



## Secondary explosives becoming primary threats

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An improvised explosive device attack can throw a convoy or patrol into chaos in the blink of an eye; the enemy knows and expects this, and one tactic is to try and maximize Coalition casualties using secondary IEDs.

A secondary IED is any device that is tactically associated with another device. If an IED is coordinated in such a manner as to go off after an attack or is designed to harm responders to another attack, it is considered a secondary device, said Camp Victory's Joint IED-Defeat Task Force, which tracks and supports advances being made in the IED fight, changes in insurgent tactics and the most important issue: how to get valuable information down to where it matters — the troops on the ground.

"We've been seeing more casualties from secondary devices in the last eight or nine months. The enemy has been using them quite a bit," said Alex Szigedi, operations officer, JIEDDTF. He



**Before rendering aid after an improvised explosive device attack, even if a vehicle is on fire, service members should perform a 5- and 25-meter check of their position before dismounting because a secondary attack may be threatening.**

added that secondary devices tend to produce more casualties than initial IED attacks.

A secondary attack doesn't have to be an IED. It could be small-arms fire or a vehicle-borne IED, Szigedi said. Insurgents have been targeting responders such as medical evacuation personnel, explosive ordnance disposal capabilities and quick reaction forces in an attempt

to stop reinforcements from entering the scene of an attack or the location of a suspected IED.

Troops should remember that during an IED strike — whether the device has been discovered before it could detonate or has already detonated — they are being actively engaged by the enemy and should maintain an extremely high level of situational awareness.

"(Soldiers) need to remember that the enemy is not done attacking them. If they get hit, they need to immediately begin posturing to protect themselves further and respond to a future threat," said Maj. Brian Tuson, JIEDDTF team leader. He and other members of the Task Force always try to make it clear to all troops they work with that complacency can kill them or their buddies.

Always looking for ways to teach service members to remain calm when attacked with IEDs, one technique the JIEDDTF teaches is to make sure every crew member of every vehicle in a convoy has been given specific tasks to accomplish in the event of an IED strike, such as vehicle gunners scanning the area from their turrets looking for potential hiding places for IED triggermen, or other personnel randomly checking people leaving or near the attack area. The Task Force also stresses practicing crew drills before going on mis-

sions so everyone is completely aware of their responsibilities.

The JIEDDTF isn't shy in stressing that the majority of IED attacks are command-detonated — either through attached wires or a remote control — meaning that there is a triggerman nearby in a location that has visibility of the device. If gunners have been trained to scan for possible hiding places, troops may be able to eliminate a future threat.

The first thing that most service members will want to do after an IED detonates is go help the damaged vehicle and any potential casualties. Szigedi stressed that even if a vehicle is on fire, troops responding to the attack should do immediate searches before and after dismounting to make sure they are not threatened as well; anytime a vehicle is going to become stationary, the occupants should perform a search. "After an initial IED attack, soldiers should perform 5- and 25-meter checks," he said.

"One unit has been using chemlights if they get hit with an IED. If a vehicle is hit and has no casualties, a green chemlight is thrown out of the vehicle. If there are casualties, they throw out a red one so other Soldiers coming to help can plan their response better," said Szigedi.

Units including the JIEDDTF track patterns and share information with other elements in the Coalition, and the enemy is doing the same thing.

"One tactic that (service members) need to remember is to vary their routes while convoying or patrolling," said Szigedi.



**When attacked with an improvised explosive device, troops need to remember that they are being actively engaged by the enemy, and the engagement is not done until that threat has been captured or killed.**

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The enemy tracks what routes troops use while performing missions and may be able to guess where forces will be. This gives them an opportunity to plan a well-designed attack because they'll be able to exploit patterns that Coalition soldiers have set," Szigedi said.

A rule of thumb for troops engaged with an IED is to immediately cordon off the area 300 meters in every direction. If a 300-meter cordon is used every time, all the enemy needs to do is set up a secondary device 300 meters away from the first one and wait for soldiers to expose themselves before detonating. If troops vary their distances and avoid setting patterns, enemy plans may prove less effective. Also, many EOD units establish an inner cordon about 150 meters away from the site of the attack and

base their ordnance disposal mission there. If the 150-meter distance is used every time, the enemy may be able to anticipate and attack EOD assets. Varying cordoning distances reduces the secondary device threat on Coalition forces.

