



Interview with Maj Johnny Austin, Part I

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Bibliogov, United States, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 246 x 189 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Major Johnny Austin, British Army, deployed to Iraq in the spring of 2003 as the mortar officer and a platoon commander with 1st Battalion, Royal Regiment of Fusiliers as part of an armored battle group. His parent unit was the 7 Armoured Brigade stationed in Germany. Different battle groups drawn from regiments across the British Army comprised the task force that supported Operation Iraqi Freedom, including the Black Watch and Royal Scots Dragoons Guards. Predeployment training included collective training, gunnery and physical training, as well as nuclear, biological and chemical decontamination training. As the war drew close, the British Army found itself deeply involved in military aid to civil power because of a firemen s strike in the United Kingdom - soldiers running fire houses. Deploying through Kuwait, Austin's unit drew their own vehicles and moved onto the Udairi Range complex for gunnery and tactical training. Due to the coalition array of forces, the British Army forces established critical liaison with elements of the US Marine Corps and received Blue Force Tracker equipment. Especially useful was the...



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