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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, 648TH ENGINEER BATTALION
48TH BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM
CAMP [REDACTED], IRAQ
APO AE 09372

REPLY TO
 ATTENTION OF

WVBNTAA

11 JUL 2005

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, 48TH BCT, Camp [REDACTED] Iraq, APO AE [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Civilian Shooting 15-6 Investigation Report.

1. This memorandum documents the findings and recommendation of the 15-6 Investigation into the alleged shooting of a civilian by PFC [REDACTED] (A/2-121 IN) at approximately 06 1021 JUL 05 at BP 4 vic. [REDACTED].
2. Recommendation can be found on the DA FORM 1574. See Enclosure 4, Exhibits H, J and K.
3. POC is the undersigned at DNVT [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]@us.army.mil.

FOR THE COMMANDER, 48th BCT:

[REDACTED SIGNATURE]

[REDACTED]

- 4 Encls
1. Appointment Order
 2. Initial Information Collected
 3. Chronology
 4. Exhibits

1LT, EN
 Investigating Officer (48 BCT)

CF: 48 BCT JAG (w/encls)



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CAMP ██████████ BAGHDAD
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MEMORANDUM FOR CPT ██████████ 220th EN BN

SUBJECT Appointment as 15-6 Investigating Officer

1. You are hereby appointed as an investigating officer to conduct an investigation pursuant to AR 15-6, paragraph 2-1(a)(3) into investigate the facts and circumstances of the alleged shooting of a civilian, on 061021JUL05, involving PFC ██████████ of Company A, 2/121 IN. You are to make specific findings and recommendations concerning the causes of the incident. Until the investigation is completed, this will be your primary duty responsibility

2. Your investigations and findings will include, but not be limited to the following:

- a. The exact chronology of events;
- b. Did the person(s) involved have proper training on traffic control, patrolling and Rules of Engagement;
- c. Were the Rules of Engagement followed;
- d. Did the civilian have identification;
- e. What was his/her name;
- f. Did the civilian have a weapon;
- g. Was the civilian searched after the shooting;
- h. What was found in the vehicle;
- i. Were there any weapons found;
- j. Were there any explosive devices found;
- k. What was the make, model, year, serial number and license of the vehicle;
- l. Was the incident reported correctly and
- m. What is the 48BCT SOP for dealing with patrolling and traffic stops?

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- n. At what rate of speed was the vehicle traveling when first identified? How far away was the vehicle at this point?
 - o. Where were the [REDACTED] TCP identifiers placed? What did they say? How big are they? Are they easy to read? How many were positioned on the road?
 - p. Who were the soldiers involved in the incident who comprised the elements of Bull 37? Where were they at during the incident and what were they doing?
 - q. Who shouted verbal commands and what was shouted? Who gave visual signals to the driver and what signals were given? At what location was the driver of the vehicle when these signals were given?
 - r. Who fired the warning shots? How many were fired? Where did the warning shots land, or where were they directed? At what location was the driver of the vehicle when these warning shots were fired? How fast was the vehicle traveling at this point?
 - s. When did the soldier decide to engage the driver with deadly force? Where was the driver at this point? How fast was the car traveling? Where was it traveling to?
 - t. What were the weather and visibility conditions?
 - u. Based on the totality of the circumstances and the information available to the soldier, was his decision to engage the driver with deadly force reasonable?
 - v. How many shots were fired at the vehicle? What weapon was used?
3. You will use informal procedures under AR 15-6, Chapter 4. If, during your investigation, you suspect that persons you intend to interview may have violated any provision of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) or any other criminal law, you must advise them of their rights under the UCMJ, Article 31 as documented on DA Form 3881. Witness statements should be sworn and recorded on DA Form 2823.
4. Prepare the report of proceedings on DA Form 1574 and submit the original to me by the above suspense. You must submit any requests for delay to me in writing. Include with your report all documentary evidence, sworn statements, and other information or evidence you considered.
5. Before proceeding with the investigation you must contact 1LT [REDACTED] at the Brigade Annex for an initial legal briefing. 1LT [REDACTED] will serve as your primary legal advisor and can be reached VOIP [REDACTED].

