

## IED



Improvised explosive device.  
How curious and technical,  
this description of death.  
A simple acronym,  
Mentioning the words,  
an instant depiction of death.  
Mental images stirred  
and conjured horrors realized.  
Such a curious and strange term,  
resonant with such graphic,  
crystal-clear depiction,  
of the desert affliction.  
IED, the horror,  
the signature weapon,  
of the desert war.

—Maj. Edward L. Bryan, U.S. Army  
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