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FOREWORD

1. PURPOSE

Fleet Marine Force Reference Publication (FMFRP) 3-203, Lessons Learned: The Iran-Iraq War, Vol. I, provides useful information to the reader about the Iran-Iraq War, particularly the lessons that can be drawn from it.

2. SCOPE

This manual starts with an overview of the Iran-Iraq War. Then it discusses the strategy followed by both sides and the tactics which evolved as the war unfolded.

3. BACKGROUND

This manual was written by Dr. Stephen C. Pelletiere and LTC Douglas V. Johnson II of the Strategic Studies Institute of the U.S. Army War College. Originally, this version was intended as a draft. Because the information in this manual is particularly significant to forces participating in or preparing for Operation Desert Shield, this manual has been published in its present form.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

This manual will not be revised. However, comments on it are important because they will be used to improve other manuals. Submit comments to --

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5. CERTIFICATION

Reviewed and approved this date.

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