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6. By virtue of your appointment, you may direct the assistance of personnel with special technical knowledge to assist or advise you during your investigation. Requests should be coordinated through your legal advisor.

7. If during the course of your investigation you discover systemic training deficiencies that potentially caused or contributed to the incident under investigation, you will immediately contact your legal advisor for further guidance.



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SUBJECT: Request for extension of suspense date of IS-6 Investigation for I [REDACTED]

1. I am requesting my suspense date be extended until 15 July 2005, for the following reasons;
 - a. Discrepancies between CIR Report, Operational Summary and 2/121 Daily Debrief
 - b. Discrepancies between the statements of the soldiers involved
 - c. Physical evidence (photographs) which would clear up the discrepancies, allegedly exists but is in the possession of soldiers currently engaged in another operation.
2. At this time, I have not solidified the facts of the case and do not believe I should make recommendation based on the evidence as it stands.
3. I have given my verbal and written request to the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.
4. POC is the undersigned at DNV [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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Chronology

July 6, 2005

- 1015 Vehicle approach BP#4 off Route [REDACTED]
- 1021 48th BCT CIR Report filed

July 8, 2005

- 1830 Received appointment orders as investigating officer of alleged shooting of a civilian on 061021JUL05, involving PFC [REDACTED] of Company A, 2/121 IN
- 2000 Reviewed materials provided by SGT [REDACTED] concerning the incident and 15-6 investigative process (included was: appointment memo, 48 BCT CIR Report, Investigating Officer's Guide)

July 9, 2005

- 0845 Attempted to make contact with 1LT [REDACTED], not in his office
- 1000 Made contact with 1LT [REDACTED], received initial legal brief
- 1100 Made contact with CPT [REDACTED] at 2/121 IN BN TOC, received their backbriefs of events of 06 JUL
- 1300 Made contact with SSG [REDACTED] at B CO 2/121 IN CO TOC, received copy of "[REDACTED]"; identified soldiers involved in the incident
- 1400 Received operation summary from CPT [REDACTED] CO of A CO 2/121 IN
- 1430 Received sworn statement from PFC [REDACTED], during interview about incident (drew sketch)
- 1500 Received sworn statements from SGT [REDACTED] (drew sketch) and SGT Paige
- 1615 Reviewed all information collected in order to determine how to proceed
- 1700 Spoke to MAJ [REDACTED] 2/121 BN XO [REDACTED]

July 10, 2005

- 1000 Legal consult with 1LT [REDACTED] with [REDACTED]
- 1300 Returned to 1LT [REDACTED] with written request for extension and spoke to BG [REDACTED] with regard to extension, denied.
- 1330 Spoke to MAJ [REDACTED] and LTC [REDACTED] concerning contradictions between CIR Report and BN Debriefing of the event; [REDACTED]
- 1430 Returned to B/2-121 TOC, [REDACTED]
- 1530 Began piecing together information with regard to the configuration of BP4 and produced diagram from witness sketches and accounts
- 1630 Began compiling findings/recomendations

July 11, 2005

- 1030 IO completed findings
- 1630 IO completed recommendations

*received photos of civilian body-identifiati
pictures but no report found; notified the additional pictures of body and vehicle exist
but will not be available until 15 JUL 05 as unit is engaged in another operation*

Initial Information Collected

The investigating officer received notification of his assignment as the 15-6 Investigating Officer and was given a folder of documents from SGT [REDACTED] at approximately 1830 hours on 8 JUL 05. The folder contained the following:

- A. A blank DA FORM 2823, SWORN STATEMENT
- B. A blank DA FORM 3881, RIGHTS WARNING PROCEDURE/WAIVER CERTIFICATE
- C. A blank DA FORM 4137, EVIDENCE/PROPERTY CUSTODY DOCUMENT
- D. A blank DA FORM 1574, REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS BY INVESTIGATING OFFICER
- E. A 48 BCT CIR Report from B/2-121 reported by [REDACTED], LTC
- F. An 11-page "Investigation Guide For Army Regulation 15-6 Investigating Officer's Guide."

