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For better or worse: Iraq government committed to constitution creation

By Spc. Natalie Loucks
3rd BCT PAO

FOB MACKENZIE, Iraq – Every day of the eight months the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, Task Force Liberty has supported Operation Iraqi Freedom III, the people of Iraq have taken positive steps toward democracy and a self-reliant society. In the month of August, Iraqi citizens took off running.

“This is a huge step in supporting the democracy of Iraq,” said Lt. Col. Gary Brito, commander of 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd BCT, TF Liberty.

In the beginning of August, Iraqi citizens registered to vote or validated their existing voter status allowing them to cast their vote during the first ever national democratic election.

The first step in this significant advance toward democracy, scheduled to take place Oct. 15, will be when a nation-wide popular vote will ratify or reject the new Iraqi constitution.

Iraq is one nation made up of diverse cultures. A problem surrounding the constitution is trying to integrate Islamic law into modern Iraqi law therefore creating the constitution.



Photo by Maj. Michael Charlebois

Amer Lateef, the Iraqi Election Committee director, left, spoke about Diyala's role in future elections at a conference Sept. 1 at the Civil-Military Operations Center in Baquba.

“The goal is to leave Iraq a decentralized nation living under a centralized government,” explained Capt. Drew Staples, Civil Military Officer for 1-15 Inf.

According to Capt. Philip

Weismiller, who also works in the CMO office, the purpose of the constitution is to outline the government and how the government will be ran.

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New series of events to kick off in December

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If two-thirds majority votes for it, the voters in three or more of Iraq's eighteen current governorates do not reject it, the constitution will be ratified.

Given a positive outcome of the first election process, a new series of important events will take place Dec. 15.

Iraqi citizens will once again step out to various polling sites in Iraq to cast their opinion on the outcome of the elections of the new permanent government as set forth by the new Iraqi constitution.

"What I find interesting," explained Brito, "is it took us more many years to develop a democracy (as we know it) but yet, we are doing all that in just a few years (in Iraq.) Patience has to be present."

Although Brito believes in patience, he also feels it is essential for the constitution to be ratified on the first try.

However, if the constitution is rejected, the December elections will be for a second National Assembly and the same process and timeline will be repeated for the next draft of the constitution and elections.

"If the constitution is rejected, not only will it deter the democracy process, it will give the insurgents a feeling like they have won," Brito said. "This needs to happen."

According to Staples, Coalition Forces will stay behind the scenes during the entire election process.

"The idea of the coalition support is to take the coalition face off the campaign and maintain 100 percent Iraqi led, Iraqi run and Iraqi secured voting campaign and government," he said.

Brito agreed. "The role of the U.S. Soldiers is to make sure the election process runs smoothly," he said. "We will not let this fail." ☑

Hard Rock Brings Security to Ad Duluiyah

Sgt. Robert Spikes, Company A, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, Task Force Liberty conducts a search on a vehicle at a Police checkpoint in Ad Duluiyah, Iraq, Aug. 23. Occasionally, Soldiers of TF 1-15 Inf. will pull security at various check points and search vehicles for bombs, weapons, ammunition and any items used to make explosive devices. Capt. Jimmy Hathaway, commander for Company A, TF 1-15 Inf., said the mission of Hard Rock company is to keep the area of Ad Duluiyah safe from Anti Iraqi Forces for both the Iraqi Security Forces and the Coalition Forces in the area. Hathaway also said his company is working to improve the ISF and facilitating the upcoming elections. Other missions of Hard Rock include providing security for supply movement convoys, conducting raids and gathering intelligence for future targeting missions.



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Iraqi governors, coalition leaders confer in Kirkuk

Courtesy of Army News Service
116th BCT

FOB WARRIOR, Iraq — Governors from the Iraqi provinces of Kirkuk, Sulaymaniyah, Diyala and Saladin met Aug. 24 at the Iraqi Army's K-1 military installation near Kirkuk to discuss issues affecting north-central Iraq.

