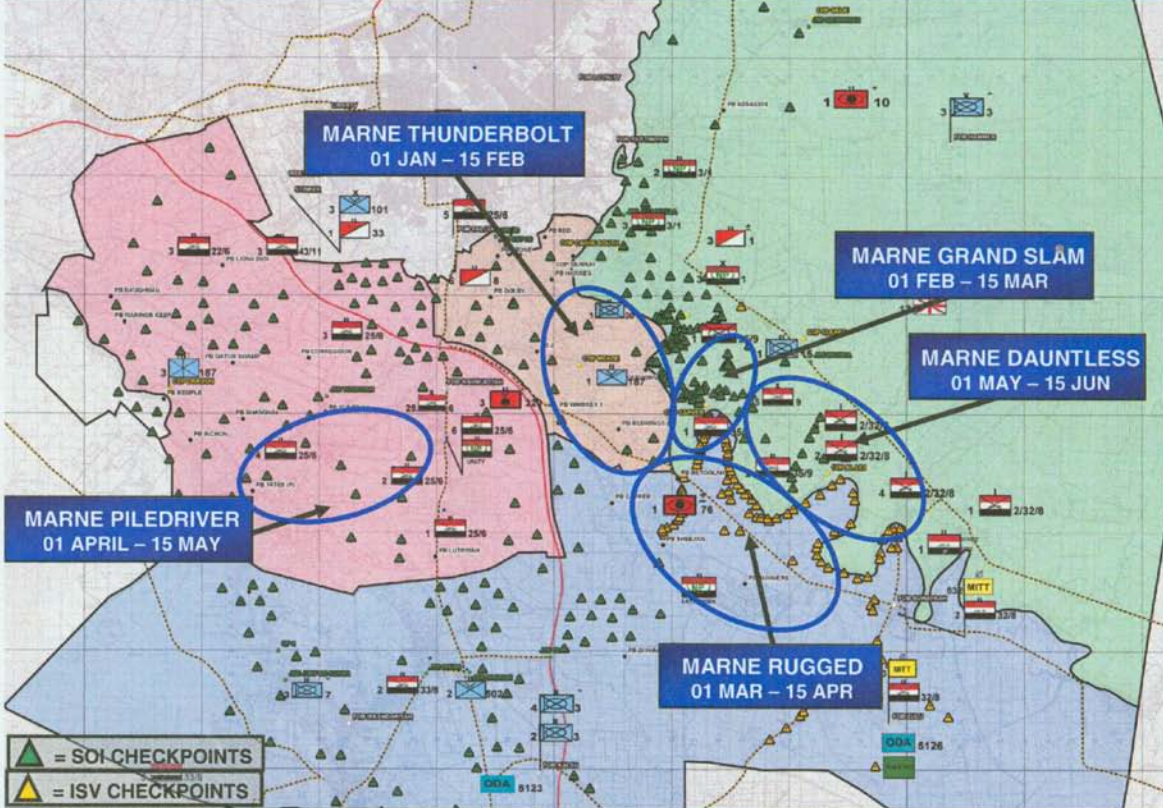
## MNC-I – Phantom Phoenix—Jan 2008

- Emphasis on rebuilding—because security largely in place
- Opns required less “kinetics”
- Sol were a factor
- Confirms the necessity of emphasizing security first



# “Relentless Pursuit” —but how far?

## MND-C OPERATIONS: RELENTLESS PURSUIT

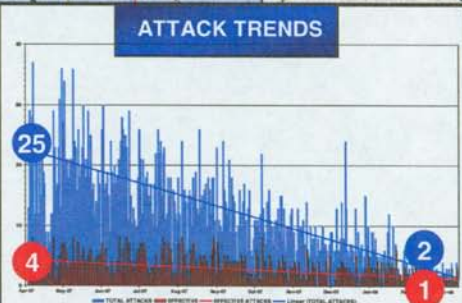
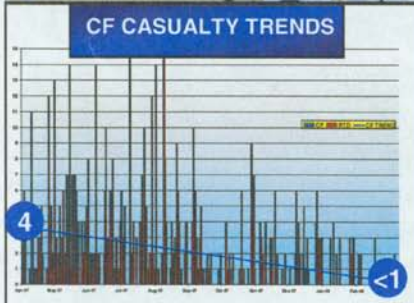


### MND-C Sons of Iraq

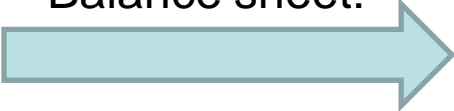
Total:	34,586
Groups:	203
Sunni:	168
Shia:	22
Mixed:	13
Total CPs:	1,741
IEDs found:	582
Caches found:	621
Sol Tips led to:	
Detainees:	500
HVs:	7
Intel Reports:	1387

