



Operations Research Seminar

The Battle of the Atlantic and IED Warfare in Iraq: Is There an Analogy?

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Abstract

In 1942, the United States faced a military crisis where German submarines were sinking large numbers of allied ships. Part of the response to that crisis was the formation of groups of analysts in direct support of military operations, aka Operations Research. There are some parallels between that crisis and the current IED battle in Iraq. We will discuss them, and also outline a quantitative model of IED warfare that can, in a rough sort of way, trace its roots all the way back to the beginnings of OR.

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