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release her records to the military. Further, Mrs. BALES stated she would not release any medical records to this office.

04/19/2012 12:35-  
JOHN, RODNEY W.  
1:00 Investigative

Delayed entry:

About 1235, 19 Apr 12, SA JOHN conducted an interview with Mr. RAFIULLAH to clarify his previous statements. SA JOHN showed Mr. RAFIULLAH photographs of the Khadaydad Compound and the Naim and Nazaraka Compound and asked him to provide information on his location during the incident. Mr. RAFIULLAH provided a verbal statement wherein he said he was asleep in Room #4 of the Khadaydad Compound along with his sister, Ms. ZARDANA, his grandmother, Ms. NAIK MARGA, and his aunt, Ms. GUL BASHRA. Mr. RAFIULLAH said he awoke to the sound of noise which he thought was the sound of one of the family animals loose. He said he got up and went to the door and saw his grandmother outside and she was being chased back toward the room by an American. Mr. RAFIULLAH said it was dark and he could not see the man's face or anything about his clothing but he did have a gun and a light. Mr. RAFIULLAH said the man chased his grandmother into the room where he began to struggle with her. During the struggle, the man tore his grandmother's shirt off. As the man struggled with his grandmother, he, his sister and aunt ran out of the room, into the courtyard and out of the compound. Mr. RAFIULLAH said his grandmother was able to follow after them. Mr. RAFIULLAH said he and the others ran to the Naim and Nazaraka Compound and into Room #4. Mr. RAFIULLAH said the man did not follow them but went to Mr. NAZARAKA's house (Room #8) first. Mr. RAFIULLAH said the man then came into Room #4 where they were located and began to shoot as soon as he came through the door. Mr. RAFIULLAH said the man shot his sister, Ms. ZARDANA and shot at "KUDAD" (NFI), a young boy who was in the room with him. Mr. RAFIULLAH said KUDAD was not injured. Mr. RAFIULLAH said he and the others were able to flee the room and run into Room #5 (where the animals were kept). Mr. RAFIULLAH said the man chased them into the room. Mr. RAFIULLAH said they ran from the room and into Room #2 where Mr. NIAM and his family were located. Mr. RAFIULLAH said the man chased them into the room and began to shoot. Mr. RAFIULLAH said he was shot with others in the room. Afterward, the man left the room and did not know where he went.

04/20/2012 02:55  
Lang, Trayce A.  
0:05 Investigative

About 0255, 20 Apr 12, SA LANG received an e-mail from SA OVERMAN, Fort Knox CID, stating Mrs. Bernice BALES does not wish to cooperate and does not want to answer any questions.

04/20/2012 09:21  
Lang, Trayce A.  
0:05 Investigative

About 0921, 20 Apr 12, SA LANG coordinated with SA OVERMAN and told him that no further investigative activity was needed from this office.

04/20/2012 14:00  
HOFFMAN, Matthew A.  
2:00 Investigative

About 1400, 20 Apr 12, SA HOFFMAN coordinated with CW2 ALLARD, MSG UHRICH, and CPT FIELDS reference operations conducted by ODA 7216 in the areas of Alikozai and Naja Bien. None of these individuals were aware of the actual locations of the crime scenes involved in the case. They used a map to point out areas operations were conducted in and the routes taken by coalition forces. It was learned that in the area of Alikozai the KHUDAYDAD compound and NAIM compound were pointed out by Navy Seals as an area from which they had observed a combatant flee to after experiencing harassing gunfire. ODA 7216 had no hard information that these compounds were threats but all members had been briefed of the earlier information. MSG UHRICH stated that SSG BALES had accompanied him on a mission where they had driven past the KHUDAYDAD and NAIM compounds in a Razor off road vehicle with no problems. On 24 Feb. 12, a foot patrol was conducted in the area of Naja Bien where a command wire improvised explosive device (CEIED) was located and disabled. After clearing the CWIED the unit began clearing the area for enemy personnel and located two unexploded ordinance devices in what is listed in this report as the DAWUD compound. A bag of Ammonium Nitrate (AN), which is used in the manufacturing of CWIEDs, was located in a

