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1st BCT Commander
Col. David R. Gray

The Bastogne Brigade passed over the hump – the halfway point – in our deployment. This milestone brings excitement and anticipation as Soldiers and family members begin counting the days until we are together once again.

Even as I think of my own reunion with Karen and the kids, I am reminded of marathon runner Robert “Rob” de Castella, 1983 World Champion who set a Boston Marathon record in 1986, when he verbalized the combined struggle and thrill of running the marathon.

“The marathon’s about being in contention over the last 10K. That’s when it’s about what you have in your core,” he said. “You have run all the strength, all the superficial fitness out of yourself, and it really comes down to what’s left inside you. To be able to draw deep and pull something out of yourself is one of the most tremendous things about the marathon.”

Castella, could easily have been talking about our deployment.

For the past six months, Bastogne Soldiers have made tremendous progress in capturing and killing the enemy, training Iraqi Security Forces to the point where they are starting to take the lead on missions in and around Kirkuk, and energizing local government and civic leaders to work for the good of the community. We can all take pride in those accomplishments. But it’s not the quick start that wins the race; it’s the runner who maintains a steady pace and pushes all the way through the finish line that ends up on the winners stand.

In the weeks ahead, Bastogne Soldiers will continue to press forward with the fight for freedom and democracy in Iraq. Weekly combat operations will continue, and as we are again reminded by the tragic passing of Pfc. Joseph Duenas and Cpl. Ty Johnson, Bastogne Soldiers will continue to face danger every day as they patrol the streets with the Iraqi forces.

As we refocus on the mission ahead, I ask that you stay involved with your Family Readiness Group, keep in touch via our FRG website (www.bastogne.armyfrg.org) and maintain contact with other members of the Bastogne Family; encourage each other, support each other, and help each other. In the end, each one of us will experience the thrill of having completed a “marathon” deployment, and in so doing we have provided the people of Iraq the opportunity to enjoy the freedom that we Americans enjoy every day.

May God bless and protect you and each and every one of our Bastogne Soldiers.

Bastogne!

Air Assault!

Operation Scorpion

By: Spc. Barbara Ospina
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In the silence of the night Soldiers prepared for Operation Scorpion, an Iraqi-led mission that would begin surrounded by darkness, and finish with the sun in the middle of the sky.

Bastogne Soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division, drove beyond the security of the wire surrounding Forward Operating Base (FOB) McHenry just before 4:00 a.m., and set up outer cordon security for Iraqi soldiers from 2nd Brigade, 4th Iraqi Army

Right:
The medic from the 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment's Military Transition Team provides medical attention for an Iraqi soldier during Operation Scorpion.

Below:
Commanding Officer for 1st Battalion, Lt. Col. Marc Hutson examines a mine found during Operation Scorpion.

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Division.

Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment not only provided outer cordon security, but their Military Transition Team (MiTT) acted in an advisory role, they provided close air support and Soldiers stood by to provide medical attention in case of a casualty throughout the mission.

Once the Bastogne Soldiers were in place, more than 300 Iraqi soldiers set out searching every building for suspected insurgents while OH-58 Kiowa Helicopters from 2nd Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, attached to the 1st Brigade Combat Team, circled above. As the sun began to rise and the air grew warmer, the Iraqi soldiers captured more and more suspected terrorists. As each detainee was brought to a central location the Iraqi soldiers gathered any personal belongings they had on them, and the men sat hand cuffed in a

room as they were questioned. Although an Iraqi-led operation, Bastogne Soldiers monitored taking close notes on who was detained, what materials were confiscated, and any other evidence discovered throughout the searches. They



provided guidance when necessary but left all decision making up to the Iraqi leaders.

By the end of the mission the Iraqi soldiers had detained 52 suspected insurgents, and confirmed that 24 of them were on their target list, built from their own intelligence gathering, and the others were being held for further questioning. By mid afternoon the mission was complete, the Iraqi soldiers had searched every house, questioning the residents, and double checked identification cards. The Iraqi soldiers loaded up the detainees from each village preparing to transport them to their Brigade Headquarters at the Kirkuk Iraqi Military Training Base.