### 54 MND-C BASES

FOBs:	8
COPs:	9
Patrol Bases:	28
JSS:	9



# TF Marne Bows Out

- Turned over MND-C to 10<sup>th</sup> Mtn Div in June
- Surge ends in July when 2d Bde, 3d Inf Div redeployed
- Most other bdes not replaced when they leave—MND-C goes back to being roughly a two-bde force
- Balance sheet: 

**.....secure the population.....**

**CLEAR**

- 12 Division-level, full-spectrum surge operations conducted since June 2007:
  - MARNE TORCH
  - MARNE AVALANCHE
  - MARNE HUSKY
  - MARNE TORCH II
  - MARNE ANVIL
  - MARNE SENTRY
  - MARNE COURAGEOUS
  - MARNE ROUNDUP
  - MARNE THUNDERBOLT
  - MARNE GRAND SLAM
  - MARNE RUGGED
  - MARNE PILEDRIVER
- 5,268 extremists detained; (47 DIV HVIs)
- 1,851 IEDs found and cleared
- 1,381 caches found and cleared

**Surge Operations led to:**

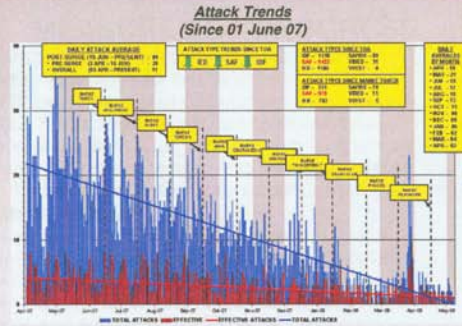
- MND-C's occupation of 59 bases
- Iraqi Security Forces living on 25
- 13,285 MND-C Soldiers (75%) are living on these bases amongst the Iraqi population

**CERP (Commander's Emergency Response Program) / ICERP (Iraqi CERP):**

- GoI allocated \$56 million in ICERP for infrastructure improvements for 2 Qadas and 4 Provinces
- 1,710 total CERP projects obligated, infusing \$209 million into local economies
- 461 total micro-grants (FY07 & FY08), providing \$1,119,331 in capital to local entrepreneurs
- Improved capacity of 10 health clinics and hospitals through application of CERP

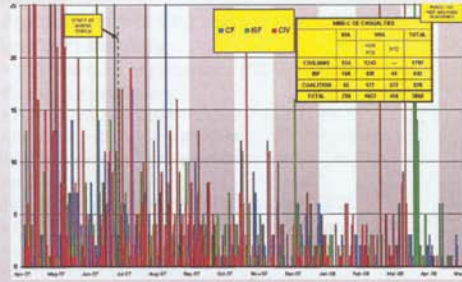
**...and defeat sectarian violence**

**Attack Trends**  
(Since 01 June 07)



- 89% decrease in all forms of attacks per month
- 100% decrease in IDF per month
- 88% decrease in SAF attacks per month
- 79% decrease in IED attacks per month

**Casualty Trends**  
(Since 01 June 07)



- 95% decrease in civilian casualties
- 91% decrease in MND-C casualties
- 79% decrease in Iraqi Security Force casualties

**ISF**

- 64 Transition Teams in MND-C: 20 Iraqi Army MTTs, 3 National Police NPTTs, and 6 Border BTTs, and 35 IP PTTs
- MND-C partners with 25th IA, 35<sup>th</sup> MECH IA, 3/1 NP, and 8th IA representing over 27,000 ISF
- The Marne NCO Academy has graduated 520 NCOs. The current class of 175 to includes NP, IA and IP.
- MND-C has over 45,000 IP in the Division battlespace covering 2 Baghdad Districts and 4 provinces (Babil, Karbala, Najaf, and Wasit)
- ISF provided security during 7th, 12th, and 1st Imam and Death of the Prophet Mohammed religious observances and Ashura and Arba'een

**Sons of Iraq**

- 35,954 SOI across MND-Center are contracted through 245 contracts to provide infrastructure security for their nation
- The 245 security contracts are composed of 210 Sunni, 20 Shia, and 15 mixed Sunni/Shia contracts
- SOIs have provided intelligence that has led to the capture of 7 HVIs and 574 insurgents
- SOI Groups are developed in needed areas to "thicken" security forces
- SOIs are effective and since 15 June 07 have turned-in or located 807 caches, 647 IEDs, and based on tips received, 127 rewards paid to SOI totaling \$364,060



# Conclusions

- Numbers matter: Boots on the ground were the essential ingredient
- Turns 80 percent military, 20 percent political on its head
  - All gains came from security; political change follows
  - Few “hearts and minds” to be won—most people have their minds made up. But they all want security from violence
- No “strategic choice” between population vs. enemy centers of gravity.
- Final Verdict: Surge bought US and Iraq time. Can any more be expected in COIN?

Questions?

