

**Operation Telc 11 (Jan to Jul 2008) (5000 troops)**

***US MNC-Iraq Forward Command Post - COB***

Major General George Flynn, USMC

***Headquarters Multi-National Division (South East) - COB***

Commander Maj Gen Barney White-Spunner

**4 Mechanised Brigade - COB**

Commander Brig Julian Free

HQ 4 Mechanised Brigade and 204 Signals Squadron

- 21 Engineer Regiment
- 1 Scots Recce Platoon (Brigade Surveillance Company)
- Joint EOD Group (Elements of 11 Explosive Ordnance Disposal Regiment and 33 Engineer Regiment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal))

**Manoeuvre Battlegroup - COB**

1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Scots Guards

- LF Coy, 1 SG (Warrior)
- B Coy, 1 SG (Warrior)
- B Sqn, RDG (Challenger)
- Minden Contingent, 1 Scots (Mastiff)

**Strike Battlegroup - COB**

Royal Dragoon Guards – COB (returned to UK Feb 08)

- B Coy, 1 Lincs (Warrior) (returned to UK Feb 08)
- A Sqn, RDG (Challenger/Warrior) (to 1 SG BG Jan 08)
- C Sqn, RDG (Challenger/Warrior) (returned to UK Feb 08)

**Rural Battlegroup South - COB**

1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Duke of Lancaster Regiment (1 Lincs)

- C Coy, 1 Lincs (Bulldog)
- S Coy, 1 Lincs (Bulldog)
- R Coy, 1 Scots (Mastiff)

**Mentoring, Monitoring and Training Battlegroup – COB**

1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Scotland (1 Scots)

- A Coy, 1 Lincs (Warrior) (to 1 Lincs Jan 08)
- Mons Coy, 1 Scots (Mastiff)
- D Sqn, RDG (Warrior)
- B Coy, 1 Mercian ((Division Training Facility/Divisional Internment Facility Guard Force (COB))
- C Coy, 1 Mercian (Umm Qasr)

**Divisional Troops**

42 Battery, 32 Regiment RA (Hermes 450)

21 Battery, 47 Regiment RA (Desert Hawk)

Troop 14 (EW) Signals Regiment

Royal Navy Training Team (Umm Qasr)

Task Force Spartan, 22 SAS Regiment

115 Provost Company RMP

**Joint Helicopter Force (Iraq) – Basra International Airport**

Elements of 21st Signal Regiment (Air Support)

Elements of Tactical Supply Wing

Mobile Air Operations Team (MOAT)

28 Squadron Royal Air Force (Merlin HC.3) (detached to Camp Buerhring, Kuwait until May 2008, with aircraft moving up to Basra for operations)

847 Naval Air Squadron followed by 672 Squadron Army Air Corps on four month long tours (4 x Lynx AH.9)

Elements A or B Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 159<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, US Army (8 x AH-64A) (based at Tallil airbase)

**Basra Air Station**

Air Port of Disembarkation (APOD) Ops Wing

HQ 3 Force Protection Wing

- II Squadron, RAF Regiment
- 619 Tactical Air Control Party, RAF
- 627 Tactical Air Control Party, RAF
- D Battery, 3rd Regiment RHA (AS-90)
- K Battery, 5th Regiment RA (MAMBA)
- 11 Battery, 16 Regiment RA (C-RAM)
- Battery B, 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery, US Army (155mm M109) (until 17<sup>th</sup> March 2008)
- RAF Police Detachment

**UK Medical Group - COB**

207 General Hospital (V)

1 (Close Support) Medical Regiment

Elements of 84 Medical Supply Squadron, 9 Supply Regiment

**National Support Element - COB/Kuwait**

12 Logistic Support Regiment, including elements

- 6 Supply Regiment
- 150 Transport Regiment (Volunteers)
- 16 Tank Transporter Squadron
- 7 Transport Regiment
- 24 & 29 Postal, Courier and Movement Regiment, RLC)
- 1st Battalion, REME
- 62 Works Group Royal Engineers
- 523 Specialist Team Royal Engineers (Works)
- Elements of 102 Military Working Dog Support Unit
- Royal Army Veterinary Corps
- Divisional Internment Facility (COB)

**Senior British Military Representative-Iraq (Baghdad)**

Baghdad Signals Squadron, A Coy, 1 Mercians

Baghdad Protection Force Company, No 2 Coy, 1 IG (from Jun/Jul), then No 1 Coy

### **US Joint Special Operations Command (Baghdad/Balad)**

Detachment 264 & 268 Signals Squadrons

B Squadron, 22 SAS Regiment

Company Group, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Parachute Regiment (Special Force Support Group) on six month rotations