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS
PERTAINING TO ALEGED SHOOTING OF CIVILIAN
IN CONJUCTION WITH [REDACTED] 061021JUL05

6 JUL 05

0800 – Four (4) vehicles and fifteen (15) personnel SP from Camp [REDACTED] for Route [REDACTED]

0900 – Vehicle B35 (M1114) arrived vic [REDACTED] to establish [REDACTED]; wire, cones and two signs (TCP Identifiers) were emplaced

0955 – BP 4 is complete

1000 – Four door white sedan approached BP 4 at high rate of speed (approx. 45-50 mph); the vehicle received warning shots and was then fired upon (window broken). Driver raised hands and followed instructions to turn around; vehicle departed

1020 – Two white pick-up trucks (one in front of the other) approached BP 4 at a high rate of speed (approx. 45-50 mph). Upon their approach to the BP, a warning shot was fired in front of the first vehicle. The first vehicle stopped. The second passed the first to the right and was engaged by PFC [REDACTED]. Upon being engaged, the vehicle went into reverse; still taking fire. It came to rest in a ditch behind the first vehicle that stopped. The driver of the second vehicle was killed.

1021 – Incident reported to higher and awaited further instructions.

1100 – PFC [REDACTED] and SGT [REDACTED] approach vehicle to administer aid and discovered the driver was killed. They returned to their post without searching body or vehicle.

1130 – 1SG [REDACTED] arrived on scene and removed the body.

1900 – Body was reported at [REDACTED], where 1SG [REDACTED] had left it earlier in the day.

7 JUL 05

AM – The body was removed from [REDACTED] in the early hours of the day and brought to Camp [REDACTED] by SFC [REDACTED] and custody was relinquished to the father. Disposition of the truck is unknown.

48BCT CIR

LINE 1: Unit reporting: B 2-121ST IN (M)

LINE 2: Incident: CIVILIAN DRIVING A WHITE (4) FOUR DOOR SEDAN APPROACHED [REDACTED] WITHOUT STOPPING. ELEMENTS OF [REDACTED] BEGAN TO SHOUT VERBAL COMMANDS TO THE DRIVER IN ORDER FOR HIM TO STOP. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THIS, TEAM MEMBERS BEGAN TO VISUALLY SIGNAL THE DRIVER TO STOP FOLLOWED BY TWO WARNING SHOTS. THE DRIVER DID NOT STOP. DRIVER IN VEHICLE WAS SHOT TO PREVENT ANY CASUALTIES TO ANY OF THE TEAM MEMBERS.

LINE 3: Date/time group (DTG) incident occurred: 061021JUL05

LINE 4: Location of incident: [REDACTED]

LINE 5: Personnel involved:

Name	Rank	Unit	SSN	Sex	Age	Race
[REDACTED]	PFC	A 2-121	[REDACTED]	M		W

LINE 6: Summary of incident: WHILE SECURING A [REDACTED] AT [REDACTED] ELEMENTS OF [REDACTED] DID OBSERVE A VEHICLE TRAVELING AT A HIGH RATE OF SPEED TOWARDS THEIR [REDACTED] POSITION. THE VEHICLE DISREGARDED SEVERAL [REDACTED] TCP IDENTIFIERS POSITIONED ALONG THE ROAD. THE IDENTIFIERS WERE PLACED ON THE ROAD PRIOR TO THEIR POSITION. AT 1021 HOURS, ELEMENTS WERE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THAT THE VEHICLE WAS A WHITE FOUR DOOR SEDAN. THE DRIVER CONTINUED TOWARDS [REDACTED] ELEMENTS OF [REDACTED] BECAME CONCERNED THAT THIS VEHICLE WAS GOING TO INJURE OR KILL A TEAM MEMBER. PFC [REDACTED] ALONG WITH OTHER TEAM MEMBERS, FOLLOWED THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT AND THE VEHICLE CONTINUED INTO [REDACTED]. PFC [REDACTED] DID ENGAGE THE DRIVER AND FIRED INTO THE VEHICLE. THE DRIVER WAS SHOT TWICE IN THE CHEST. MEDICAL TREATMENT WAS BEING ADMINISTERED BUT THE DRIVER WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD ON THE SCENE.