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compound just east of the DAWUD compound. The patrol then continued west into Naja Bien and came under direct enemy contact from the south by machine gun and small arms fire. SSG BALES was a Truck Commander on this mission and his truck provided cover for the foot patrols from the field located just north of the DAWUD compound. The gunner on SSG BALES truck had observed a gunman on a rooftop of the village to the southeast and had engaged the gunman. On 29 Feb 12, a foot patrol was conducted to search for caches in the building ruins just east of the WAZIR compound in Naja Bien. SSG BALES provided perimeter security during this mission and was set up to cover the area to the south and southwest of the ruins. During this mission an Enfield bolt action rifle and a satellite phone were recovered. The mission was conducted without enemy contact. SA HOFFMAN asked CPT FIELDS to show on a map, the route taken by the foot patrol to the area of Naja Bien. CPT FIELDS used his index finger to show the route taken which went from the gate of VSP Belambai, west on the road then turned south through a field before reaching the intersection of an unnamed road that goes south into Naja Bien. The patrol continued south through the field just east of the wall that lines the road until the road turns to the west. The patrol then traveled southeast to a clearing in the wall just west of the DAWUD compound. The patrol passed through the clearing in the wall then continued southwest through a field to the area of the ruins. This is close to the same route captured on the PGSS camera of SSG BALES returning to the VSP Belambai on 11 Mar 12.

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HOFFMAN, Matthew A.  
1:00 Investigative

About 1600, 20 Apr 12, SA HOFFMAN met with the SJA team to discuss the investigative plan. Items discussed were the cancelling of the blog spot records, as no blog spot information was identified; updates regarding evidence delivered to USACIL; the completion of most of the RFAs; interviews that are pending completion; and the difficulties for properly transporting the 40mm grenades to Ft Lewis.

04/23/2012 14:30  
HOFFMAN, Matthew A.  
0:30 Investigative

About 1430, 23 Apr 12, SA HOFFMAN coordinated with SGT GODWIN who informed SA HOFFMAN that he was going through a bag of his belongings that was packed by fellow unit members, when he found a book that belonged to SSG BALES in the bag. SGT GODWIN provided the book to SA HOFFMAN who took the book as evidence. The book was a green in color, paper and plastic in color, spiral, Sniper Data Book. The book did not contain any names or markings of ownership, but did contain markings of data collected during sniper practice. The book was Marked For Identification (MFI) with 1445/23 APR 12/MAH, placed in a clean paper envelope which was sealed and MFI with 1445/23 APR 12/MAH and sent to the Evidence Custodian via Registered Mail with tracking number RA505673299US.

04/25/2012 15:25  
HOFFMAN, Matthew A.  
4:00 Investigative

About 0900, 25 Apr 12, SA HOFFMAN coordinated with Mr. HILL via evidence tracker and reviewed all evidence at the USACIL crime lab, circumstances of collection, requested analysis, and expected results of examinations. This review helped to organize routing to the different branches conducting analysis and realize the capabilities of the lab vs. the expectations of the agents and SJA.