“This Iraqi Army Brigade has made tremendous progress in the five months we’ve been working with them,” stated Col. David Gray, the Commanding Officer for the 1st Brigade Combat Team.

“In October, they were loosely organized and not very well trained. The success of Operation Scorpion, and their ability to conduct complex mission in the Hawijah area without suffering or inflicting casualties, demonstrates their professionalism and improved level of discipline.”

An Iraqi soldier provides security as his comrades search numerous buildings in Hawijah as part of Operation Scorpion.

Mandingos Patrol for Rapport

By: Spc. Michael Pfaff
133rd MPAD

Squad Leader, Staff Sgt. Aaron Brown, speaks with an old shop owner regarding any issues the man might have.

Photo By: Spc. Michael Pfaff



Bastogne Soldiers have a mission with the duality of destroying the insurgency and rebuilding the nation by garnering trust from the local populace.

Destroying the insurgency can build the trust of the people, but the trust of the people is necessary in many cases to defeat the insurgency.

Soldiers with Company A, 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, patrolled with both of those missions in mind, building a rapport with the locals while searching for a known insurgent.

“What we got here is kind of a ‘deception op,’” said 1st Lt. Tim Bonarski, 2nd Platoon “Mandingo” Leader and Pittsburgh, Penn. native. “We’re conducting community policing with the Iraqi Army, at the same time, we’re talking to shopkeepers to search for a name.”

Second platoon is searching the name of an insurgent who set an improvised explosive device alongside a nearby road. Intelligence also noted he could possibly be a shopkeeper in the village that the platoon is patrolling today.

The Iraqi Army led the way through the streets of the village handing out flyers and talking with the locals, focusing on shopkeepers.

The Iraqi Army is building legitimacy in Iraq with the citizens, and merely visiting the people and talking with them is a path toward attaining that legitimacy.

“We’re having the Iraqi Army get out and say hello, pass out some civil affairs flyers, and especially talk with the little kids so they feel comfortable with them,” Bonarski said. “At the same time, I’ve briefed them to talk with shopkeepers. So, while they are intermingling with the community, they’re searching for that name.”

If they were to find the name, the plan was to arrest the suspected insurgent and take him to his house to be searched. But, unfortunately the name did not come up.

“Usually, you come to a village and everybody is related, so they’re not going to just cough up that name,” Bonarski explained.

Despite the fact that they did not find the insurgent, Bonarski explained that the patrol still helped in several ways.

“It gets the Iraqi Army out with us so they get comfortable working with us and us with them. Then obviously the community sees the Iraqi Army doing some good things. Not always coming and doing a raid, but coming in and talking with the people.”

Chaplain's Corner

On March 10, 1876 Alexander Graham Bell transmitted the first sounds over a single wire. He called to his assistant “Mr. Watson come here I want you.” Since that historic moment the world has been dialing up friends and family locally and internationally to share and communicate. Over in Iraq, where would soldiers be without phone cards, not to mention the telephone. When Bell called his assistant he used a system for conveying speech over distance by converting sound into electric impulses sent through a wire. With that technology, though still primitive at the time, Graham delivered his message.

When God speaks He often sends a similar message in content, though his devices are much different. From the beginning of time God has called mankind with the same message “Come here I want you.”

One of the classic examples of God’s calling an individual, and his response, is that of the Prophet Samuel found in I Samuel 3. Samuel was still a young boy and was under the tutelage of Eli the Prophet. Young Samuel was lying down one night when he heard the voice of the Lord calling. Samuel didn’t know the voice of God, and mistook it for that of Eli’s. After three incidents where the Lord called out to Samuel, Eli finally discerned that it was the Almighty calling the young boy with the message “Come here I want you.”

Samuel responded to the Lord with the words “Speak Lord for thy servant listens.” From that act of simple obedience and submission God raised up a mighty prophet for the nation of Israel.

I’m not sure exactly how God called Samuel, whether he spoke in an audible voice or if it was a wooing of the heart, mostly the way God speaks to you and me today. But one thing is certain, in today’s world God still speaks to us. He speaks often. He speaks loudly. He speaks soundly. And his message is much the same “Come here I want you.”

