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B-1B Lancers support bombing raids over Iraq

DYESS AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS (ACCNS) - Pentagon officials confirm that B-1Bs deployed to the Persian Gulf Region Nov. 14, launched in support of the Dec. 17, bombing raids over Iraq. This is a milestone for the B-1, as it is the first time the Lancer has participated in a combat role.

Two B-1Bs from Dyess and two from Ellsworth AFB, S.D., are currently deployed to Southwest Asia, along with support people.

"Everyone in the B-1B community knows the capability of this weapons system and now we've been given the opportunity to show the world the powerful tools we bring to the fight," said Brig. Gen. Michael McMahan, 7th Bomb Wing commander, here.

"The mood around base is extremely focused and one of confidence that the mission we all work so hard to fulfill will be realized in the days to come. While no one looks forward to being away from home this time of year, everyone knows we have a job to do and will do what it takes to protect our national interests."

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