04/26/2012 17:00  
HOFFMAN, Matthew A.  
0:40 Investigative

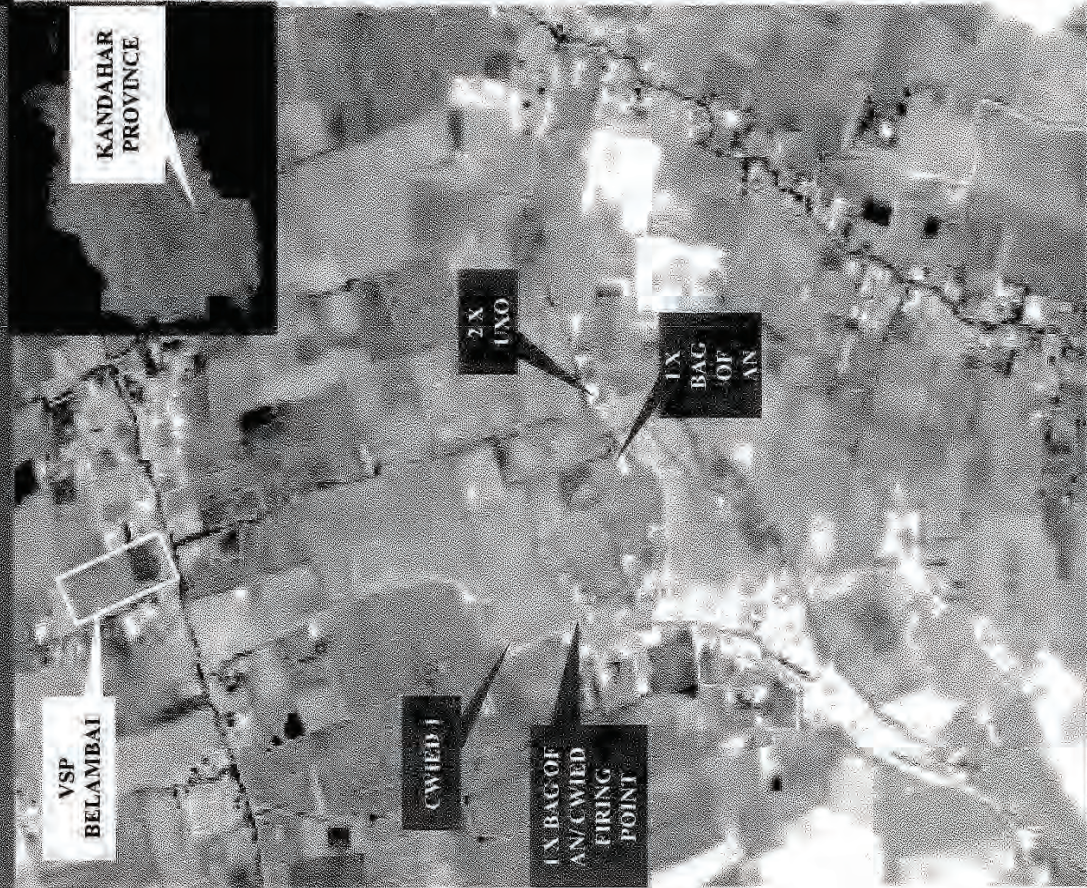
TC/ASAC REVIEW:

1. Good communication is being made with the USACIL examiners. Good tracking of evidence on tracking spreadsheet.
2. Corrections have been made on AIRs; however, additional corrections are anticipated reference the Afghan names. SJA is coordinating with a linguist to determine in proper spelling of all Afghan names. Corrections will be made when determination is made.
3. SA JOHN is working to better identify the interpreters used in this case. A resource has been identified; however, another priority death case has hit this office and interfered with the coordination. The identification of interpreters is on the IP
4. Attention is being focused on identifying all of the exhibits and getting them numbered.

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# IED REDUCTION STORYBOARD 72116-OPS BOX EAGLE CLAW-5W-CRP-016

## Non-Lethal Effects



**Who:** ODA 7216, Belambai ANA

**What:** CRP, IED Reduction

**Where:** Naja Bien / Panjway District, Kandahar Province, IVO VSP Belambai

**When:** 240700D FEB 12 – 241305D FEB 12

**Why:** Disrupt INS freedom of movement.

### End State

Patrol reduced 1x command wire IED with approximately 160 pounds of Unknown Bulk Explosive (UBE). The command wire stretched approximately 100 meters to an abandoned compound that provided cover for the INS as well as an early warning position.