Company- and battalion-level assets should monitor their patterns of movement in order to provide variation. If a forward operating base is attacked by rockets or mortars, or if IEDs are detonated in the same location near FOBs, Coalition forces are trained and ready to attack the point of origin of the threat. If successive threats come from the same area, QRFs will be aware of the fastest route there, and if they use that route multiple times, they may be placing themselves in danger of IEDs set along that route.

"Soldiers need to remember



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**Even something as nondescript as disturbed earth can identify a possible improvised explosive device.**

that they're in contact with the enemy. They need to keep in mind that the engagement's not done and conduct themselves accordingly until the threat has

been captured or killed," said Tuson.

*(Editor's note: Information in this article was provided by the Joint IED Defeat Task Force.)*

# Military police, Iraqi police deliver message of peace

Story, photos Pfc. Matthew Clifton  
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Soldiers from 1st Platoon, 108th Military Police Company, 16th MP Brigade, Fort Bragg, N.C., have been working hand-in-hand with the Iraqi Police at the Bilat Alshuhadaa Station since September.

One thing the MPs do is try to establish good community relations between the IPs and the civilians they are there to protect. This involves reaching out to the locals by going into the neighborhood and visiting the local schoolhouse.

"Our mission today is to assist (the IPs) with delivering literature and supplies to the local schoolhouse," said Spc. Timothy Adams, gunner, 108th MP Co. "We will go to the station, walk them through the mission and support them while they go in and hand out the supplies."

The IPs will be handing out school supplies, Iraqi flags, T-shirts and magazines explaining how they are there to help them, Adams said.

The 108th MP Co. is finishing its second rotation in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and has directly contributed to the progress made by IPs in the country.

"We were in Mosul last year working with the IPs," said Sgt. John Olsen, vehicle commander, 108th MP Co. "We worked very hard with the IPs, and they were extremely productive in learning their job."

The same thing can be said for the IPs in Baghdad, Olsen continued.

"When we first arrived in Mosul, the IPs were under our constant supervision. It was the



**An Iraqi policeman and a Soldier from the 108th Military Police Company, 16th MP Brigade, Fort Bragg, N.C., prepare to hand out supplies to local Iraqi school children during a humanitarian aid mission recently in Baghdad.**

very beginning of the learning process for them," Olsen said. "Now, almost two years later we are to the point where the IPs are taking the main role in the missions they conduct."

With this mission, the MPs and IPs will have to cordon off the streets around the school to establish a perimeter and make sure they protect the school from any possible threats. Two streets will be cordoned. One will be covered by the IPs and the other will be covered by the MPs, Adams said.

"We are only going to stay at the school for about 40 minutes, because we don't want to draw any resistance focused at us toward the school," Olsen said. "One we get the perimeter, we will go inside, hand out the supplies, talk with the teachers and children briefly and return to the station."

Back at the station, after the mission, Olsen and the other sergeants of the 108th MP Co.

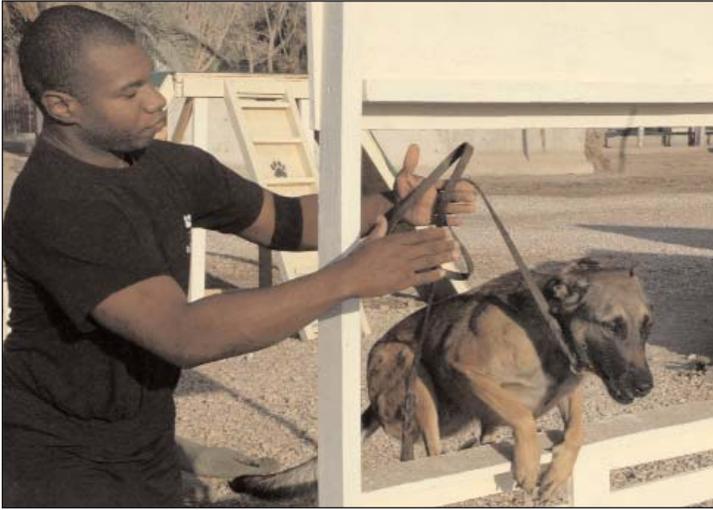


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## Brown dogs can't jump

Spc. Maurice Wineglass, explosive dog handler, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, XVIII Airborne Corps, takes his dog, Carla, through an obstacle course on Camp Victory.

