

## 20. APPENDIX C: COMBAT EXPERIENCES (UNADJUSTED PERCENTS)

Combat Experiences	MHAT IV 2006	MHAT V 2007
Being attacked or ambushed.	60.9%	51.7%
Seeing destroyed homes and villages.	61.1%	61.1%
Receiving small arms fire.	60.8%	57.7%
Seeing dead bodies or human remains.	57.4%	60.2%
Handling or uncovering human remains.	27.8%	32.7%
Witnessing an accident which results in serious injury or death.	37.3%	35.2%
Witnessing violence within the local population or between ethnic groups.	33.8%	35.4%
Seeing dead or seriously injured Americans.	41.7%	48.7%
Knowing someone seriously injured or killed.	65.9%	72.1%
Participating in demining operations.	22.4%	20.6%
IED/Booby trap exploded near you.	60.8%	48.5%
Working in areas that were mined or had IEDs.	67.7%	59.8%
Having hostile reactions from civilians.	51.2%	43.7%
Disarming civilians.	28.4%	30.9%
Being in threatening situations where you were unable to respond because of the ROE.	46.4%	37.2%
Shooting or directing fire at the enemy.	39.1%	35.8%
Calling in fire on the enemy.	9.1%	11.7%
Engaging in hand-to-hand combat.	3.6%	4.5%
Clearing/searching homes or buildings.	40.6%	47.4%
Clearing/searching caves or bunkers.	16.0%	15.3%
Witnessing brutality/mistreatment toward non-combatants.	10.4%	12.3%
Being wounded/injured.	8.8%	10.5%
Seeing ill/wounded women and children who you were unable to help.	33.6%	32.0%
Receiving incoming artillery, rocket or mortar fire.	82.8%	78.4%
Being directly responsible for the death of an enemy combatant.	12.9%	13.1%
Observing abuse of Laws of War/Geneva Convention.	7.1%	6.2%
Being responsible for the death of US or ally personnel.	1.3%	1.8%
Having a member of your unit become a casualty.	53.0%	55.6%
Had a close call, dud landed near you.	28.6%	25.3%
Had a close call, equipment shot off your body.	3.9%	4.2%
Had a close call, was shot or hit but protective gear saved you.	5.8%	6.2%
Had a buddy shot or hit who was near you.	12.8%	15.1%
Informed unit members/friends of a Service Member's death.	10.8%	13.5%