### Significance

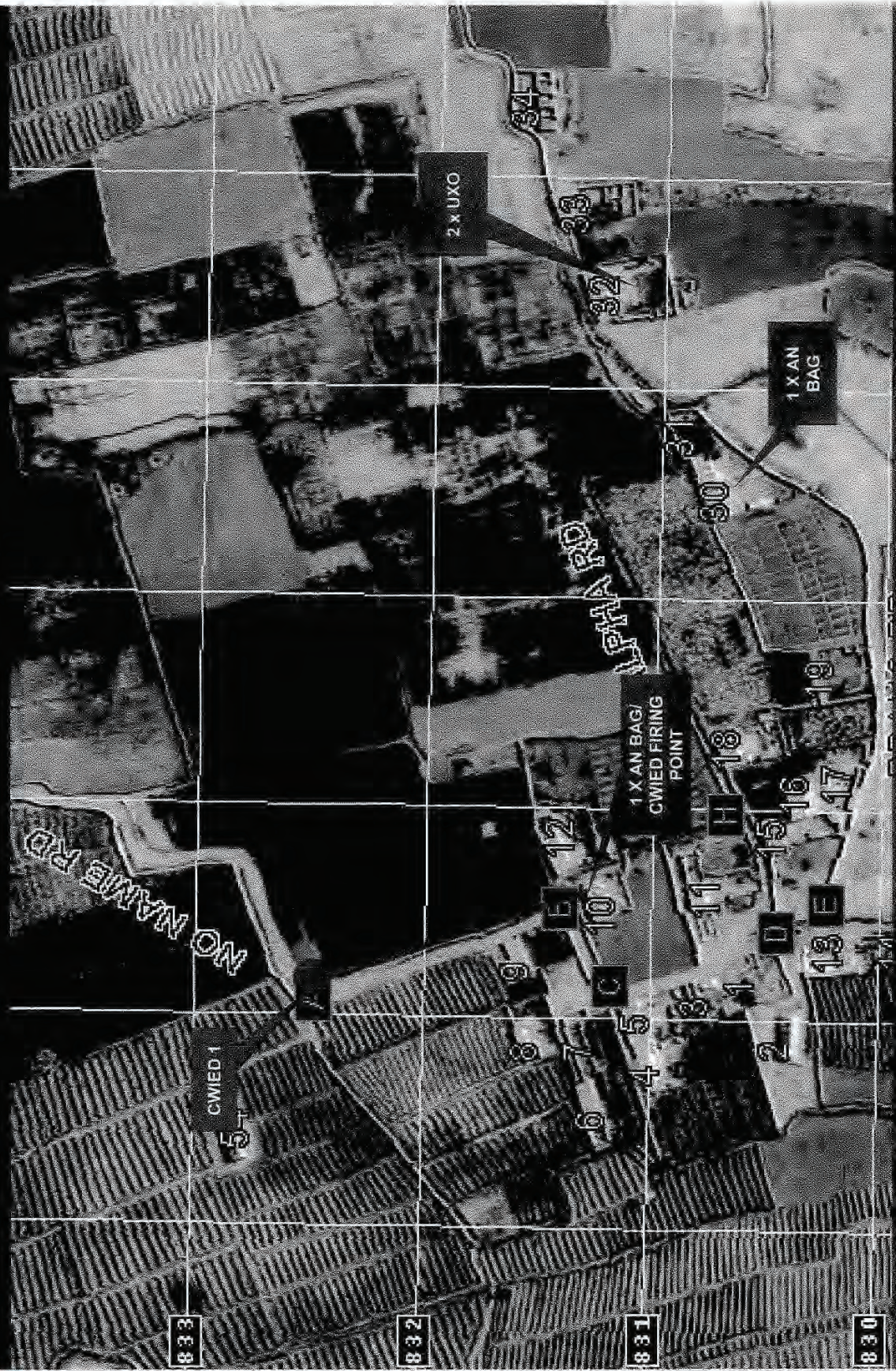
This is the first time the ODA has discovered a command wire IED. All others to this point have been pressure plate IED. Due to recent intel, INS will likely utilize more CWIED to directly target CF mounted/dismounted patrols in AO. Based on this new emerging threat, the ODA will have to adjust dismounted TTPs to incorporate the threat of command wire IEDs.

### Effects Achieved

- Afghan populace has confidence in ANSF's ability to provide security
- Local Afghan populace willing to provide information to CDOs, selected partner units, and CF on INS members, locations, and activities