From all of the Bastogne BCT Unit Ministry Teams in Iraq, to all our loved ones back on the home front, you are continually in our prayers, and we are comforted that you always remember us in yours also.

Gifts of Friendship

Article Submitted By: Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Score

On March 30, Soldiers from the Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade, 4th Iraqi Army Division visited the children of Shaheed Rebaz Elementary School bringing gifts of friendship and school supplies.

“Anything that we can do to help makes us happy to do,” said Maj. Fatih who works on the Brigades staff.

Shaheed Rebaz School supports about 140 elementary students and nearly 80 secondary school students. Most of these students come from 3 nearby villages on the Peshmerga Military Reservation near Sulaymaniyah. Many of the students have health problems such as cancer, or blindness.

“It is difficult to get assistance from the Ministry of Education,” says Principal Monira Sabir Taha. “These people are refugees from Kirkuk and [the government] is unsure when they will be able to go back.”

The villages that the students come from are condemned chicken factory buildings that have been pressed into service as housing for families that were pushed out of Kirkuk under Saddam Hussein’s Arabization program. Most of the families have been repatriated but about 30 families still reside in the converted buildings.

The Kurdistan Regional Government does provide some assistance to the school and the villages. However, with limited funds, a group of people who may leave the region seems to be low on the list. Much of the supplies for this visit came from Operation School Supply. At least within 3rd Brigade, plans are being discussed for establishing school partnerships with local Iraqi Army units.

Major Fatih, a staff member for the 3rd Iraqi Army Brigades presents packages of school supplies to students at Shaheed Rebaz Elementary school near Sulaymaniyah, Iraq



Photo By: Spc. Barbara Ospina

Quartermaster Pfc. Antwan Campbell, from the 506th Quartermaster unit out of Fort Lee, Va., tosses a bag of laundry.

Dirty Clothes aint Nothin’

By: Spc. Barbara Ospina
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Doing laundry may not seem like a major task to most people, but when more than 1,000 Soldiers need their laundry done, the pile can stack up quickly for the 506th Quartermaster Soldiers on remote Forward Operating Base (FOB) McHenry.

The seven Soldiers that make up the laundry and bath detachment, from Fort Lee Va., work daily in support of the Bastogne Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment.

The Soldiers operate and maintain a two-drum laundry machine. Two drums may sound somewhat undersized for a laundry service, but the huge green machine takes up the space about the size of an average room. The quartermaster Soldiers make good use of the machine, washing anywhere from 90 to 115 individual bags of laundry a day. They have a one day turnaround, so dirty clothes piling up are not an issue.

Although each unit has designated days to turn in their laundry, the quartermaster

Soldiers do their best to accommodate the Soldiers whenever possible.

“They have other problems outside the wire they have to deal with,” commented Sgt. David Boyce, the mechanic for the team. “So we do what we can for them.” Keeping uniforms looking good is not the only capability of this unit. They also clean Soldiers’ blankets, sleeping bags, and rugs on select days.

In a combat environment a clean uniform may not be high on the priority list, but a serviceable one is. Throughout the first six months of deployment many uniforms are showing wear and tear. Whether it’s a hole, a rip, or Velcro that needs repair, the quartermaster Soldiers take the time to sew the Army Combat Uniforms. Quartermaster Soldiers do not man .50 caliber machine guns or kick down doors, but they do their part in support of the fight.

“We are a support MOS (Military Occupation Specialty),” stated Sgt. Khari Simpson. “That’s what we do.”

Showing their Presence

By: Spc. Michael Pfaff
133rd MPAD

As the transition toward democracy continues, it's integral for the common populace to place their trust in the Iraqi security and Coalition Forces working together to stabilize the country.

Iraqi police and Soldiers



from Company C, 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, patrolled a neighborhood in Kirkuk to let the people know that they are not only here to protect them, but also serve them.

"We're trying to let the Iraqi police take the lead on these patrols," said 2nd Lt. John Vickery, 1st Platoon Leader. "It helps the locals feel safer in their neighborhood and more willing to call the police if there's any trouble."