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went through an after action review with the IPs.

"Basically, everything was great. The IPs performed professionally and helped establish a necessary connection with the local children," he said. "A lot of the information we get comes from children, so it is important that they know the IPs are there to keep them safe."

Every time the IPs successfully complete a mission their, confidence and morale are boosted, and that will ultimately lead to

their 100-percent individual effectiveness, Olsen said.

"The goal here is to make the IPs self-sufficient," Adams said. "We have been working with the IPs for a long time, and I know how dedicated they are to protecting their people."

Adams has seen nothing but improvement from the Iraqi Police at Bilal Alshuhadaa Station and is confident they are nearing their ultimate goal of taking complete control of their neighborhood.

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### Schedule

Raiders at Jets  
Rams at Vikings  
Bears at Steelers  
Buccaneers at Panthers  
Colts at Jaguars  
Texans at Titans  
Patriots at Bills  
Browns at Bengals  
49ers at Seahawks  
Giants at Eagles  
Redskins at Cardinals  
Dolphins at Chargers  
Ravens at Broncos  
Chiefs at Cowboys  
Lions at Packers  
Saints at Falcons

Last Week's Results:  
Overall: 119 - 73



SSG St.Clair



PFC Clifton



SSG Glover

### This Week's Picks

Raiders  
Vikings  
Bears  
Panthers  
Colts  
Titans  
Patriots  
Bengals  
Seahawks  
Giants  
Redskins  
Chargers  
Broncos  
Cowboys  
Packers  
Falcons

13 - 3  
119 - 73

Raiders  
Vikings  
Bears  
Buccaneers  
Colts  
Texans  
Patriots  
Bengals  
Seahawks  
Giants  
Redskins  
Chargers  
Broncos  
Chiefs  
Lions  
Falcons

12 - 4  
115 - 77

Raiders  
Vikings  
Steelers  
Panthers  
Colts  
Texans  
Patriots  
Bengals  
Seahawks  
Eagles  
Redskins  
Dolphins  
Ravens  
Cowboys  
Lions  
Falcons

13 - 3  
121 - 71

### Notes

Everyone did something right in week 13, where even last place was at least 12 - 4. Indy's now 12 - 0 and preparing for that big loss in Seattle in week 16. And those mighty Seahawks! They've clinched their division, are 10 - 2 for the first time since 1984 and shut out Philly 42 - 0 on Monday night. Star TB Shaun Alexander didn't even play in the second half, and he's still leading the league in yardage and touchdowns scored.

There's only four games left. That's plenty of time for Pfc. Clifton's late-season surge to take the overall win. (There's as much a chance of that happening as there is Cincy winning the Super Bowl, namely none.)

This week's guest picker is Staff Sgt. Vincent Glover, 280th Signal Battalion, Delaware Army National Guard.

Take a chance, and get beat by Pfc. Clifton and Staff Sgt. St.Clair! Be a guest by calling or e-mailing 822-1414 or [mark.st.clair@iraq.centcom.mil](mailto:mark.st.clair@iraq.centcom.mil).



# BEWARE!



AVOID BEING A VICTIM OF A  
**LARCENY**

- **LOCK IT, DON'T LOSE IT!!**
- **Don't leave valuables unsecured in your room, tent, or gym.**
- **Don't leave valuables out in the open.**
- **Don't give your keys to others.**
- **If you become a VICTIM of a Larceny, report it immediately.**

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## MILITARY POLICE

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## Voices of Victory: *What is the most exciting thing about being in Iraq?*



“Working with the same people every day has made this long deployment to Iraq exciting and interesting.”