Top coalition leaders from the region were also present at the event, including 42nd Infantry Division Commander Maj. Gen. Joseph Taluto and 116th Brigade Combat Team Commander Brig. Gen. Alan Gayhart, as well as the commanders of sister units in the 42nd division.

Governors Mustafa Abdulrahman of Kirkuk, Dana Ahmed Majid of Sulaymaniyah, Raad Rashid Mullah Jowad of Diyala and Deputy Governor Abdulla Hasan Jobara of Saladin represented their provinces at the meeting. The conference included morning and afternoon sessions followed by an afternoon press conference. At least 13 regional media outlets attended the press conference, where questions focused on Article 58 of Iraq's transitional administrative law, elections and security.

All of the governors agreed on the need for action on Article 58 to find a solution for displaced Iraqis, were vocal in encouraging citizens to participate in the elections and discussed plans for the establishment of a coordinated emergency information hotline between all four provinces.

Security for the conference was provided by the Iraqi Army's 2nd Brigade, 4th Division, the unit headquartered at the facility.

Supporting the democratic process and open public communication by

Iraqi elected leaders is part of the 116th BCT's mission while deployed in north central Iraq. The unit's mission also includes assisting Iraq's new government, supporting economic development, facilitating communications and improving security and stability in the region.

The 116th BCT includes a headquarters and staff sections, two armor battalions, a mechanized

infantry battalion, a support battalion, a field artillery battalion, an engineer battalion, and various intelligence, signal, and specialized units. With component units from the states of Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Utah, North Dakota, New Jersey and Maryland, the 116th BCT is one of several Army National Guard units deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom III. 



Photo by Capt. Monte Hibbert

Governors from the Iraqi provinces of Kirkuk, Sulaymaniyah, Diyala and Saladin hold a press conference Aug. 24 at the Iraqi Army's K-1 military installation near Kirkuk after morning and afternoon meetings. Pictured from left to right: Governor Dana Ahmed Majid of Sulaymaniyah, Governor Mustafa Abdulrahman of Kirkuk, Deputy Governor Abdulla Hasan Jobara of Saladin and Governor Raad Rashid Mullah Jowad of Diyala.



**Warlocks work...
if they're turned
on.**



WARHORSE CHAPEL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Friday

1 to 3 p.m.
Muslim Juma Prayer

6 to 8 p.m.
Jewish Prayer and Fellowship

Sunday

8 to 9 a.m.
Early Bird Protestant – Chaplain
(Capt.) Smith

9 to 10:30 a.m.
Gospel – Chaplain (Capt.) Pickens

11 a.m. to Noon
Mid-Morning Protestant – Chaplain
(Maj.) Rauch

12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
Latter Day Saints

1:45 to 2:45 p.m.
Roman Catholic

8 to 9:30 p.m.
Evening Protestant – Chaplain (Capt.)
Smith

Bible Study

Tuesday:
6 to 7 p.m. at Education Center –
Chaplain (Capt.) Pickens

Wednesday:
7 to 8 p.m. at Warhorse Chapel-
Chaplain (Capt.) Smith

Mid-Week Service

Thursday:
7 to 8 p.m. at Warhorse Chapel –
Chaplain (Capt.) Pickens

Friday:
10:15 p.m. – Chaplain (Capt.) Smith
'Movie of the Week'

Knowing your Soldiers spiritual fitness level is key for leadership success

By Staff Sgt. Bill Ferguson, III
HHC 3rd BCT

I have read recently about the concern of U.S. Military Academies having mandatory prayers. Although I do not agree with the thought of mandatory prayer, I do believe it is the responsibility of every leader to understand and be able to seek counseling for the total Soldier.