Vickery explained that the people of Kirkuk are timid about coming to the authorities with problems because the idea of not living under a dictatorship that might punish them for such complaints is new to them.

"You have to understand, a lot of these people have

been living under a dictator for a long time, so they're kind of afraid to come out and express problems without getting in trouble," Vickery explained. "We want them to feel like they have the freedom to do that now. And, I feel like if they understand that, and understand that the Iraqi military

and police will back them up, the country can work on its own without us."

Getting to a point where the people can fully trust the police and military will take time though, Vickery commented. But, the Iraqi police are making strides in the process of garnering the trust of the people.

The police are starting to take the lead on many patrols, and today's patrol is no exception. The Iraqi police led the patrol with only a few American Soldiers providing additional security.

Sergeant James Connelly, a team leader with the platoon, was in the lead with the police on the patrol.

"We wanted to get the Iraqi police out here and mingle with the populace to let them know they are out here doing

their jobs and find out if the people need anything done," Connelly said.

Connelly mentioned they wanted to get a reaction from the people to see how they felt about the Iraqi police.

"A lot of the reactions are good; they have a lot of things to say," he said. "A lot of people feel that the Iraqi police are doing their patrols and they are doing what they need to be

doing. The consensus is that the Iraqi police are doing a good job."

In addition to patrolling to protect the people from anti-Iraqi forces, the Iraqi police have the responsibility of making sure the needs of the people are met. Getting the people to open up and share their problems is the first step to assuming that responsibility.

Left:

A Soldier from Company C, patrols through the streets of Kirkuk, intermingling with the citizens and their children.

Below:

Soldiers from Company C, pull security from their vehicle during a dismount patrol with the Iraqi Police in Kirkuk, Iraq.

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Real Situations; Quality Training

By: Spc. Barbara Ospina
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Bastogne Soldiers took the task of training Iraqi Soldiers to a higher level, by incorporating training into their combined missions.

Although the Soldiers from 2nd Platoon, Company A, 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, fight the insurgency near Hawijah, Iraq on a daily basis, the military's main mission in Iraq is to train the Iraqi Security Forces so that one day they will be able to stand independently in protecting their country.

"We can capture bad guys all day; it's training the Iraqi's to capture the bad guys that will make a difference," commented 1st Lt. Tom Koh, the Platoon Leader for 2nd Platoon, Company A. During a recent combined patrol, Koh and his men took the opportunity to teach the Iraqi soldiers traffic control point (TCP) tactics.

The first TCP was a little rough. Koh relied mostly on hand and arm signals along with his platoon's interpreter to help the Iraqi soldiers understand how to set up and conduct the control point.

As the military vehicles rolled to a stop, the Iraqi soldiers quickly jumped out of the back of their open-bed truck, leaving the driver and a gunner with the vehicle to provide security. Koh assigned one of his Soldiers to watch and guide an Iraqi soldier. A team of three Iraqi soldiers signaled for the civilian driver and all passengers to exit the vehicle and stand on the opposite side of the road. An Iraqi soldier searched the men, emptying their pockets and patting down their whole body as one of their comrades pulled security for the search. The third soldier on the Iraqi team searched the vehicle efficiently checking everywhere for potential danger.

Once Koh felt confident that the TCP training was well absorbed he took the opportunity to integrate the Iraqi soldiers with his men while clearing a building. Though the structure



Photo By: Spc. Barbara Ospina

Team Leader. Mitchell Levart, from 2nd Platoon, Company A, 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment observes as his Iraqi soldier counterpart attempts to kick down a door, during a joint patrol.

turned out to be abandoned, the Iraqis proved their ability to conduct a cordon and search.

Koh believes that incorporating training into actual missions is one of the best ways to enhance the training of their Iraqi comrades.

"It's in our best interest to take the time to train the Iraqi soldiers," he stated. "They will see us taking the initiative to further train them, and will want to perform better."

Whether the training takes place at a range, alongside a road, or at an abandoned house, it is all significant to the professional development of the Iraqi soldiers.

"Our main mission in Iraq is to train the security forces," Koh commented. "The only way to get that done is time and dedication."

