

**AAR 20 Mar 2005 Ambush
617th MP Company**

At approximately 201130MAR05 a southbound convoy being escorted by B/1-623FA was ambushed from an orchard field on the west side of ASR Detroit with RPGs and small arms.

2nd squad, 4th platoon, 617th MP Co began shadowing this convoy from the intersection east of At Tuwaythah..

The convoy immediately stopped due to disable KBR sustainment trucks.

2/4/617MP maneuver to the right of the convoy and continued south into the engagement area to place themselves between the convoy and the ambush element.

The squad continued through the engagement area, returning fire with MK19, M240B, and .50 cal, and maneuvered to a flanking position south of the enemy position.

The squad turned west to flank the enemy, at this time it was estimated that enemy strength was 40-50. The squad moved about 75 meters when their lead vehicle was disabled.

The squad began to dismount except for the gunners when they received RPK and AKM fire from their left side (a house across a canal). The driver and team leader of the trail vehicle were shot while dismounted and their gunner was shot in the hand. The platoon medic was in this vehicle and pulled these soldiers out of the line of fire. The medic then used the driver's weapon and an AT 4 to suppress the enemy to their left.

The driver of the middle vehicle moved to the rear vehicle to render aid to the wounded assisting the platoon medic.

The gunner in the second vehicle used his MK19 to suppress the enemy to the left. The squad leader used a grenade and the gunner of the lead vehicle fired an AT4 at a house to the left of the squad's position and suppressed the attack from that side.

Dismounted elements led by the squad leader then moved to the trench running perpendicular to the MSR and, using grenades and rifles, killed the enemy in that ditch. They then moved to the front ditch line that ran parallel to the ASR and killed the remaining insurgents in that ditch. The gunner of the lead vehicle and the MK19 gunner in the second vehicle killed the remaining enemy in the orchard field.

A team from B/1-623 arrived and Apache air support arrived and provided security.

Enemy BDA is 26 KIA, 7 WIA, and 1 EPW. A total of 6 friendly wounded including elements of an additional convoy caught in the ambush were medevac'd, and 9 enemy

wounded were medevac two of which later died of wounds. Total medevac consisted of 3 lifts.

Wounded soldiers were transported to 86th CSH for surgery.

Other squads from 617th, including the commander, arrived to take command and control and provide additional security. A cordon was established around entire site which extended north to south approximately 2Kms and east to west from MSR to 200 meters behind orchard field.

Enemy weaponry captured is:

- 22x AKM
- 13x RPK
- 6x RPG tubes
- 16x RPG rockets
- 123x full AKM magazines
- 1x 75 round drum AKM
- Approx 200x AKM rounds
- Approx 2500x 7.62x54R belt
- 40x hand grenades

7 enemy vehicles were located at the ambush site on the road used to flank the attackers with doors and trunks open facing west.

Guidance was requested for the KIA and weaponry. 503d instructed through Handcuff that IPs would arrive to recover KIA and explosives and bring all rifles back to base.

A/1-9FA arrived with tactical interrogators. The EPW and most intelligence gathered from the KIA and vehicles were turned over to CPT Smith.

The 108th MP Company escorted recovery assets for 7 vehicles. Their 2 squads assisted with the security of the AO upon their arrival.

Unit was notified that IPs were not coming. KIAs were marked with Chemlights, weapons and ammunition loaded into tactical vehicles and transported back to Raven Base.

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