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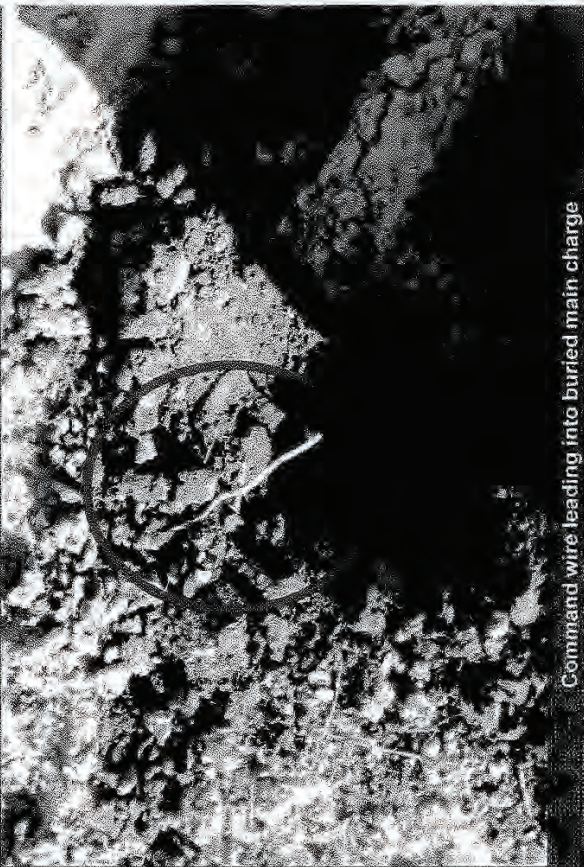
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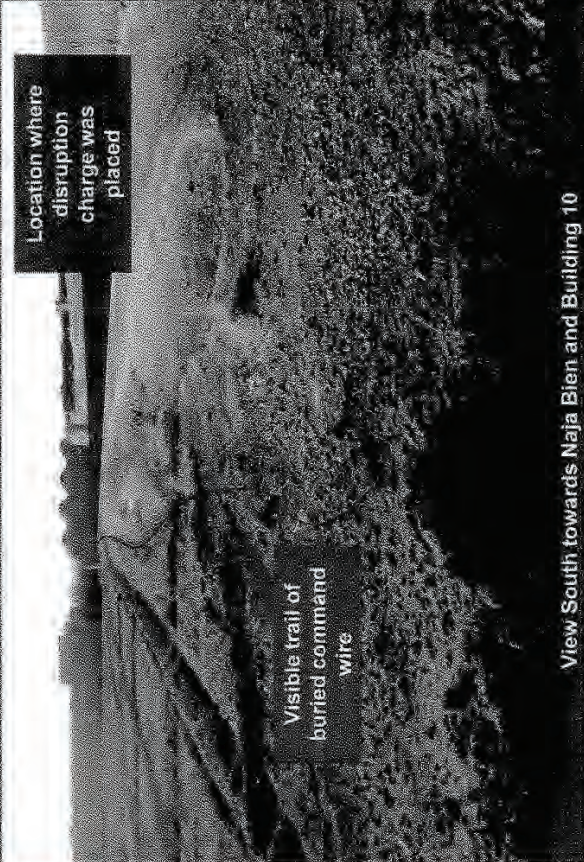
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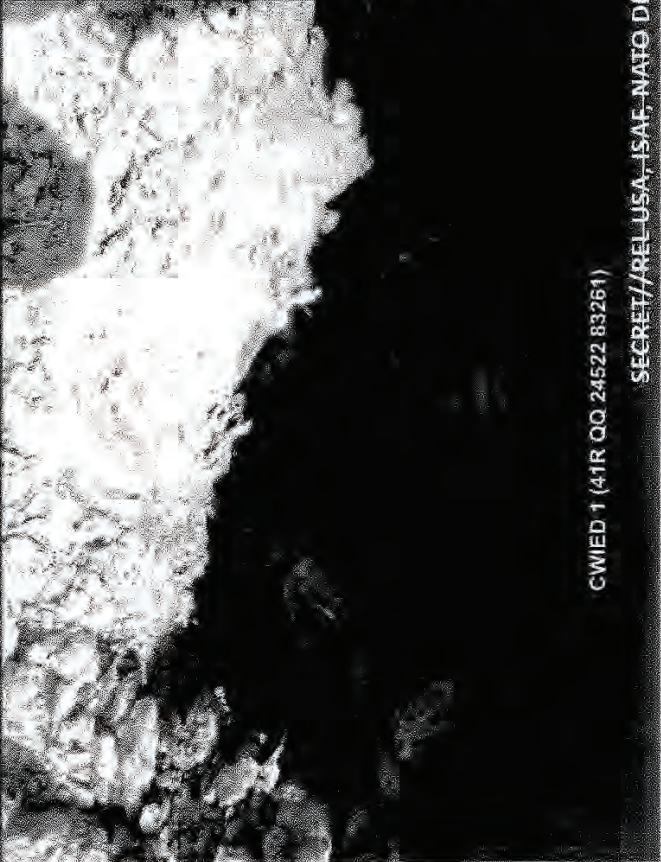
Command wire leading into buried main charge