LINE 7: Damage to government and/or civilian property: [REDACTED]

NO DAMAGE TO GOVERNMENT PROPERTY,
DAMAGE TO CIVILIAN PROPERTY
(VEHICLE) UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME

LINE 8: Commander reporting: [REDACTED] LTC

Exhibits

- Exhibit A. TF 2-121 " [REDACTED]
- Exhibit B. 07 JULY 2005 Daily Debrief
- Exhibit C. [REDACTED] Summary
- Exhibit D. IO Witness Questions
- Exhibit E. Witness DA Forms 2823 (Sworn Statements)
- Exhibit F. IO Questions for Alleged Shooter
- Exhibit G. Alleged Shooter DA Form 2823 (Sworn Statement)
- Exhibit H. DA Form 1574 (Report Proceedings By Investigating Officer)
- Exhibit I. Sketch of Blocking Point #4
- Exhibit J. IO Findings Summary
- Exhibit K. IO Recommendation Summary

Exhibit A

TF 2-121 [REDACTED]

TF 2-121



TF 2-121



CALL SIGN	[REDACTED]	DATE	07.06.05
FREQUENCY	[REDACTED]	ALTERNATE	603
PATROL LDR	[REDACTED]	ASST. PATROL LDR	[REDACTED]
PAX	576	VEHICLES	358
MISSION	1 114 11		0101410
TASK:	Conduct search		
PURPOSE:	Shut down AIF vehicle		
DESTINATION/PATROL NUMBER	[REDACTED]		
ATTACHMENTS:	Inventory		
SP TIME	0800	RETURN TIME	TR0
DURATION OF PATROL	work	BFT	
PCI CHECKLIST	OIC INITIAL BELOW WHEN COMPLETED	COMMO CHECK W/BN	144
RISK ASSESSMENT	144	SAFETY BRIEF	144
DEBRIEF CONDUCTED BY:			
(SIGNATURE, RANK, DTG)			
BATTLE CAPTAIN APPROVAL			
(SIGNATURE, RANK, DTG)			

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SENSITIVE ITEMS/PERSONNEL MANIFEST

CLD

NAME	UNIT/BUMPER NUMBER	SSN	BLOOD TYPE	WEAPON NUMBER	SERIAL NUMBER	PLUGGER NUMBER	BFT NUMBER
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	B+	M16 #	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	OT	M16 #	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	OT	M16 #	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
NVDS	SERIAL NUMBER	ASSIGNED TO			BINOS		BFT NUMBER
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]					
RADIO	SERIAL NUMBER	ASSIGNED TO			OTHER		SERIAL NUMBER

PATROL LEADERS SIGNATURE AND DATE
PL/PSG SIGNATURE AND DATE

[REDACTED]

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SENSITIVE ITEMS/PERSONNEL MANIFEST
 UNIT/BUMPER NUMBER: 31

NAME	ROSTER #	BLOOD TYPE	WEAPON NUMBER	SERIAL NUMBER	CCO'S	ANCD
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	OPos	249	[REDACTED]	085399	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	APos		[REDACTED]	085054	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	APos		[REDACTED]	085087	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	OPos		[REDACTED]	085554	
NVDS	SERIAL NUMBER	ASSIGNED TO	BINOS	BDI NUMBER		
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]				
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]				
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]				
RADIO	SERIAL NUMBER	ASSIGNED TO	OTHER	SERIAL NUMBER		
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	240	[REDACTED]		
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	my	[REDACTED]		

