**Thunder Run Research Module**

**Definition**: An American armored task force conducts a reconnaissance in force into the Iraqi capital of Baghdad to test resistance on 5 APR 2003.

**NOTE**: The references below provide information re combat operations into Baghdad in APR 2003. On 5 and 7 APR, two separate Thunder Runs were conducted into the city. Your focus is only upon the smaller, 5 APR event. Use these references and supplement with your own research.

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