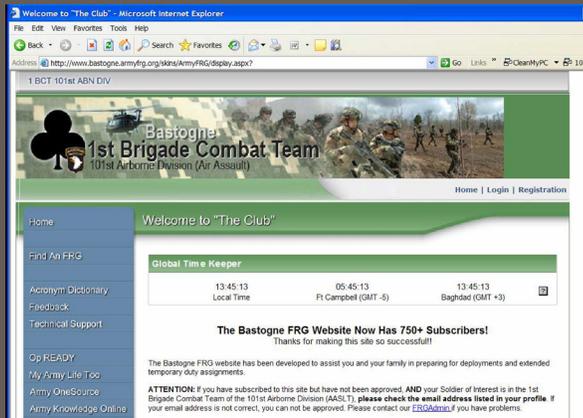
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By: Cpt. Lyn Graves
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Liquid Gold Guardians

The Iraqi Strategic Infrastructure Battalion (SIB) soldier stands on top of a liquid gold mine. That is, he stands atop six percent of the world's known oil reserve, deep beneath the sands of northern Iraq, in and around Kirkuk.

The SIB, partnered with Bastogne Soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division, are the guardians of the pipelines that move the oil throughout the country.

"The SIB is a focus for the coalition forces," said 1st Lt. Jacob Bailey, a Clyde, Texas native and platoon leader from 2nd Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team. "Zarqawi said that he will focus on the infrastructure, and so are we."

Ensuring that the Iraqi soldiers are prepared to guard the pipeline means working closely with the Iraqi leadership at the company and platoon levels.

"The focus is on the platoon leadership, making sure they have a training plan and that they are actively implementing that plan," said Staff Sgt. Chris DeMarsico of North Adams, Mass. DeMarsico explains the finer points of standing watch to the Iraqi soldiers, quizzing them and



their leaders to ensure standards are understood and maintained.

"I want you to take that next step and teach your soldiers; I want you to be a good leader to them," DeMarsico told one of the Iraqi non-commissioned officers.

Teaching basic leadership and organizational management to the SIB is a challenge, Bastogne Soldiers and their Iraqi counterparts face everyday.

"We teach and instruct the soldiers many times a day to make sure they do what they must," said Iraqi SIB 1st Lt. Ghasan Ibrahim Ronaye, a platoon leader responsible for several SIB guard posts. "Insha Allah, God willing, we will

not be attacked. But if we are we will be trained and ready to act to defend our pipeline."

"This new teaching is different from our old army instructions, which was based upon an old British model. This is very different, so it will take us time to adapt and to learn this new way; but, this new way is better, more simple and easy to understand," adds Ronaye.

"I am hopeful for the future," said Ronaye, "that we will get better at our jobs and that we will be able to protect our country's oil and our people."

Making a Difference

Soldiers visit Kirkuk Children's Hospital

By: Spc. Michael Pfaff
133rd MPAD

Hamed is a seven-year-old boy from Kirkuk. He's been hospitalized for the last two weeks with a respiratory condition; nothing to smile about.

Today, however, he was all smiles when Bastogne Soldiers from the 1st Special Troops Battalion, visited the children's hospital where he and many other sick children spend their days.

"Our mission was to just help bring a smile to the children's faces," said Capt. Todd Claypool, Chaplain of the 1st Special Troops Battalion. "We want to show we care and build good will within the community."

The Soldiers passed out candy and toys that were donated by several churches.

"It's great of these churches to send toys and candy for the kids," Claypool reflected. "They really care about the Iraqi people."

The Soldiers also distributed water and shoes to other needy patients at the hospital.

Claypool noted that the gifts not only impacted the children, but also the parent's of the sick children.

"The reception from the parents was phenomenal," he said. "When you have a child that's sick, you're thankful for help. That speaks right to their heart."

Claypool said going on a mission like this is important to STB Soldiers as well. They don't often get the chance to participate in humanitarian missions so today was a break from some



Photo By: Spc. Michael Pfaff

Chaplain Todd Claypool, the battalion chaplain for 1st Special Troops Battalion, gives a young Iraqi girl a toy during a visit to the Kirkuk Children's Hospital

of the more stressful missions they normally run.

