Reconstructing Iraq, Summer 2003
926 Engineer Group Survey and Design

Turkey

Syria

Iran

Iraq

Jordan

Saudi Arabia

Kuwait

Persian Gulf

Lake Urmia

Tigris River

Hakkari

Orumiyeh

Mardin

Nusaybin

Al Hasakah

Zakho

Fayda

Sequba

Dahuk

Bawan

Dair Rabban Hurmiz

Al Quosh

Batne

Mosul Dam

Gilishen

Bazhgirtan

DuBardan

Badush

Bartalla

Bandawa

Sununni

Tall Afar

Sinjar

Mosul

Irbil

Live Fire Range

Al-Mishraq

Al Quyara

Kirkuk

As Sulaymaniyah

Border Checkpoint

Tikrit

Samarra

Balad

Qasr-e Shirin

From Kuwait

21 May: Assessment of the grain silos at Batne and Fayda to get them online before harvest.

5 September: Conduct a well recon of the mountain town of Sequba. Foreign relations include eating fish with locals in a bombed out restaraunt along the Tigris River.

1 June: The Kurdish population of Dahuk was not reliant on Saddam's government, and the city was fully functioning when we arrived.

4 June: Conduct a survey allowing for the construction of a water pipeline between the towns of Sununni and Sinjar.

13-15 September: Well recon of the area northeast of Mosul. Well Drillers from the Connecticut National Guard repaired or drilled new wells in these small towns.

Mosul is the third largest city in Iraq and serves as the hub of activity for the northern third of the country. The 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) established a base of operations at Saddam Hussein's Mosul Palace and set up a Civilian Military Operations Center (CMOC) in what had been the Ninevah Hotel.

10 June: The largest Sulfur Dioxide release in history occurs when a sulfer mine in Al-Mishraq is set on fire by suspected insurgents. 926th sends advisors to assist in fighting the fire.

8 June: Al Quyara (known as Q-West) required a variety of infrastructure updates including a new water treatment plant and a new landfill.

20-26 September: Survey and Design outpost established on the roof of the Sulaymaniya Morgue during design and construction of the As Sulaymania International Airport. First field testing of Humbolt soil density meter as a potential replacement for the Nuclear Densimter.

1 August: SGT Massengill manages construction of a border checkpoint facility of his own design. This design serves as the prototype for all boder control points in Iraq.

The missions assigned to the 926th Engineer Group were highly varied. Even within the city proper, missions included constructing housing for displaced citizens, restoring electrical power, refurbishing an olympic swimming pool, designing a police academy, and expanding the U.S. Army's presence around the city.

17 May: 926 Engineer Group convoys the length of Iraq from Camp Virginia, in Kuwait through Baghdad, Sammawa, and Al-Batha to Saddam's former palace in Mosul. The palace serves as 101st Airborne Division Headquarters.

22 July: Uday and Qusay Hussein are located in a hideout on the outskirts of the city. After the battle that killed the two men, 926th Engineer Group was tasked with destroying the house and repairing damage to the surrounding homes.

Mosul International Airport was transformed into Logistics Staging Area (LSA) Diamondback. The airfield supported both rotary and fixed wing flights for the entire northern region.

In an effort to provide housing for displaced Iraqi civilians, the Survey and Design section completed design, layout, and construction of the Houses for Hope, located outside of A.O. Glory at what became known as Eagle Village

Coordinate System: World Azimuthal Equidistant
Projection: Azimuthal Equidistant
Datum: WGS 1984
Central Meridian: 43.1300
Latitude of Origin: 36.3400

0 12.5 25 50 75 100 Miles

NORTH

Legend

- Initial Convoy
- Water Missions
- Grain Silos
- Infrastructure
- Security
- Prison
- Sulfur Fire

Turkey

Syria

Iran

Jordan

Iraq

Saudi Arabia

Kuwait

Persian Gulf

Zakho

Dahuk

Mosul

Tall Afar

Irbil

As Sulaymaniyah

Kirkuk

Tikrit

Ar Rutbah

Ar Ramadi

Al Fallujah

Baghdad

Karbala

Al Hillah

Al Kut

An Najaf

An Nasiriyah

As Samawah

Basra

Coordinates System: Yemen NGN 1996 UTM Zone 39N
Projection: Transverse Mercator
Central Meridian: 51E
Latitude of Origin: 0N

200 Miles

1 Mile

Uday and Qusay's Hideout

Division Main

CMOC

Mosul Police Academy

Ninevah Ruins

City Hall

Mosul University

Water Ministry

Eagle Village

LSA Diamondback

A.O. Glory

Power Station

Chemical Ali's House