

MOGADISHU MILE

OCTOBER 4, 1993



DID YOU KNOW?

THE BATTLE OF MOGADISHU IS ALSO KNOWN AS

THE DAY OF THE RANGERS

US FORCES

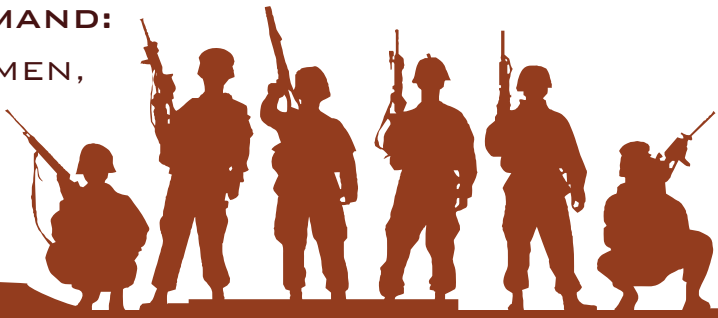
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AS PART OF
OPERATION GOTHIC SERPENT



SOMALI FORCES

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LOYAL TO
MOHAMED FARRAH AIDID

US FORCES UNDER MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM F. GARRISON'S COMMAND:
DELTA FORCE OPERATORS, ARMY RANGERS, AIR FORCE PARARESCUEMEN,
AIR FORCE COMBAT CONTROLLERS, FOUR NAVY SEALS, AND AN AIR
ELEMENT PROVIDED BY THE 160TH SPECIAL OPS AVIATION REGIMENT



GOAL

CAPTURE THE LEADERS OF THE HABR GIDR CLAN,
LED BY MOHAMED FARRAH AIDID.

TIMELINE



- 1532 3 OCTOBER 1993** TFR LAUNCHES OPERATION GOTHIC SERPENT, THE MISSION TO CAPTURE AIDID'S ASSOCIATES.
- 1602** THE RAID IS COMPLETE, HVI'S ARE UNLOADED FOR GROUND EXFILTRATION, **SGT DOMINIK PILLA** IS FIRST US CASUALTY OF THE BATTLE.
- 1620** **SUPER 61** IS SHOT DOWN BY ENEMY FIRE. **SSGT DANIEL BUSCH** AND **SGT JIM SMITH** SURVIVE THE CRASH AND ESTABLISH A DEFENSIVE PERIMETER.
- 1625** THE GROUND CONVOY DEPARTS THE RAID SITE IN AN ATTEMPT TO REINFORCE THE **SUPER 61** CRASH SITE.
- 1640** **SUPER 64** IS SHOT DOWN BY ENEMY FIRE, 2 MINUTES LATER **MSG GORDON** AND **SFC SHUGHART** INSERT AND ESTABLISH A DEFENSIVE PERIMETER.
- 1654** THE GROUND CONVOY ABANDONS THE SEARCH FOR **SUPER 61** CRASH SITE AFTER SUSTAINING 50% CASUALTIES. GROUND FORCES CONSISTING OF RANGERS AND DELTA BEGIN MOVEMENT ON FOOT TO **SUPER 61** CRASH SITE.
- 1730** GROUND FORCES REACH **SUPER 61** CRASH SITE AND ESTABLISH DEFENSIVE POSITIONS.
- 1740** **MSG GORDON** AND **SFC SHUGHART** ARE KILLED AT THE **SUPER 64** CRASH SITE. **CWO DURRANT** IS CAPTURED BY THE MILITIA.
- FROM 1800 3 OCTOBER TO 0530 4 OCTOBER** GROUND FORCES DEFEND THE **SUPER 61** CRASH SITE WHILE TRYING TO RECOVER THE REMAINS OF CRASH VICTIMS.
- 0155 4 OCTOBER** A MULTI-NATIONAL QRF REACHES THE CRASH SITES OF **SUPER 61** AND **64** AND BEGIN RECOVERY EFFORTS.
- 0530** RECOVERY EFFORTS ARE COMPLETE, THE QRF DEPARTS THE **SUPER 61** CRASH SITE, ACCIDENTALLY FAILING TO MOVE WITH AND PROVIDE COVER GROUND FORCES PATROLLING OUT OF THE CITY.
- 0540** GROUND FORCES OF TFR BEGIN THE FAMOUS "MOGADISHU MILE."
- 0630** ALL TROOPS EXFILTRATED TO THE RENDEZVOUS POINT AND WERE LOADED INTO APCs AND HUMVEES, REACHING EITHER THE PAKISTANI STADIUM OR THE AIRPORT.
- 11 DAYS LATER** **MICHAEL DURANT** WAS RECOVERED FROM CAPTIVITY.



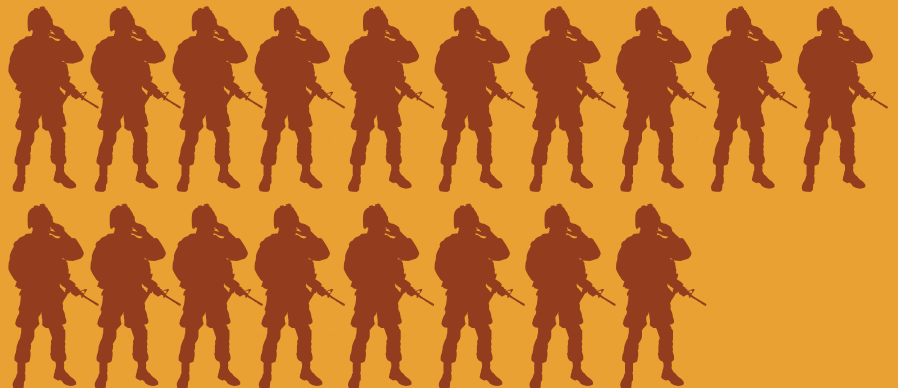
DELTA FORCE SNIPERS, **GARY GORDON** AND **RANDALL SHUGHART**, WERE POSTHUMOUSLY AWARDED THE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR THEIR SACRIFICE.

STATS

AT THE TIME, THE BATTLE OF MOGADISHU WAS CONSIDERED THE MOST INTENSIVE CLOSE COMBAT THAT U.S. TROOPS HAD ENGAGED IN SINCE THE VIETNAM WAR.



2 UH-60 BLACK HAWK HELICOPTERS WERE SHOT DOWN BY SOMALI MILITIA



18 AMERICAN DEATHS



73 AMERICAN WOUNDED



1 HELICOPTER PILOT CAPTURED



AT LEAST 1 PAKISTANI SOLDIER AND 1 MALAYSIAN SOLDIER WERE KILLED



ESTIMATED 1,500 - 3,000 SOMALI CASUALTIES

OVERALL, THE OBJECTIVE WAS MET.
BUT AT GREAT COST.

LEARN SOMETHING THAT MATTERS.

SIGN UP FOR A COMMEMORATIVE CHALLENGE HONORING THE MEN OF TASK FORCE RANGER.

EXPECT A HISTORY LESSON AND A TIMELINE RE-ENACTMENT OF THE MISSION ITSELF.



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