

Laying Out a Patrol Base, Nawa District, 3rd
Battalion of the 3rd Marine Regiment

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Acrylic on Canvas (2013), 16 X 20 in., from the art collection of the National Museum of the Marine Corps, Quantico, VA

Description:

This painting shows Marines with the 3rd Battalion of the 3rd Marine Regiment during the initial phase of setting up a new patrol base in the Nawa District of Helmand Province of Afghanistan. The location overlooks the Helmand River. The terrain is the rock-hard remains of once cultivated fields. Between lugging coils of barbed wire, filling HESCO barriers by hand, and fending off the Taliban, the greatest challenge is staying hydrated in the unrelenting heat of high noon in mid-May 2010.