Location where disruption charge was placed

Visible trail of buried command wire

View South towards Naja Bien and Building 10



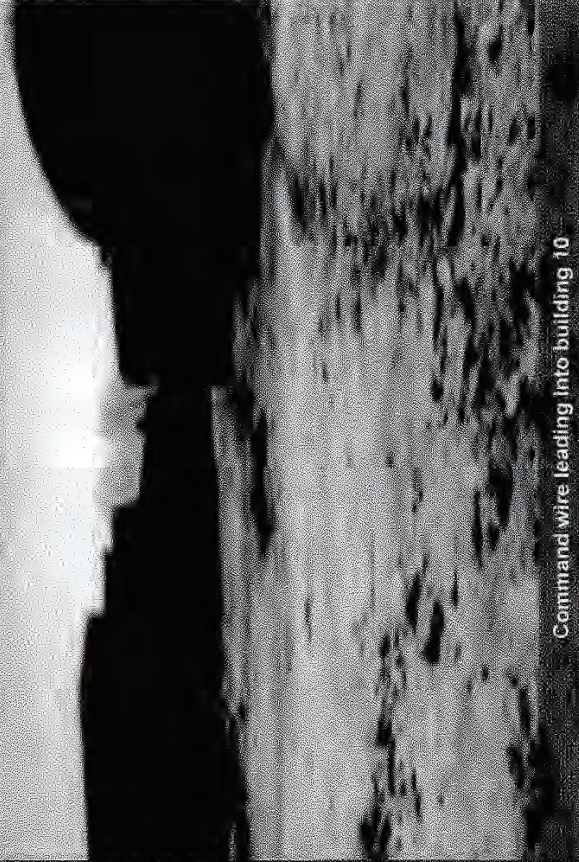
CWIED 1 (41R QQ 24522 83261)

CWIED 1 Post Reduction

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Command wire leading into building 10



Command wire buried approximately 4" deep



Post UXO reduction

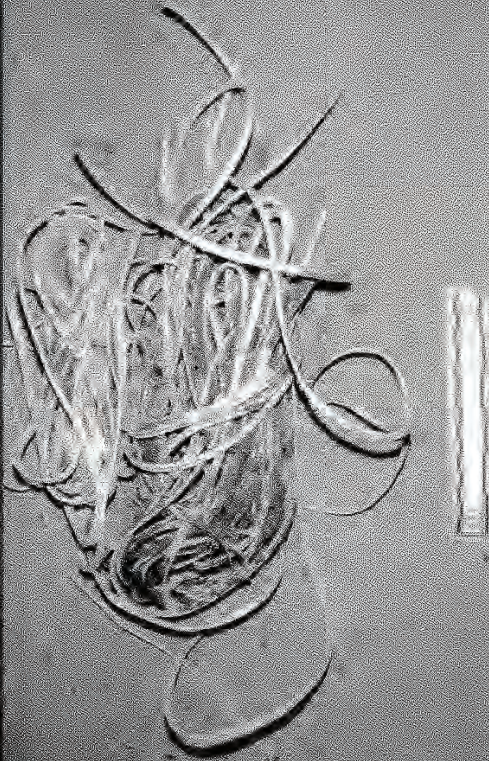


2 X UXO from building 32 (dud fired 60MM Mortar/RPG warhead)

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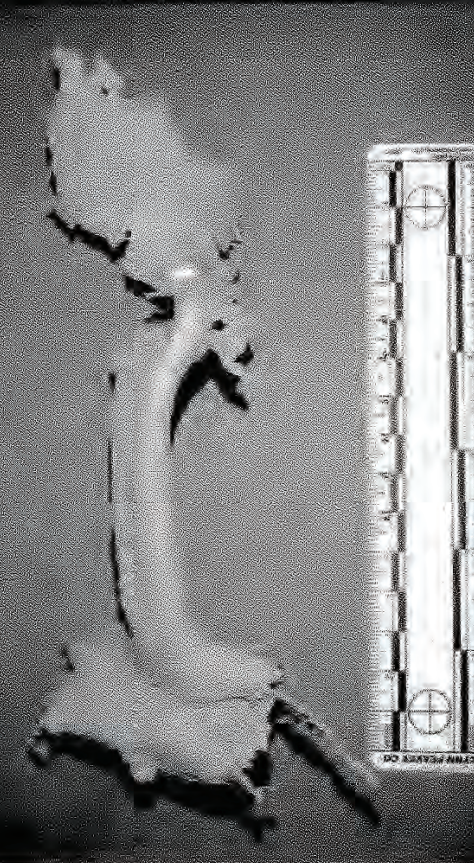
Most of the command wire recovered



