



Company D 1st Tank Battalion OEF 2011



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DELTA COMPANY TASK ORGANIZATION



Delta Company

Combat Trains
Including
1 M88

1st Platoon
4 M1A1 Tanks
1 M88

2nd Platoon
4 M1A1 Tanks

3rd Platoon
4 M1A1 Tanks
1 M88

HQ/Scouts
2 M1A1 Tanks
1 MRAP
3 MATV's





MODIFICATIONS



- MP-HE Round
- Belly Armor Kit
- Improved Drivers Seat
- CVRJ
- BFT
- Crew Cooling Systems
- Coax brass bag
- Blade/Plow
- FO/FAC Kits



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COMMAND & CONTROL



- Delta Company attached to Regimental Combat Team 8.
- Delta Company (-) was in direct support (DS) of BLT 3/8 then V3/4.
- The company established a CLOC co-located with the infantry battalion to monitor MIRC, BFT, SIPR, NIPR, VOSIP and VOIP.
- FWD command was configured with BFT and HPW capabilities.



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OPERATIONS



- HQs/Scouts were employed at the Battalion Commander's discretion to conduct disruption and recon missions.
- The tank platoons conducted SBF, Attack by Fire, clearing, disrupting, interdicting, counter – IED, route security patrols, mechanical breaching, BP/Force Protection and limited route clearance.
- Most engagements occurred at 1000 to 3800 meters . Most engagements occurred when insurgents maneuvered on and engaged Marine dismounted patrols.



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OPERATIONS



- Multiple attempts to engage tanks with mortars or 82mm recoilless rifles fired in indirect fire mode.
- Very few attempts to engage tanks with RPGs, machine gun or small arms fire.
- Adverse terrain did not affect the mobility or maneuverability of the tank.
- The tank was the only platform in country that was not restricted to established routes or flat and open terrain.
- Tanks operated successfully with belly armor in the heavily vegetated green zone that skirts both banks of the Helmand River.
- Tanks were successfully used on a consistent basis to recover MRAP's and MATV's that had become mired in weather compromised terrain.



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LOGISTICS/EQUIPMENT



- T/O and T/E met all requirements placed on the company throughout the deployment.
- Parts failure rates were similar to those experienced in CONUS.
- All logistical support was “pushed” by the tank company combat trains to the tanks in the battle space.
- Majority of maintenance was conducted while the tanks were still operating in the battle space.



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FORCE PROTECTION



- Tanks were normally employed with some form of infantry support.
- The IED is still the largest threat to any mounted element in Afghanistan.
- The ambush and direct fire threat to a tanks is insignificant.



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