"If Soldiers just see the bad stuff it's not good for them," Claypool said. "That's really just a small percentage of this country. These people aren't all that different from us; they're just going through a tough time."

Claypool said he takes missions like these to heart.

"I have kids of my own," he said with pride. "There's nothing like holding a baby and seeing a child's face light up and knowing you've made a difference in that child's life."

CULTURE

Written By: Karso, 1st BCT PAO Interpreter

Butcher of Arbot

Meat hangs in the butcher shop in Arbot, Iraq, as the butcher watches local leaders and U.S. Soldiers tour the city center. A team of Civil Affairs Soldiers from the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division visited the small northern village to help local leaders develop systems that will deal with infrastructure issues.

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Flying With No Slack

Article Submitted By: 2-327 INF

Over the past six months soldiers of Task Force “No Slack” have tackled the difficult mission of training credible Iraqi Security Forces. The challenges of this undertaking are readily apparent, but the resiliency of platoon leaders, riflemen and support personnel alike have moved this key organizational task forward with great success. “No Slack” Soldiers have conducted aerial traffic control points, mounted and dismounted patrols, and search missions. They have conducted these operations in both combat as well as support situations with the Iraqi Army and Iraqi Police. These missions have been met with varying levels of success, but the key component of all of them was the willingness of the Iraqi Security Forces to learn and improve.

Recently, Gator Company conducted aerial tactical checkpoints with 2nd Iraqi



No Slack Soldiers load a UH-60 Blackhawk Helicopter in preparation for an aerial TCP mission.

Army Nissar Battalion soldiers throughout the Taza and Dakuq city areas. These aerial TCPs were intended to augment the already robust dismounted and mounted patrolling activities in the area. This event introduced new tactics to Iraqi soldiers by teaching them different techniques that can be utilized while conducting air missions. The Iraqi soldiers were paired with 3rd Platoon Soldiers from Company A. Prior to the mission, the Iraqi soldiers conducted cold-load training that included loading and off

loading the UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter, securing a landing site, and searching selected vehicles. During the mission, the combined force conducted several different control points along main roads. The Iraqi soldiers were extremely instrumental during the operation, where they were utilized as both security and quick response forces. The operation broke new ground and for the first time introduced the capabilities of air mobile and air assault operations to the 2nd Iraqi Army (Nissar) Battalion.

The “No Slack” Forward Support Company conducted driver’s training with the 2nd Iraqi Army Nissar Battalion drivers as part of an effort to improve survivability of the Iraqi Army within the “No Slack” area. This was another chapter in the partnering effort that has included the aerial traffic control points and dismounted and mounted patrolling operations. The driver’s training was focused on utilization of the US Army HMMWV and conducted in three phases which included: orientation of FSC Maintenance operations, PMCS and vehicle maintenance, and operating an up-armored HMMWV. Previously trained Iraqi mechanics assisted in teaching PMCS and vehicle maintenance to Iraqi drivers. Getting the Iraqi mechanics involved in actively instructing other Iraqi soldiers was a huge success. As a result, Iraqi Army drivers who received the training were licensed to operate up-armored HMMWVs, and are cleared as mission drivers for their respective units.

A Message From the Mayor

SFC Schultz,

Thanks for taking the time to send me a copy of The Club. I appreciate knowing what is going on with my old unit. I’m very proud of the work you all accomplish everyday while you are there. Everything here is going well just an extremely busy time with the budget season. We recently traveled to Washington D.C. and spoke with our legislature folks about Fort Campbell projects. There were folks from Clarksville, Oak Grove, and Hopkinsville. We got to meet with all of the Senators and Congressmen from both states. The highlight for us all was having the opportunity to be involved in a video conference call with the 101 Commander, Maj. Gen. Turner and the Division Command Sgt. Maj. Grippe. They gave a report on what was going on there. Please let everyone there know we are praying for them and as a community we are proud of the 1st BCT and all subordinate units. God bless you and keep you safe. Bastogne!

Sincerely,

Rich Liebe

Mayor of Hopkinsville &
Above the Rest Veteran

Iraqi Soldiers Hold Free Clinic

By: Spc. Michael Pfaff
133rd MPAD

A child with a burn, an elderly woman with an eye infection, and a man with a headache were among many treated during a free medical clinic today.