Firing point end of command wire recovered from building 10



Post blast pieces of YPOC recovered



Handle to YPOC recovered from CWIED for biometrics

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23 2001L FEB 2012 thru 24 2000L FEB 2012

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Table 5: Partnered ANSF and Afghans Employed			
LOCATION	ANSF	Partnered Unit	ANSF PERSONNEL O/W/E
VSP ZANGABAD (PANJAWA'I)	ANA	ODA 7216	0/0/38

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**3. Operations Summary**



**ODA 7216 VSP Belambai (Panjwa'i), Kandahar Province**

**Last 24:**

T: CRP to Naja Bien  
P: Disrupt INS FOM

**Next 24:**

T: ODA mission planning  
P: Disrupt INS FOM

**Commander's Comments:** The ODA with enablers conducted a patrol to Naja Bien with the intent of engaging the local populace. Shortly before reaching the village, the Navy EOD personnel discovered a command wire on the side of the road. The wire was severed with an exploratory charge and after gaining positive control of the wire, the EOD personnel traced the wire to the IED (41R QQ 24514 83255). Due to the depth of the charge and how compact the ground was, an exploratory charge was used and uncovered approximately 150-160 pounds of HME. The HME itself was rigged into four 5-gallon yellow jugs buried approximately one foot in depth below the surface. The reduction of the HME left behind a crater approximately 8 feet wide by 4 feet deep. The command wire was later traced approximately 100 meters south to an abandoned compound (41R QQ 2455 8314), where the wire was fed through a wall that was intended to provide cover for the individual initiating the system. The initiation system was not found or recovered.

During the reduction, the patrol was receiving ICOM chatter from frequency 172.10 from several call signs including Jafar, Taqi, and Mystery stating they had eyes on the patrol and intended to engage. The patrol identified several military age males on the east side of Naja Bien village, and due to the threat of another command wire IED, the patrol moved towards those individuals rather than continue down the uncleared route. The patrol approached and cleared a compound where potential spotters were identified and found one UXO in the form of a 60mm mortar illumination round in the compound at 41R QQ 2488 8313. The patrol also discovered illegal fertilizer containing ammonium nitrate in the compound at 41R QQ 2478 8309. The UXO and ammonium nitrate were both destroyed in place.

The patrol then continued movement west along the east-west running road towards the center of Naja Bien village where they received immediate, effective machine gun fire. The patrol returned fire with organic weapon systems until the enemy was thought to have broken contact. However, the patrol received effective machine gun fire two more times before making their way to the center of Naja Bien village.

The one IED found was the first command wire the ODA has discovered in the area. All others have been pressure plate IEDs. Recent intel indicates this being a new trend, and the ODA will adjust TTPs as necessary to counter this emerging threat. To date, this IED-find was the largest IED found by the ODA. Additionally, like usual in this area, locals were unwilling to approach the patrol or speak with Coalition Forces, indicating at a minimum the effectiveness of the Taliban influence and control in this area.

At approximately 1720D, an unidentified round flew over VSP Belambai and impacted approximately 100 meters outside the perimeter of FOB Zangabad. It's likely that the round was a 107mm rocket, originating from west of the VSP site. The ODA was unable to locate a POO but passed the information to Zangabad in hopes of identifying the POO with the PGSS balloon. The ODA assesses the same

personnel targeting Talukan are also targeting Zangabad with the 107mm rocket. However, due to operations in the vicinity of Talukan today, Zangabad was likely seen as the easier target for the rocket.

**5. SOTF -SOUTH COMMANDER'S COMMENTS:**

**VSO:**

ODA 7216 conducted a dismounted patrol to Naja Bien IOT disrupt INS activity.

NAVARRO SENDS  
SOTF-SOUTH

### 7216-002-001 OBJ Ghar IED Reduction Storyboard

#### Non-Lethal Effects



**Who:** ODA 7216, Belambai ANA

**What:** Level 0 Clearance, Cache Equipment Recovery

**Where:** Najja Bien / Panjway District, Kandahar Province, IVO VSP Belambai

**When:** 290530DFEB12 – 291030DFEB12

**Why:** Disrupt INS freedom of movement

#### End State

ODA 7216 conducted a Level 0 clearance operation to Najja Bien in order to recover a potential cache identified through HUMINT reporting. The patrol discovered 30 pounds of hash which was subsequently destroyed and also recovered a Thuraya satellite phone and Enfield rifle.