Part of the Noncommissioned Officer Creed states that as leaders we will communicate consistently with our Soldiers and keep them informed. Part of that communication should include the spiritual fitness of every Soldier. Just as physical fitness is an individual responsibility and falls

to the leadership to see that every Soldier is fit for duty, so is spiritual fitness important to accomplishment of the mission. It is not just the chaplain's business to talk to troops, but the immediate supervisor's duty to know and help meet the needs of every Soldier. In the worst case a Soldier has to be given last rites and the leaders do not have the information about the Soldier's religious preferences or whether the Soldier was active in their faith, we as leaders have failed.

Contrary to popular belief, it is okay to talk to your Soldiers about their spiritual fitness. We must be leaders to the total Soldier to assist them to be the best they can be. ☑

"I will communicate consistently with my Soldiers and never leave them uniformed"

--The NCO Creed

The Spiritual Context of Army Values

Loyalty: Bear true faith and allegiance to the U.S. Constitution, the Army, your unit and other Soldiers.
"Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life." Revelation 2:10

Duty: Fulfill your obligations.
"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the laws of Christ." Galatians 6:2

Respect: Treat people as they should be treated.
"Do not repay evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody." Romans 12:17

Selfless-Service: Put the welfare of the Nation, the Army, and your subordinates before your own.
"The greatest among you will be your servant." Matthew 23:11

Honor: Live up to all the Army values.
"Finally, brothers, whatever is honorable..., -think on these things." Philippians 4:8

Integrity: Do what's right, legally and morally.
"LORD, who may dwell in your sanctuary? Who may live on your holy hill? He whose walk is blameless and who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from his heart..." Psalm 15:1-2

Personal Courage: Face fear, danger, or adversity (Physical or Moral).
"... Be strong and courageous... For the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

VIEW FROM THE "TOP"

Camaraderie, good music, food highlights Warhorse NCO Call

By 1st Sgt. Michael Thompson

Special to the Hammer Times

We conducted our first Noncommissioned Officer Call on Forward Operating Base Warhorse and it brought out leaders I never knew existed on this FOB. The atmosphere was inviting with good music, excellent food prepared by Sgts. 1st Class Lawrence Jordan and Kerry Pope of Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, Task Force Liberty and games to include spades, dominoes, horse shoes, and several board games. The Cash Fitness Center will be the exclusive facility for our NCO Calls that will be held every first and third Sunday of every month. Command Sgt. Maj. Jesse Andrews recognized several great NCO's with coins and the ultimate acknowledgement, being rec-



THOMPSON
HHC 3rd BCT

ognized with a Sledgehammer signed by our BCT Commander and command sergeant major, Col. Steven Salazar and Andrews. We will also honor our NCO's with upcoming birthdays with something special each month.

I'd like to mention 1st Sgt. Herman Gunter for facilitating a logistical operation that has been doing an outstanding job during OIF III. His energy shows in every Soldier in his formation. He received the first Sledgehammer and the following Soldiers received Hammer Steel for their contribution in making our mission extremely successful and for their outstanding performance. Sgt. 1st Class Sylvia Mills for running a flawless Forward Air Re-supply Point and POL Section and Staff Sgt. Edgar Bell, responsible for our supply convoys to and from Logistical Support Area Anaconda.

I have to speak on the music that was being played by Sgt. 1st Class Melvin Lee, the NCOIC of the fitness centers. He made each Soldier feel welcome with the selections

played. I thought for a minute that 1st Sgt. Debbie Gillis of our Civil Affairs detachment and Sgt. 1st Class Francis Watson of our Finance Detachment were going to get down off their stools and cut a rug. The uniform for the upcoming events will be in a clean PT uniform. Come over and get your groove on.

Fellowship is beautiful when it is supported by all NCO's. We need to continue to support these events to make them successful. I think slow cooked BBQ chicken will bring any NCO out of their CHU.

I have to mention the support from CW3 Deborah Barthell and Master Sgt. Larry Jones. They assisted in ensuring we had the following chow available; chicken, hot wings, burgers, hot dogs, cole slaw, baked beans, beverages, and condiments.

This event is open to any NCO and specialist promotable who is supporting the mighty Sledgehammer Brigade. Let's continue to support our event.