PATROL LEADERS SIGNATURE AND DATE
 PL/PSG SIGNATURE AND DATE

[REDACTED SIGNATURE]

27/06/05

SENSITIVE ITEMS/PERSONNEL MANIFEST
 UNIT/BUMPER NUMBER: 831

NAME	ROSTER #	BLOOD TYPE	WEAPON NUMBER	SERIAL NUMBER	CCO'S	ANCD
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	OP03	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	A205	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	A259	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	B262	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		
NVDS	SERIAL NUMBER	ASSIGNED TO	BINOS	BID NUMBER		
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	S67	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	S91	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	S20	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	L67	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		
RADIO	SERIAL NUMBER	ASSIGNED TO	OTHER	SERIAL NUMBER		
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	S67	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	S91	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	S20	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	49	[REDACTED]		

PATROL LEADERS SIGNATURE AND DATE
 PL/PSG SIGNATURE AND DATE

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Exhibit B

07 JULY 2005 Daily Debrief

07 July 2005 Debrief Roll Up

061230Jul05-070030Jul05 C Co 1-295 IN 1st Plt. Mission: The patrols mission was to patrol the [REDACTED] AO. The patrol located a mosque at [REDACTED]. The patrol does not know the name of the mosque or who the Imam is. There was no one around the mosque for the patrol to speak with. The patrol spoke with [REDACTED]. The patrol spoke with [REDACTED] in reference to two gun tubes located by the patrol at [REDACTED]. The gun tubes were not operational. [REDACTED] is married, with 5 kids, 2 boys and 3 girls. [REDACTED] is a farmer, and a Shia. The patrol returned to the area where there was a gas leak and gas fire on 06 July 05. The patrol stated that the fire was still burning while the patrol was at the location [REDACTED].

061300Jul05-070200Jul05 A Co 1-121 1st Plt. Mission: The patrols mission was MSR security on MSR [REDACTED]. The patrol encountered an IED in the vicinity of [REDACTED] at [REDACTED], the IED was [REDACTED] that were pressure activated. The IED was [REDACTED] and there were mosques and homes in the area. The patrol arrived and pulled security. The patrol spoke with some civilians at [REDACTED] who stated they had contacted the 1800 tips line number on two occasions and no one ever responded. The civilians flagged down a patrol and told them of the IED's. The IED's were emplaced on 4 July 05. A black Opal was seen in the area when the IED's were emplaced. The patrol encountered another IED near [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. The IED was a [REDACTED]. There were homes in the area of the IED. The IED did not detonate. The patrol was pulling security on the UXO site, until the patrol was relieved. The patrol does not know the disposition of the IED/UXO. The patrol identified the following locations where holes were in the roadway and needed to be addressed by the engineers:



The patrol also identified turns that needed to be looked at by the engineers for repairs.



061912Jul05-070349Jul05 A CO 1-121 XO Mission: The patrol's mission was to inspect MSR [REDACTED]. The patrol provided security at the intersection of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], at the crossing point where a military police vehicle had been struck with an IED. The patrol did not have the exact grid. The IED location was marked with chemlights. The IED was a [REDACTED] that was [REDACTED]. The IED had been [REDACTED]. There were farms and houses in the area. Pictures were taken of the IED site by another unit. EOD responded to the scene and checked for additional IED's. The damaged MP vehicle was removed by a Hett. There was a body of a LN left at [REDACTED], who had been killed in an engagement with Co B 2-121 the body had been left in the morning hours of 6 July 05 and was not going to be removed until the morning of 7 July 05. The patrol leader is concerned that with the body at the location for that length of time, it is a health issue for the patrol leaders soldiers who are manning [REDACTED].

