

ENDURING FREEDOM

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The War in Afghanistan told through the eyes of soldiers on the ground in a ten-part miniseries inspired by BAND OF BROTHERS.

1. 9/11

Fort Bragg, North Carolina. A U.S. Army Special Forces unit practices HALO jumps. We meet the main characters, who are in several different companies in a battalion of Green Berets. 9/11 happens, and the troops watch the events on television. They know they'll be the first to deploy to Afghanistan.

2. Pre-Invasion

President Bush addresses a joint session of Congress. War planners at Bragg plan the Special Forces components of the invasion. The front line troops get briefings and additional training.

3. Invasion

The air campaign begins. Alpha Company fights the Taliban on horseback with the Northern Alliance.

4. The Ground Campaign

Bravo Company participates in the battle of Mazar-i-Sharif, which was a key event in the fall of the Taliban.

5. Tora Bora

A 12-man detachment links up with a Delta Force platoon and a large contingent of Afghan fighters in the search for Osama bin Laden during the battle of Tora Bora.

6. Operation Anaconda

Charlie Company deploys to Afghanistan, and fights the Taliban and Al Qaeda alongside regular Army forces. The unit participates in the battle of Shah-i-Kot.

7. Taliban Insurgency

ISAF is established, and the troops meet members of the Canadian and Australian special forces. Countless roadside

bombs take a toll. Delta Company deploys and conducts targeted raids.

8. The Surge

Several troops are attached to regular Army units as combat controllers. They go on missions with no clear goals, as well as joint patrols with Afghan forces. The overall tone is one of futility.

9. The Drawdown

2011. Osama bin Laden dies in a raid, giving the U.S. a moral victory. At home, pressure builds for withdrawing all U.S. troops by the end of 2013. Most members of the unit have come home. Some have departed for the private sector. Others have retired. The rest soldier on.

10. The Future

2013. Afghan forces have responsibility for security throughout Afghanistan, leaving the ISAF in a supporting role. U.S. troops are to withdraw by the end of 2014, but uncertainty over ISAF's role puts that goal in doubt. With security officially handed over to the Afghans, all members of the unit return to the U.S. and reflect on what they did in Afghanistan.