Sgt. Krystle McGrath, cook, HHC, XVIII Airborne Corps



“The thought of going home after a year-long deployment is exciting.”

Sgt. Eric Helton, infantryman, 3rd Infantry Division



“I’m the only logistics transportation coordinator for my unit in Iraq, so that has made it exciting.”

Rashid Hill, transportation coordinator, V Corps Signal Battalion

### Operating Hours

#### Coalition Cafe

Breakfast 5:30 - 8:30 a.m.  
Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Dinner 5:30 - 8 p.m.  
Midnight Dining 11 p.m. - 1 a.m.

#### Sports Oasis

Breakfast 5:30 - 8:30 a.m.  
Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Dinner 5:30 - 9 p.m.

#### Shopette

Open 24 Hours

#### Camp Liberty Post Exchange

Everyday 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.

#### Fitness Center

Open 24 Hours

#### Chapel (Bldg. 31)

##### Sunday:

Protestant Service 7 and 8:45 a.m.  
Catholic Mass 10:30 a.m.  
Gospel Service Noon  
Mormon (LDS) 2 p.m.  
Episcopal 4 p.m.  
Full Life Service 6 p.m.

##### Saturday:

7th Day Adventist 11 a.m.  
Catholic Mass 8 p.m.

#### Mini-Chapel (Bldg. 2)

##### Friday:

Jewish Service 6:30 p.m.  
Eastern Orthodox services:

##### Saturday;

Vespers 5 p.m.  
Confession 5:30 p.m.  
Bible Study 7 p.m.

##### Sunday;

Divine Liturgy 9 a.m.

#### Post Office

Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Saturday - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Sunday 1 - 5 p.m.

#### Golby Troop Medical Clinic

##### Sick Call Hours:

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - noon  
Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. - noon  
**Dental Sick call:**  
Monday - Friday 7:30 - 10:30 a.m.  
Saturday 9 - 10:30 a.m.

##### Mental Health Clinic:

Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m. - noon

##### Post Deployment Health Briefings:

Monday - Friday 1 p.m.

##### Pharmacy:

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - noon  
Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. - noon

**Fuel cans...**

**potential IED force multiplier.**

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### Heads up

A fighter's headgear is checked out by his coach in between rounds of a match during the Camp Victory boxing tournament Saturday.

### Victory MWR Events for December 6 - 12

**Today:** Spades Tournament at 8 p.m. at Bldg. 124; At the Gym: Tae-Kwon-Do from 6 - 7 p.m.; Fencing from 7:30 - 9 p.m.; Self Defense from 6:30 - 7:30 a.m.

**Wednesday:** Bid Whist Tournament at Bldg. 51; At the Gym: Aerobics from 5 - 6:30 a.m. and 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.; Boxing from 8 - 9 p.m.; Coaches Meeting at 12:30 at Bldg. 51

**Thursday:** Country Night at 8 p.m. at Bldg. 124; Eight Ball Tournament at Bldg 51; At the Gym: Tae-Kwon-Do from 6 - 7 p.m.; Ping Pong at 7 p.m.; Self Defense from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

**Friday:** First Run Movies in Bldg. 124; Latin Dance Night at Bldg.

51; At the Gym: Aerobics from 5 - 6:30 a.m. and 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.; Fencing from 7 - 9 p.m.; Flag Football Tournament

**Saturday:** College Football at Bldg. 51; At the Gym: Tae-Kwon-Do from 6 - 7 p.m.; Boxing from 8 - 9 p.m.; Flag Football Tournament

**Sunday:** NFL Football at 9 p.m. at Bldg. 124; NFL Football at Bldg. 51; At the Gym: Fencing from 7:30 - 9 p.m.; Self Defense from 6:30 - 7:30 a.m.; Flag Football Tournament

**Monday:** Chess Tournament at 8 p.m. at Bldg. 124; Dominos Tournament at Bldg. 51; At the Gym: Aerobics from 5 - 6:30 a.m. and 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Boxing from 8 - 9 p.m.

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