Soldier Hard Always!!! 

Diyala Provincial Mayor's Conference

Aug. 24 marked the first time that Diyala Mayor's assembled with Governor Raad Rashid Mullah Jowad (right) to discuss the new provincial charter, upcoming elections, reconstruction and development committee efforts, and security issues. Governor Raad conducted a press conference at the new government building in Baquba, providing the public with an optimistic view of Diyala's progress in the areas of responsible governance and reconstruction.

Max Becherer/Polaris, for The New York Times



Country BBQ 5K Race

Photos by Spc. Natalie Loucks
3rd BCT PAO

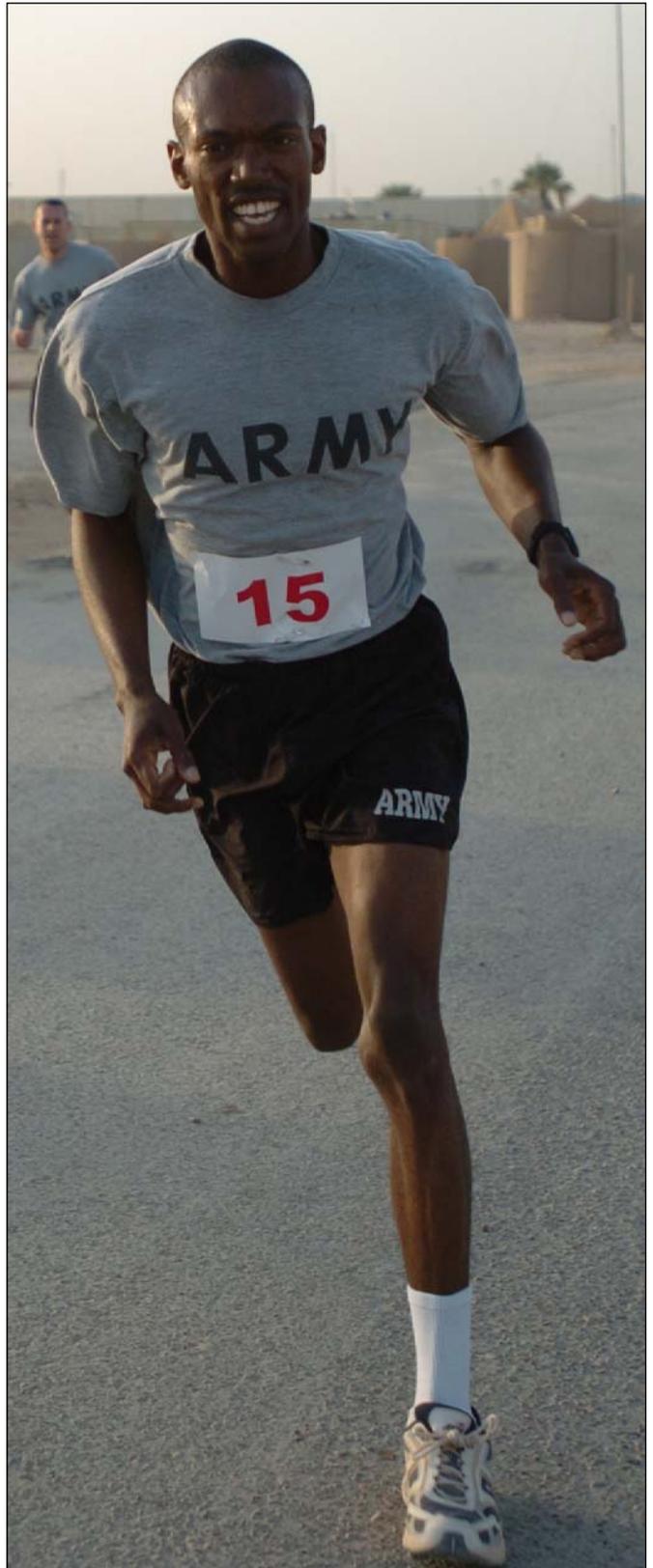
(Right) As soon as the Warhorse race ended, Command Sgt. Major Jesse Andrews, the 3 Brigade Combat Team command sergeant major, via live broadcast, announced, "On your mark, get set, go," to runners in Columbus to commence their midnight 5K race. The Warhorse race was broadcasted live over WTVM Channel 9 allowing Soldiers the opportunity to say hello to their friends and family back in Columbus.