060300Jul05-071200Jul05 C co 1-295 2nd Mission: The patrol's mission was to patrol the [REDACTED] AO. The patrol stated that they did not observe any suspicious activities. Observed farmers picking crops, in order to take the products to the market. At [REDACTED] the patrol spoke with [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] who stated that the Iraqi National Guard came to their village and stated that they wanted to search the villagers home. The villagers complied but the Iraqi National Guard kicked the doors in and were firing rounds in the air to intimidate the villagers. [REDACTED] also stated that the Iraqi National Guard stole the feed for the cows and goats. The patrol stated they reaffirmed to the locals that they were there to protect them and would patrol the area everyday. The patrol then stopped a White in color BMW 535. The vehicle was searched and nothing was found. The patrol stated there were three occupants in the car. The driver was asked what his occupation was, and he stated he was a truck driver. The driver also had documents in his car stating that he bought the car from his cousin. The patrol then returned to base.

060900Jul05-062100Jul05 B co 2-121 This operation began with a staggered departure of elements from Camp [REDACTED] to several [REDACTED] in the VIC of the Govt center on Route [REDACTED]. Once the [REDACTED] were occupied, the [REDACTED] was emplaced in the Govt center. As the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] were being occupied a civilian vehicle approached a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] at high speed. Warning shots were fired, the vehicle did not stop and the element engaged the driver resulting in one civilian death. The vehicle was searched and no contraband was found. While the [REDACTED] was being emplaced a unidentified Iraqi male was observed in the "Chicken Coop" with an AK-47. This person was engaged by coax machine gun with no results, dismounts then dismounted to search the "Chicken Coop", again with negative results. Friendly elements were moved a safe distance from the "Chicken Coop" and [REDACTED] was instructed to engage the "Coop" with direct fire. [REDACTED] made two passes engaging the "Coop" with [REDACTED]. The CP was emplaced, the blocking positions were emplaced and the dismounts were in position to begin sweeping East to West along Route [REDACTED]. The sweep included residences, buildings, and open areas. Items seized included; 4 x AK series weapons, 1 x SKS type weapon, approximately 15 magazines of 7.62mm ammunition, numerous 9mm rounds, wire, timers, disassembled electronics, batteries, and various other items associated with the construction of IEDs. In addition we seized close to 1,000,000 Iraqi Dinar from the detainees, with the bulk being found one two detainees, one with 644,000 Dinar and one with appx 115,000 Dinar. We also discovered several documents that are believed to be associated with IED construction. We initially took 20 Iraqi males into custody. 3 persons were released at the Govt Center and 17 were transported to [REDACTED]. Upon completion of the sweep, the unit assembled the items, detainees and prepared to return to [REDACTED]. It was planned to leave two TCPS in place on Route [REDACTED] to facilitate a future operation. During the movement to these TCPS the [REDACTED] element was engaged by an IED. There were no injuries and no damage to vehicles, however the element leader advised that this was a "very large" IED and created a crater that made Route [REDACTED] close to impassable. Additionally, upon a 5/25 search of the area it was discovered there was additional IEDs in the area. EOD was notified and the area was secured. The remainder of the unit returned to [REDACTED] without incident. It should be noted that detainee processing continues at this time.

070100Jul05-071430Jul05 3rd Blue1 Mission: The patrol's mission was MSR [REDACTED]. The patrol stated while patrolling MSR [REDACTED] at ([REDACTED] 78393) they observed what they thought was an IED. The patrol pulled back 300m and waited on EOD. Before EOD arrived dawn approached and the patrol could see that the object was not an IED, just two road wheels in the middle of the road. EOD was called and told not to come. The patrol then continued with their mission. The patrol also stated that at [REDACTED] the Iraqi Police had a check point set up and at [REDACTED] the Iraqi Multi National Force had a [REDACTED] set up. The patrol then stated that a possible IED was found at [REDACTED]. The PIED was in a hole that had been filled and an [REDACTED] placed there previously. The patrol leader then returned to base, and left other elements at the PIED site.



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