

# WarDiaries

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### CACHE FOUND/CLEARED BY A/321 EN (ISO 2/7) IVO ABU GHURAYB (ROUTE E RIVER): 0 INJ/DAM

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MNC-I CCIR FFIR #14: 321 EN DISCOVERED CACHE WITH POSSIBLE CHEMICAL WEAPONS NE OF AMIRIYAH

At 300320D JUL 07, A/321 EN (ISO 2/7) discovered a cache IVO (38S MB 00299 74296), 7km NE of Amiriya, while conducting mounted route clearance operations. The patrol was clearing E on East River Road in the center of the road at 5kph with 50m dispersion, when the Arm Operator of the fourth vehicle (Buffalo) identified a cache that was covered by sacks and leaves under an Iraqi Community Watch checkpoint. The cache consisted of (29) 122mm rounds, (11) 120mm rounds, and (17) 155mm rounds. The (17) 155mm rounds are filled with an unknown liquid, and several of which are leaking a black tar-like substance. Initial testing of the liquid, utilizing M8 Chemical Detection Paper, was inconclusive. An additional EOD team will be dispatched with a HAZMAT ID kit and additional demolitions IOT destroy the cache. The order of march and ECM coverage in the patrol was as follows: (V1) RG-31, R/G; (V2) Husky, none; (V3) Husky, none; (V4) Buffalo, R/G; (V5) EOD Cougar, Chameleon; (V6) Cougar, Chameleon; (V7) Wrecker, none; (V8) Cougar, Chameleon. All personnel were wearing PPE. No casualties or damages reported.

\*\*Update # 1 G3 WO-301941D-After further investigation, (3) of the rounds tested positive for mustard agent, using the HAZMAT ID. The cache is pending relocation for destruction.

\*\*Update # 2 G3 WO-311023D-The ordnance in the cache was discovered by (3) CIVs of the Zaidon Iraqi Neighborhood Watch, who collected the items near one of their checkpoints for delivery to CFs. All items in the cache were removed by EOD and 2/7 CBRN personnel, and delivered to T/5/10 at the Eagle Range for further disposal. The area of the cache tested negative for contamination. The CIVs who handled the rounds were examined and displayed no symptoms of chemical exposure.

WIT 9 COMMENTS: ON 30 JUL 07 AT 0320D, EOD VISUALLY DISCOVERED A CACHE WITH POSSIBLE CHEMICAL WEAPONS NORTHEAST OF AMIRIYAH DURING ROUTE CLEARANCE PROCEDURES. THE CACHE WAS BEING GUARDED BY PSF AND HIDDEN UNDER EMPTY SANDBAGS IVO 38S MB 00299 74296. PSF INFORMED THE EOD TEAM LEADER THAT THE CACHE HAD BEEN FOUND IN A CANAL 1.5KM AWAY. PSF HAD INFORMED THE IPS, WHO WERE SCHEDULED TO RETRIEVE THE ORDNANCE THE FOLLOWING DAY. WHILE INTERVIEWING PSF, EOD NOTICED A FAINT PESTICIDE OR OIL SMELL AND RECOGNIZED IT AS A POSSIBLE CHEMICAL. THE EOD TEAM LEADER QUICKLY EXAMINED THE ROUNDS AND NOTICED A BLACK SUBSTANCE AT THE NOSE OF THREE OF THE 155MM PROJECTILES. EIGHT OF THE LESS CORRODED 155MM ROUNDS HAD VISIBLE BURSTER ADAPTERS. EOD SEPARATED 29X 122MM USSR OF-19 HE PROJECTILES, AND 11X 120MM CHINESE TYPE 55 HE PROJECTILES FROM 17X 155MM IRAQI MODEL UNKNOWN POSSIBLE CHEMICAL PROJECTILES. PSF WERE EXAMINED FOR CHEMICAL INJURIES WITH NSTR. AT 0900D, A SECOND EOD UNIT WITH A WIT MEMBER WAS SENT OUT TO ASSIST THE FIRST EOD TEAM WITH DISPOSING OF THE ROUNDS. WIT TESTED THE 155MM ROUNDS ON-SCENE WITH THE HAZMAT ID COMMAND SYSTEM AND FOUND FIVE ROUNDS HAD SUBSTANCES SIMILAR TO SULFUR MUSTARD AGENT. 1X 155MM ROUND FILLER TESTED POSITIVE FOR H BLISTER (RED) ON M8 PAPER. WIT COLLECTED SAMPLES FROM THE ROUNDS AND SOIL SAMPLES FOR TESTING BY TECHNICAL ESCORT DETACHMENT. RESULTS WERE SENT TO HQ AND

SEVERAL HOURS LATER THE DECISION WAS MADE TO BRING THE 155MM ROUNDS BACK TO CAMP FALLUJAH FOR TESTING BY CJTF TECHNICAL ESCORT DETACHMENT FROM BAGHDAD. AT 1700D, EOD/WIT RTB FOR LEAK SEALING AND PACKAGING EQUIPMENT. AT 2000D, A COMBINED EOD/WIT/CBRN TEAM RETURNED TO THE SCENE AND LEAK SEALED AND PACKAGED THE 155MM PROJECTILES AND TRANSPORTED THE ROUNDS BACK TO CAMP FALLUJAH. CBRN PERSONNEL COLLECTED MORE SOIL SAMPLES FOR TESTING. AFTER RTB, AT 0645D, THE 155MM PROJECTILES WERE TURNED OVER TO THE TECHNICAL ESCORT DIVISION.