(Below) Runners from Forward Operating Warhorse, Iraq take off for a 5K race, Aug. 28 put on by FOB Warhorse's Morale, Welfare and Recreation department in conjunction with a midnight 5K run sponsored by Country's Barbeque of Columbus, Ga.





(Above) 1st Lt. Lenore Gouge, Company B, 203rd Forward Support Battalion, 3rd BCT, Task Force Liberty receives the gold medal from Salvo after placing first in her age group for females with a finishing time of 23 minutes, 22 sec.



(Above) Sgt. Barrington Patten, Company B, 203rd FSB, 3rd BCT, TF Liberty shows heart, effort and determination in his face during the run. Patten finished the race first in his age group and second overall with a finish time of 18:05.



(Left) A Soldier from 3rd BCT, TF Liberty grabs a bunch of grapes after the race. MWR provided the runners with fruit, Gatorade, juice and water under shade tents put up to keep the runners cool.

Muqdadiyah JCC operations transferred to Iraqi Police

Coalition Forces hand over center to Iraqi Police

Story and photos by
1st Lt. William Trevathan
1-30 Infantry Regiment

MUQDADIYAH, Iraq – Muqdadiyah is proving to be the catalyst for positive change in the Diyala Province. Collaboration, between the Iraqis and Coalition Forces, has resulted in a vision of self responsibility and autonomy. As of Aug. 27, operations at the Muqdadiyah Joint Coalition Center are now run entirely by Iraqi personnel.

The JCC provides a multitude of support for the citizens of city. The JCC is the Headquarters for police operations in Muqdadiyah. Here, the Iraqi Police collect, interpret, and disseminate information in an organized and efficient manner. The JCC also acts



Prominent elected Iraqi officials lent credibility and solidarity to the government by publicly broadcasting the JCC transfer of authority ceremony via loudspeakers.

as the command center for the operations of 12 police stations and substations.

The importance of a free and independent media is self-evident. The very title “JCC” is being metamorphosed to reflect its new identity, translated means “The Helping Place.”

American Soldiers have operated alongside Iraqis at the JCC since ousting of Dictator Saddam Hussein. The transfer of authority to an Iraqi-operated JCC is a milestone in the ultimate nation-wide transfer of authority and responsibility for internal security.

This evolution proves that Iraqis are helping Iraqis, and that they are making irreversible momentum towards complete self-reliance. Pride in Iraqi self-reliance has created a strong bond between the American Forces and the Iraqi people of this area. As the new Iraqi government takes root and continues to prove its stability, Coalition Forces will incrementally have less involvement in Iraqi affairs. The world watches as Muqdadiyah sets the standard of the secure future awaiting the Diyala Province as a whole.

This exemplifies the emergence of an independent Iraqi security force capable of providing domestic security for Iraq.

The evolution of the JCC indicates to Iraqis that peace and security in Iraq are the goals of Coalition Forces, not occupation. This awareness, in itself, constitutes a victory for everyone involved. Freedom is within grasp of the people. It is the people of Iraq who will ultimately decide if Iraq is plagued by terrorism or emerges as a proud and powerful bastion of freedom. ☑



During an emotionally charged ceremony, leaders, and local citizens, pray for the continued marked progress in the Muqdadiyah area.

