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Last American Troops Leave Iraq Marking an End of War



A soldier gestures from the gun turret of the last vehicle in a convoy of the US Army's 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division crosses the border from Iraq into Kuwait, Sunday, Dec. 18, 2011. The brigade's special troops battalion are the last American soldiers to leave Iraq. Photo: Maya Alleruzzo / AP

The last U.S. soldiers rolled out of Iraq across the border into neighboring Kuwait at daybreak Sunday, December 18, 2011 around 7:45 a.m. local time..

The 5-hour tactical move by the last convoy of MRAPs, heavily armored personnel carriers, took place under cover of darkness and under strict secrecy to prevent any final attacks on the withdrawing troops. The convoy's exit marked an end of the nearly nine years Iraq War.

MRAP - Mine Resistant Ambush Protected



The U.S. military replaced the Humvee with the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) when the Humvee proved unable to withstand IED attacks in Iraq



Map of the Iraq-Kuwait border

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The first edition of the "Night Hawk", the battalion newspaper, was published on 18 January 1963 at Fort Bliss, Texas and continued throughout the battalion's time in Vietnam. Throughout the years it kept the personnel informed on all events, especially those within the battalion.
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I look forward to publicly recognizing great events in your life, your stores and pictures. I am anxious to publish your submissions. Email: john@6thbattalion56thartillery.com Mail: John Mayfield, PO Box 901358, Palmdale, CA 93590-1358

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