

# APPENDIX A

## ENDNOTES

1. "Communique No. 2,520," *FBIS-ME&A-87-007*, January 9, 1989, p. E2. The Iraqis refer to "Fishlake" as "Al-Asmak Lake." The exact position of the brigades named is unclear. We know from a variety of sources that the Iraqi front line ran north along the border from Shelemcheh, turned northwest at some point—probably following the edge of the lake—then followed the lake northwest to the dry ground in the north and then angled back over southern Majnoon Island and looped west then north around the Hawizah Marshes; also see "Majlis Speaker Discusses Karbala Operations," *FBIS-SAS-87-018*, January 28, 1987, pp. 16-18; also Russell Watson, "Iran Tightens The Noose," *Newsweek*, February 2, 1987, p. 36.

2. Bob Levin, "Death in the Garden of Eden," *Maclean's*, January 26, 1987, pp. 18-19; also "Ramadan Interviewed on Iranian Offensive, Summit," *FBIS-ME&A-87-016*, January 20, 1987, p. E1.

3. "Communique No. 2,521," *FBIS-ME&A-87-010*, January 12, 1987, pp. E1-E11. These communiques must be read alongside the Iranian reports from *FBIS-SAS-87-006*, January 9, 1987, through January 21, 1987. By following the reports in reverse sequence it becomes evident that the elliptical language employed can be very revealing. For example, although the reports of January 9-14 offer only one hint of the penetration to the south, behind the lake, the report of *FBIS-ME&A-87-010*, January 15, 1987, p. E2, reveals that an area "southeast of Al-Asmak Lake" is being "purged" indicating that it had fallen to the Iranians; also see "Middle East: Fog of War Around Basra Front," *Defense & Foreign Affairs Weekly*, January 26-February 1, 1987, p. 2; also see Nick Childs, "The Gulf War: Iraq Under pressure," *Jane's Defense Weekly*, (9 May) 1982, p. 899; also Russell Watson, "Iran Tightens the Noose," *Newsweek*, February 2, 1987, p. 36.

4. "Communique No. 2,529," *FBIS-ME&A-87-016*, January 20, 1987, pp. E3-E4. The reports make increasing mention of the shift in fighting toward the South and East. Collating the Iranian reports recounted in *FBIS-SAS* over the period, one gains a picture of the 11th Iraqi Division in command of a large number of brigades, perhaps as high as six or seven. This, however, is not unusual for the Iraqis.

5. "IRNA Rounds up Successes," *FBIS-SAS-87-012*, January 14, 1987, p. 17. Also "Communique No. 9 issued," p. 18. Apparently Ujawaryaha Island is the island referred to as "Fayaziyah" in *FBIS-SAS-87-012*, January 20, 1987, pp. 110 - 112; also see "Middle East: Karbala 5 Bogs Down," *Defense & Foreign Affairs Weekly*, February 2-8, 1987, p. 2; also see Childs. ✓

6. "Forces Advance Beyond Jasim River," *FBIS-SAS-87-016*, January 20, 1987, p. 113, also see Childs. ✓

7. "Iran Driven from Al-Asmak Lake," "Saddam Husayn Chairs RCC-Ba'ath Party Meeting," and "Saddam Husayn Decorates Defense Minister," *FBIS-ME&A-87-011*, February 2, 1987, pp. E3-E5; also Cordesman and Wagner, p. 253. ✓

8. Anthony H. Cordesman and Abraham R. Wagner, *Lessons of Modern War, Vol. 1, The Iran-Iraq War*, Boulder: Westview Press, 1990, p. 249. ✓

9. "Command Meeting Lasts 10 Hours," *FBIS-ME&A-87-017*, January 20, 1987, p. E6. ✓

10. Cordesman and Wagner, pp. 251-253; also Peeter Kopviele, "Rage in the Marshes," *Macleans*, February 2, 1987, p. 29.

11. "Iranian Division Annihilated," *FBIS-ME&A-87-011*, February 2, 1987, p. E1; also Cordesman and Wagner, p. 252.