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732nd Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron at Joint Base Balad, inactivated earlier this month during separate ceremonies. At Balad, the 732nd ELRS ceased operations on June 3. The squadron was activated in March 2004. Over the years, its airmen escorted convoys, carried out fuel operations, and performed maintenance on vehicles. Later, they served as trainers to the Iraqis. 2010

The 732nd Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron was established on March 2, 2004, at

Balad Air Base, Iraq, as a subordinate unit of the 732nd EMSG. The 732nd ELRS provides operational and administrative control of Air Force logistics detachments that fall under the tactical control of the US Army. The 732 ELRS has consisted of two light/medium gun truck detachments, Det 2632 at Balad AB and Det 1058 at FOB Speicher, and a fuels detachment. The AF mission has conducted 3,472 convoys since they took over the mission, traveling nearly 3 million miles (as of 5 July 05).

The 732 ELRS was established when combat in Operation IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF) shifted from a force on force battlefield to counter-insurgency operations and the Army found themselves short of the forces required conduct operations. With the Army facing a guerilla force focused on severing lines of communication, the Air Force offered forces to fill the increasing requirements for land transportation personnel, vehicle operators and mechanics.

The combat Airmen assigned to these detachments during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM II achieved great success in completing a multitude of missions supporting the United States Army. In the first-ever of its kind mission for the United States Air Force, the detachments provided convoy security to over 40,500 vehicles on nearly 2,500 combat logistics patrols covering over 2 million miles on the world's most dangerous roads. The brave men and women of these detachments forged on despite being bombarded by 459 attacks from small arms fire, improvised explosive devices, rocket-propelled grenades and vehicle-borne IEDs.

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