Puma Detachment RAF (6 x Puma HC1, with crews from 33 and 230 Squadron rotating)

657 Squadron Army Air Corps, (2-4 x Lynx AH.7)

651 Squadron, Army Air Corps (2 x Britten Norman Defender 4000)

47 Squadron RAF (1 x C-130K)

Airborne ISTAR support

Predator/Reaper UAV (1115 Flight at Creech AFB Nevada and at Balad AB)

### **UK Air Component**

UK Command Team at US-run Combined Air Operations Centre at Al Udeid Airbase, Qatar

Tornado Detachment (TORDET): Al Udeid Airbase, Qatar (6-8 x Tornado GR4, with II, 13 and 14 Squadrons serving two month long tours)

Hercules Detachment: Al Udeid Airbase, Qatar (4-5 x Hercules, with 24, 30, 70 and Squadrons rotating every two months)

VC-10 Detachment: Al Udeid Airbase, Qatar (2 x VC-10 from 101 Squadron detachments rotating every two months)

32 (Royal) Squadron Detachment: Muharraq International Airport, Bahrain (2 x BAe-125 and 1 x BAe 146, with crews rotating every two months)

Nimrod Detachment: Seeb Airbase, Oman (4 x Nimrod MR2 from 120 and 201 Squadrons and 2 x Tristar from 216 Squadron)

### **UK Naval Component**

UK maritime assets supporting the security operation to protect Iraq's off shore oil infra-structure were placed under the tactical control of the Multi-Nationally-led Combined Task Force 158, with command rotating between US, UK and Australian officers. In March 2008, Commodore Duncan Potts RN assumed command of the task force for a four month period. During this period the Type 23 frigates HMS Argyll and Campbelltown and Type 22 frigate HMS Chatham operated in Northern Arabian Gulf. The RFA Sir Bedièvre operated in the NAG as a Mother Ship and Afloat Training Platform for Iraqi Marines until heading home in January 2008. It was replaced in April in this role by the RFA Cardigan Bay. They were supported by a repair ship and a fleet tanker in the central Gulf, as well as the RAF Nimrod MR2 detachment at Seeb in Oman. UK maritime forces were designated CTF 330 by PJHQ.

### **US Mentoring Units in Basra and Maysan Provinces**

***Iraqi National Counterterrorism Force Transition Team (Basra Palace)***

US Navy Rear Admiral Edward Winters

***1<sup>st</sup> Iraqi Army Division (Colonel Bob Castellvi and 240 USMC MITT advisors)***

2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade - SALT-C, 1<sup>st</sup> ANGLICO, US Army MITT arrive Basra on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2008

1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade arrive in Basra 2<sup>nd</sup> April (USMC MITT)

3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade arrive in Basra 2<sup>nd</sup> April USMC MITT)

National Police Task Force (USMC MITT)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade arrive in Basra in May (USMC MITT)  
29<sup>th</sup> Brigade arrive in Basra in May (USMC MITT)

26<sup>th</sup> Brigade 7<sup>th</sup> Division – arrive at Shaibah on 11<sup>th</sup> April (USMC MITT)

***Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Arabian Peninsular (CJSOTF-AP)***

5<sup>th</sup> US Special Forces Regiment (replaced in May 2008 by 10<sup>th</sup> SF Group with ODA 0312 and 0315)

ODA 5331 (Nasiriyah) partnering Iraqi SWAT Unit (assigned to Op Yarborough in Maysan province in May/June supported by 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment helicopters and USAF AC-130, MC-130 aircraft)

AOB 5330 (Basra) partnering 6<sup>th</sup> Regional ISOF Battalion, with ODA 5332 and ODA 5336

ODB 9510 partnering Hillah SWAT Battalion

ODB 9515 partnering Iraqi Emergency Response Unit

***1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Combat Team, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division (Tallil airbase)***

D Coy, 2-504<sup>th</sup> Parachute Regiment deploy to Basra 29<sup>th</sup> March 2008 to partner 3 Iraqi battalion

**Allied Contingents outside Basra City and Maysan Province**

Australian Overwatch Battlegroup – West – Tallil Airbase

Cavalry Squadron

Infantry Company

Training Team

Camp Bucca US-run Theater Internment Facility (Umm Qasr)

Guarded by battalion sized detachment drawn from US Army Military Police Battalions, US Air Force Security Force Squadrons and US Navy Provisional Detainee Battalions, as well as Romanian Field Hospital.

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