MEDCAP provides health care, hope to public

Ad Monisam sick, wounded benefit from Mackenzie medics, Soldiers

Story and photo by Spc. Natalie Loucks
3rd BCT PAO

AD MONISAM, Iraq — Crowds of Iraqi children, mothers with babies and grown men and women swarmed like bees, Aug. 24, around U.S. Soldiers from Forward Operating Base Mackenzie, Iraq, in a small village of Ad Monsiam.

Members of the 426th Civil Affairs Company and 1460th Psychological Operations team, currently attached to 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, Task Force Liberty tossed Beanie Babies and small bottles of shampoo to the local population.

Medics with 1-15 Inf. dragged overstuffed bags filled with medical supplies into the home of one of the villagers.

Once the Beanie Babies and personal hygiene products were gone, attention quickly turned from the Soldiers with empty boxes to the medics in the dimly lit makeshift aid station who were setting up for a Medical Civic Assistance Program.

"Mista, mista." The crowd raced to the open door exaggerating their ailments in hopes of being the first patient seen.

They were met by a U.S. Soldier standing in the doorway providing crowd control for the military personnel inside. He let one patient and their family in at a time.

Obligated under the Geneva Convention to ensure the healthcare needs of the populace are met, Capt. Michael Tarpey, 1-15 Inf. Battalion Surgeon, said his main goal is to get the Iraqi healthcare system up and run-



Spc. William Werner and Sgt. Thomas Blackburn, medics with 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment comfort a local Iraqi boy from a small village in Ad Monisam, Iraq during a Medical Civic Assistance Program, Aug. 24. The boy came to the Soldiers with severe burns to the lower half of his body. Blackburn and Werner cleaned the infected area and applied ointment and sterile dressing.

ning and capable of meeting the needs of the local populace where 1-15 operates.

Tarpey said he has been working closely with Iraqi medical personnel in clinics around the area to ensure they have everything they need to operate and meet the needs of their patients.

To aid in the progression of the Iraqi healthcare system, Tarpey and his medics conduct MEDCAPs, a medical aid program originally developed during Vietnam.

"Just like anywhere in the world, the more you go somewhere, the more you get to know the people."

*--Sgt. Thomas Blackburn
Medic, 1-15 Infantry*

The medics occasionally travel to villages which lack local clinics or easy access to doctors and treat the citizens there and set up an aid station for the local citizens.

"We try to return to these areas on a somewhat regular basis so there is some continuity of care," Tarpey explained.

Tarpey said many of the remote villagers may have tribal rivalries

that discourage them from going to nearby clinics.

"People in the smaller, poorer villages have a good deal of medical problems and we can make a big difference in their lives by helping them out medically," he said.

Sgt. Thomas Blackburn, a medic with 1-15 Inf. who worked with Tarpey said common problems they witness are diabetes, infection and heart problems.

"We see many of the same problems in the (United) States," Blackburn said. "However; we are able to get the proper treatment before they become serious. These people often can't get that treatment."

Aside from helping the people of these small villages, Tarpey and his medics create relationships with the citizens sharing smiles and laughs instead of negative gestures.

"Just like anywhere in the world, the more you go somewhere, the more you get to know the people," Blackburn said. "They welcome us and that's a good feeling." ☑

No ice? Not a problem...

Inline hockey passes time in Iraq for hockey fans

By Juliet Macur
New York Times

FOB WARHORSE, Iraq — One night recently, just after dusk, a convoy of Humvees came to an abrupt halt as it was leaving the Camp Warhorse military base in Iraq. A Soldier in the passenger seat of the lead vehicle climbed out, camera in hand, and stared, agape, at the silhouettes of seven figures gliding in skates atop a large concrete slab.

“Hey guys, can you believe this?” he yelled to his fellow Soldiers inside the Humvee, just before snapping a few photos and driving off. “Hockey in Iraq. Now I’ve seen everything.”

There is basketball for Soldiers in Iraq, college courses for Soldiers in Iraq, even salsa dancing lessons for Soldiers in Iraq. But

inline hockey for Soldiers in Iraq must be among the rarest recreational activities of all.