#### Significance

The recovery of this equipment reduces the INS' ability to communicate with each other, plan operations against Coalition Forces, and continue attacks against friendly patrols.

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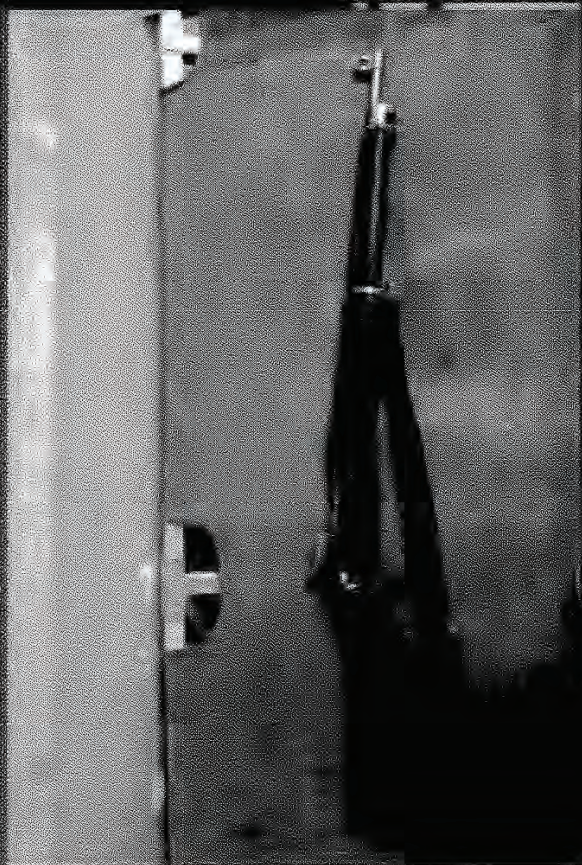
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ANA taking the lead during clearance operations



ANA search for cached items



Enfield rifle discovered at 41R QQ 2455 8288



Thuraya satellite phone discovered in same location as Enfield rifle

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**AOB 7210 Camp Simmons, Kandahar Province**

**LAST 24:** The AOB conducted C2 and support of VSPs and SEAL/CDO Element

**Next 24:** The AOB will conduct C2 and support of VSPs and SEAL/CDO Element

**Commander's Comments:** The AOB conducted preparations for TGM to the Panjwai District to conduct refit and meet with detachment leadership for SFODAs 7211, 7215, and 7216 on current and future operations in the district. The AOB intends to focus planning efforts in support of BSO transition in the Panjwai District and OP ICE SWORD – overarching disruption operation across Panjwai that will also include participation from 3d Kandak CDOs in select sectors of the district.

**ODA 7216 VSP Belambai (Panjwa'i), Kandahar Province**

**Last 24:**

T: CRP to Naja Bien

P: Disrupt INS FOM/ Increase governance

**Next 24:**

T: CRP to OCCD-P

P: Resupply

**Commander's Comments:** The ODA with ANA and enablers conducted a patrol to Naja Bien village with the goal of recovering a suspected cache. Although the cache was not as large as the ODA had anticipated, the patrol was able to recover a Thuraya satellite phone, an Enfield rifle, two motorcycle batteries suspected of being used as a power source for IEDs, and destroyed approximately 30 pounds of cannabis. The ODA believes this cache discovery will not likely disrupt the INS' ability to communicate or conduct continued attacks in the area in the long term. However, its effects are likely to be seen in the short term as they will now need to purchase a new Thuraya satellite phone to replace the one recovered.

Based off reports from Recoil 72 who was overhead during the clearance operation in Naja Bien, it is believed that Gerandai INS have two PKMs at their disposal for attacks on CF patrols. It is also believed that Naja Bien is merely a support zone for INS as they mainly bed down and plan operations in Gerandai through a C2 cell. Naja Bien is used to emplace INS to conduct screening operations that are designed to disrupt CF patrols. It also provides a location near the VSP site from where to stage attacks and gather intel. Based on this information, the ODA will continue to focus its intel gathering efforts throughout the village of Gerandai as opposed to its immediate surrounding villages.

**5. SOTF -SOUTH COMMANDER'S COMMENTS:**

**VSO:**

ODA 7216 conducted a Level 0 deliberate search in Naja Bien Village, Panjwai.

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