Iraqi Army medics set up shop in a school near the village of Amal Shabi on the southern side of Kirkuk to treat locals for basic injuries and illnesses.

“The clinic is open to children and adults alike,” said 1st Lt. Andrew Salmo, first Platoon Leader for Co. B, 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry. “A lot of these people



don't have access to medical care for minor injuries and illnesses, so the Iraqi medics are here to help them out today.”

With the help of Amal Shabi's village leader, Salmo's platoon patrolled the area surrounding the schoolhouse in order to spread the word that a free clinic was available for everyone.

Soon after, people were lining up in droves, eager to take part in the free medical clinic.

Three Iraqi Army medics were on the scene to provide care. An American medic was assigned to each Iraqi medic to provide further assistance.

Private first class Erik Regalado, a medic in first platoon, said that the Iraqi medics didn't need much assistance, though.

“They're actually really good,” Regalado said. “Every single thing we've had he already knows what to do. I really

Right:
An Iraqi soldier from the 2nd Brigade, 4th Iraqi Army Division, examines a little Iraqi boy's mouth during a free clinic held for the people of Kirkuk.

Below Left:
An Iraqi soldier from the 2nd Brigade, 4th Iraqi Army Division, treats a young Iraqi boy's foot during a free clinic held for the people of Kirkuk.

Photos By: Spc. Michael Pfaff



Right:
Platoon Leader, 1st Lt. Andrew Salmo, for Company B, 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment pulls security while Iraqi soldiers hold a free medical clinic for the people of Kirkuk.



don't have to tell him anything.”

The Iraqi Army medics treated children and adults alike with a variety of problems, including burns, infections, scrapes, eye infections and much more. A few patients were beyond the supplies of the medics and were referred to the local hospital.

The medical treatment is an upgrade from the typical goodwill missions, where Soldiers hand out toys and candy. The impact is more significant in showing adults that the Iraqi security forces and coalition forces are here for them.

“We give kids candy, and sure you win over the kids,” Regalado explained. “But, we need to help out everyone instead of just the kids.”

Salmo spent time talking with the adults waiting in line to find out if they were interested in more events like this happening, and finding out the general

concerns of the people.

“The important thing is the trust,” Salmo said. “The people can learn to trust the Americans and the Iraqis to help.”

One of the Iraqi medics put it best when he said that he wanted to “show the people we are not only here to fight terrorists, but to serve them.”

The only setback in the mission today was the lack of time to help everyone as the day winded to an end. But creating bonds between the people and coalition forces starts with days like today.

Spring is in the Air

Article Submitted By: 2-320th FAR

It's April in Northern Iraq and the green grass and warmer temperatures are a sure sign we're entering the spring season. It's also a busy time of year for 2-320th Field Artillery Regiment as we have a new start with our partners in securing Iraqi infrastructure. The "Balls" Battalion has spent the last month partnered with the Strategic Infrastructure Brigade, EPSS, and Oil Protection Force as they keep vigilant securing the Iraqi oilfields, pipelines and power lines and stations to support their countrymen.

All units down to section level have been training their partners on common military tasks to include marksmanship, basic leadership and duties of guard among others. Additionally, the Balls medical platoon has conducted thorough first aid training with these units to ensure they have the skills needed to help their buddy if called upon. Our partnered units are eager to learn and it's been a fulfilling mission for all units as they learn from each other and get the side benefit of sharing cultural experiences and even the occasional glass of chai.

Medics from 2nd Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment conduct first aid training with Iraqi Security Forces.



Our thanks to all who joined us in mourning the loss of Cpl. Ty Johnson on 4 April 2006. Every unit in TF Bastogne supported us in some way during this time. We will always remember our fallen warriors and our thoughts and prayers remain with their families.

The battalion will continue with its mission and we are all dedicated to the success of strategic infrastructure. Several visitors from higher level commands and

agencies have come to visit and offered assistance in many ways.