Here at Warhorse, though, near the city of Baquba, about 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, hockey has become a nightly ritual.

Soldiers from Company B of the 203rd Forward Support Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division, gather at 7 p.m. to lace up their skates and play hockey on an area of concrete separated from the base’s helipad by blast walls.

The Soldiers’ 16 sets of inline skates and 13 hockey sticks were donated by sporting-goods stores in Wisconsin. The single goal they use was fashioned with tent poles they welded together and netting normally used as a sun barrier.

Some Soldiers had skated before. Some had played roller hockey before. Others, like Staff Sgt. Glennville Fox from Palatka, Fla., had done neither. “I’m not very nimble, but this just helps me pass the time,” he said after missing a shot on goal, losing his balance and falling to

the ground face first, spread eagle.

On the other side of the goal, Spc. Eric Armstrong let out a laugh as he weaved around other players, an orange rubber ball on the tip of his stick. He shot and scored. Then the players promptly lost the ball in the darkness.

“While still in Kuwait, I joked that we’d be playing hockey here in a few months, but I was totally kidding,” said Armstrong, 20, who is from Appleton, Wis., and has played hockey since he was 10. “Now it’s weird to play this here, because Iraqis have probably never even seen hockey, or ice, for that matter.

“But after awhile, I couldn’t watch another movie, couldn’t play another video game. I needed hockey.”

Armstrong and a few other players work security, escorting convoys down the perilous roads to and from Warhorse, an area rife with roadside bombs. Other times, Armstrong searches people entering the base, including injured Iraqis en route to the aid station.

“We search them even

though they have cut-up legs and shot-off arms or flesh hanging off of them,” he said. “People have been known to strap bombs to their legs even then, so we have to keep the base safe. Now you know why we use hockey to distract us from our day jobs.”

Convoy security missions are just as stressful, but sometimes boring because there may be long waits at either end of the trips. Before his hockey equipment arrived, Armstrong said he often spent that down time dreaming about playing in the NHL or trying to remember how it felt to dance across the ice with a hockey stick in his hand.

Finally, after months in Iraq, he decided to ask his mother, Kris Armstrong, to buy 13 sets of inline skates, 13 hockey sticks and two sets of goalie equipment with the money he had saved while overseas. When she went to sporting-goods stores to buy them, Armstrong said, she ended up persuading the managers to donate more than \$2,000 of hockey equipment.

Kris Armstrong spent about \$150 to send that gear to Iraq. The equipment arrived two weeks ago and was the best package from home that Armstrong could dream of, he said.

Before a recent game, Armstrong quickly fixed a goal with duct tape. The night before, another soldier had trouble braking and skated through the metal frame. When Armstrong was finished, the group set out for nearly two hours of gliding and, in some cases, colliding.

“Hey, did you do this damage to me yesterday?” Sgt. Thomas Miller, 25, from Carmine, Ill., said to Armstrong, while pointing to a welt on his shin.

“Better me than some Iraqi,” Armstrong said, as he skated off smiling. 



Soldiers of the 203rd Forward Support Battalion prepare for their daily game. Spc. Eric Armstrong, left, of Wisconsin said hockey was probably a foreign game to most Iraqis. His mother helped secure the equipment donations.

Max Becherer/Polaris, for The New York Times

'Crusaders' mission not just about 'tanking'

Story and photo by Spc. Natalie Loucks
3rd BCT PAO

FOB MACKENZIE, Iraq – “It’s like having a Lamborghini. You don’t use all of the power all of the time but you know it’s there when you need it,” said Staff Sgt. Ahmed Edwards, a tank commander for 1st Platoon, Company C, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, Task Force Liberty.

Although it could be compared to a swift Italian sports car, the M1A1 is not sleek, not swift, and certainly not aerodynamic and can protect its precious cargo much better. Tankers from Company C, “Crusaders,” 1-15th Inf. maneuver these 70-ton vehicles through deserts, roads and villages with precision and ease.

