

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

WHO: A/1-82 FA, 1/1 CD  
WHAT: Civilian deaths in combat operations  
WHEN: 30 1948 APR 07  
WHERE: Husseiniyah, vic. (b)(2)High  
CONDOLENCE PAYMENT: \$2,500 per death (8); \$1,000 per injury (3); \$2,000 property damage

1. Summary of events. On 30 1948 April 2007, in response to inc fire  
(b)(2)High The distance to the target was (b)(2)High, so (b)(2)High  
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At 1948, A15 fired the first round, which impacted short along the gun-target line approximately 380 meters west of the intended target. This round landed near a group of Iraqi civilians who were unloading sheep from a vehicle, killing eight people and wounding two. The civilians were displaced persons who were living in a tent that was not identifiable in any of the terrain databases available to the command. Thirty-three seconds later, A15 fired the second round, which impacted short along the gun-target line approximately (b)(2)High southwes nded target. Seconds later, gun A14 fired the third and fourth rounds, which both impacted (b)(2)High beyond the intended target along the gun-target line.

The gun dat ssing of the technical data for the fire mission contained the correct firing solutions. SFC (b)(3),(b)(6) the 1- ) (3),(b)(6) mander, verified that the crew had used t (b)(2)High Gunner verified that A15's crew (b)(2)High (b)(2)High

2. Findings (summarized). The IO determined that:

a. The crew of A15 acted in accordance with their prescribed (b)(2)High  
(b)(2)High They were also appropriately certified.

b. The 1-82 FA's (b)(2)High were accurately located to within (b)(2)High , and the meteorological data used to compute the fi was well within acceptable limits at the time of the mission.

c. The proximate cause of the short round was (b)(2)High  
(b)(2)High

(b)(5), (b)(2)High

4. Bn Cdr and BCT Cdr concurred with the IO's findings and recommendations.