



102 Elektronische Oorlogsvoering (EOV) compagnie van de landmacht heeft de Outstanding Unit Award van de Association of Old Crows (AOV) gewonnen voor haar inzet in NAVO-verband. De AOV, een gezaghebbende vereniging van EOVS-specialisten, reikte de prijs maandag uit op hun jaarlijkse conferentie in Atlanta. 102 EOVS-compagnie was voorgedragen door de NAVO.

AANPASSINGSVERMOGEN

De eenheid is met name in de prijzen gevallen vanwege het in Afghanistan getoonde aanpassingsvermogen. De werkwijze en apparatuur van 102 EOVS-compagnie waren tot dan toe gericht op elektronische oorlogsvoering tegen een reguliere krijgsmacht. In Afghanistan werd de eenheid echter geconfronteerd met een tegenstander die niet of nauwelijks over high-tech middelen beschikt. Zaken die normaal de positie van een

tegenstander kunnen verraden, zoals een radiocentrale, ontbraken dus in deze situatie. Door direct vanaf de start van de ISAF-missie in 2006 de werkwijze en inzet van de apparatuur aan te passen, heeft 102 EOVS-compagnie toch grote invloed uitgeoefend. Met name voor de veiligheid van reguliere patrouilles en speciale eenheden op missie was 102 EOVS-compagnie zeer belangrijk. Tijdens meer dan 100 gevechtssituaties was de geleverde informatie van doorslaggevend belang voor een positieve uitkomst.

102 EOVS-COMPAGNIE

De elektronische oorlogsvoeringcompagnie valt onder 103 ISTAR (*Intelligence, Surveillance, Target Acquisition and Reconnaissance*) bataljon en telt zo'n 135 militairen. Sinds de oprichting in 1989 heeft de eenheid deelgenomen aan een groot aantal internationale missies; SFOR in Bosnië, KFOR in Kosovo en SFIR in Irak. Tijdens de prijsuitreiking werd benadrukt dat de bijdrage aan deze missies altijd bijzonder werd gewaardeerd door NAVO-partners.



EOV-compagnie tijdens een oefening in Noorwegen



De commandant EOVS-compagnie, majoor Ruud Daniëls, ontvangt de Outstanding Unit Award uit handen van AOC-voorzitter Chris Glaze en generaal-majoor Thomas Andersen van de US Air Force.

ASSOCIATION OF OLD CROWS ANNUAL NATO UNIT AWARD

102 (NLD) EWcoy is a relatively young unit that became operational in 1989. This coy is the only (NLD) EW unit and has the primary task to support land operations.

Despite the fact that the unit only consists of approximately 135 pax it has deployed EW man and women continuously from 1997 onwards. Since its operational status the unit deployed elements to support several missions such as SFOR in Bosnia, KFOR in Kosovo, SFIR in Iraq and is currently deployed in ISAF Afghanistan.

Although the units Tactics Techniques and Procedures (TTPs) were initially focused on operations in a full spectrum environment with a relatively simple organized opponent the units personnel were able to adapt to the situation of the complex environment of COIN. TTP's were not suitable and equipment was not primarily obtained for the 'new' EW challenges.

During all missions the main goal was to support the commander in his Operational Planning Process and to provide units on the ground with up to date tactical information in order to enable them to conduct their operations. In many cases the EW was a Force Multiplier that contributed to the success of these operations.

Subsequently, the EW detachments with their professional EW crews were also able to operate in a Force Protection role for the units on the ground to create a more or less safer environment for them.

The current deployment in Uruzgan ISAF started in 2006 and is still lasting. During these ISAF operations EW elements supported Combined Armed Teams and Special Operation units in a very professional way. During over a hundred Teams in Contacts EW elements were able to derive valuable information that turned out to be of utmost importance for the supported commander. The contribution of the EW information was often the decisive factor of the decision making process enabling the supported commander to make the difference in successfully performing his mission.

During all missions EW personnel either worked in or worked with various NATO EW staff elements such as the EWCC and SEWOC. The contributions of 102 (NLD) EW elements were always well appreciated and a very useful part of the common EW picture of the environment.

Beside these operational contributions the unit participated, contributed and developed scenarios for many International EW exercise (later known as Courageous Bat exercises). During these exercises NATO countries could maintain and develop their skills and TTPs. As a consequence of these exercises the SIGINT community was incorporated and SEWOC n.a. concepts were developed.

102 (NLD) Coy is and has been a unit able to enhance NATO and national exercises and became a very valuable asset during operations. Operational commanders consider the EW elements as a decisive enabler and show stopper if not available.