“Our primary mission,” explained Capt. Brandon Garner, Crusader company commander, “is to conduct security operations in order to establish a safe and secure area for Ad Monisam and for Coalition Forces in that area.”

While conducting security patrolling missions through the towns of Ad Monisam, Edwards said the teams also communicate with the local citizens building a bond that is rewarding and valuable.

On many occasions, Edwards said he was able to gather intelligence on insurgent activity just by talking to



Private 1st Class Kamran Aliyez, Company B, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment kneels down to mingle with local children in Ad Monisam, Iraq during a patrol mission, Aug. 22.

the people and creating a trusting relationship with them.

Despite the long hours of maintenance it takes to keep these “Battle Cadillac’s” on the road able to perform their duties, both Garner and Edwards love what they do and are proud.

“We can’t always move forward with a mean face and it’s hard not to because we are combat arms,” Garner said.

Edwards said on many occasions

he and his crew will dismount their tanks and give men and women who are working out in the hot sun some Gatorade or cold water.

“The look on their faces is priceless,” he said. “It’s like they just received gold. Something so simple means so much to them.”

Garner said the most rewarding part of the job to him is seeing the smiling faces of the town’s people. “We are winning their hearts and minds,” he said with a smile. ☑



DRUM MAJORS

Each battalion submits a daily good-news story called a "Drumbeat" to the Brigade. Weekly, a distinguished panel of judges evaluates the "Drumbeat" and selects the best one, which is crowned the "Drum Major." *Hammer Times* proudly presents the "Drum Majors" for the last two weeks. [Z]

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TF 1-30 DAILY DRUMBEAT

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The Iraqi S-5, Muqadiyah Head Doctor, and the Mayor rejoice at the collaborative effort resulting in the delivery of much needed medical supplies.

Planning is the key, and this group knows first hand what working together can accomplish for their city.

Taking the lead. The IA knows that security is not their only responsibility. Above, the IA unloads the fruits of their labor.

LOO: Civil Military Operations

WHO: 2-2 IAB, IA S-5, Mayor of Muqadiyah, Head Doctor, TF 1-30 S-5, CA, IO

WHERE: Muqadiyah Women and Children's Hospital

WHAT: TF 1-30 and 2-2 IAB deliver medical supplies

WHY /SIGNIFICANCE: Medical supplies are donated by the IA Battalion thus meeting a critical demand for much needed supplies in the area. Again, Iraqi's in Muqadiyah show that they know what can happen when they work together for the betterment of their community. The IP, IA and City Government are leaps ahead of the rest of the country in developing and implementing a model for all of Iraq. This delivery not only provides an immediate benefit for the citizens, but symbolizes the growing infrastructure of the city and its ability to provide services to the people of the Muqadiyah Qada. The importance of these different groups coming together is the catalyst for remarkable positive change in the area. Moreover, it continues to establish the growing relationship between the leadership of Muqadiyah and TF 1-30 in providing assistance to each other in efforts to build a secure and prosperous Iraq.

BULLETIZED – TF 1-30 and the city of Muqadiyah work collaboratively to deliver medical supplies to the Women and Children's Hospital

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16 August 2005

Diyala Province Mayor's Conference

LOO: Governance

Where: New Government Building

What: Mayor's Conference

Who: Governor, Mayors and Chairmen of Diyala Qadahs, IECI, Deputy Governor, Assistant Governor, Chairman of Governorate Council

Significance: First time that Diyala Qadah Mayors assembled with Governor and other key note speakers to discuss the new Provincial Charter, Elections, Provincial Reconstruction & Development Committee, Diyala 2010 Vision, and Security.

Governor conducted press conference; providing the public with an optimistic view of Diyala's progress in the areas of responsible governance and reconstruction.

Mayors received gift book sets on democracy during a press conference



Governor presenting check for reconstruction to Mayor of Al Khalis for \$370,000

Assistant Governor discusses key issues of the Provincial Charter