Our Soldiers remain ready to support the 1st BCT and continue to man howitzers throughout the area. The "Mongeese" of the MiTT at FOB Bernstein continue to do great work everyday with the Cobra battalion of the Iraqi Army and we know their efforts are ensuring the people in and around Tuz are safe and secure as they lead their daily lives.

A Village Visit

By: Cpt. Lyn Graves
133rd MPAD

The Allawimahmood muktar wants Iraqi security forces to stop vehicles and check for weapons. He tells the Americans visiting his home that it is fair to check everyone, even muktar and sheikhs.

Coalition Forces visiting local villages have the job of gathering information from respected village leaders like the muktar, a position similar to that of a mayor. Establishing relationships with the Iraqi people at the neighborhood level is vital to ensure the security of Iraq.

"This is like being a cop on a beat, getting to know the people in your area of operations, getting to know the leaders, and being there for them to know you, to build a relationship," said 1st Lt. Yukitoshi Murasaki, platoon leader in Delta Company, 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division.

"Also, like a detective, we try and find insurgent activity, know how the insurgents think and what motivates them to act," adds Murasaki.

"Weapons are coming from somewhere and getting to Hawija. We want to encourage the Iraqi security forces to check all the cars and look for suspicious activity."

Encouraging the Iraqis to take a more prominent role in safeguarding their jurisdictions is a significant part of returning areas of operations to the Iraqi security forces.

"We turn over the areas and stay around, but take a much lower profile," explained Murasaki.

Coalition Forces like Murasaki's platoon often learn that local leaders want the Soldiers to stay longer and like to see them visit.

"Local leader engagement help to bring greater insight into what is going on than we would otherwise have," said Staff Sgt. Tomas Hernandez.

Talking to local leaders like the village muktar in Allawimahmood, a predominantly Kurdish village close to the Khabaz oil fields northwest of Kirkuk, provides coalition forces with invaluable information in the war against terror.

"When we visit some villages, sometimes people will come to us and want to give information and to stop violence, information we would not get if we had not been there and made ourselves available to listen to them," adds Murasaki. The muktar tells Murasaki that he welcomes the Soldiers into his village and wants to work together to make life better for his people.

"The more difficult we make things for the insurgency to operate, the less harm they can do to these peaceful communities," said Murasaki.

Rebuild My Ride

By: Spc. Michael Pfaff
133rd MPAD

Mechanics with the 426th Brigade Support Battalion are tasked with the difficult job of keeping all of the vehicles here and functioning despite a harsh desert environment.

But they are not only maintaining these vehicles. In many cases they are tasked with rebuilding them from the ground up, putting damaged vehicles back into the hands of the Soldiers who need them most on the dangerous roads.

“It’s really important, the job that we do, putting the vehicle back in the fight,” said Staff Sgt. Christopher Breite, a senior mechanic with Company E, 426th BSB, 1st Brigade Combat Team. “We put in some late days and late nights to get those guys back on the



Above:
A Mechanic for 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, works to rebuild a tactical vehicle.

Left:
Wheel Mechanics, Spc. James Ragle and Spc. Kenison Vrbcak, discuss the next steps in a rebuild.

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road.”

Late days and nights are a necessity due to the large workload tasked to E Company. Rebuilding a vehicle can take anywhere from one or two days to weeks, depending on the amount of damage the vehicle has sustained and how long it takes for parts to arrive.

“Even though we do have rebuilds, we still have scheduled and unscheduled maintenance to deal with. So, on top of all that, we still have to rebuild all of these vehicles,” Breite said.

On most days the company is down a few Soldiers because of leave and lending out Soldiers for details, just like any other unit.

“All of us work every day,” said Spc. Kenison L. Vrbcak, a wheel mechanic. “We also lose about six people every day to details, but we’re all hard workers and have learned a lot. I know we’re building humvees left and right.”

Long days and late nights is not the only challenge Company E faces when trying to rebuild damaged vehicles. A lot of the tools needed for the rebuilds are not readily available. That doesn’t stop them from getting the job done though.

“Our facility is not really made to do this kind of job,” Vrbcak noted, “But, we still do it and we use what we have. We don’t have cranes, so we use wreckers for material handling. We also have our

welders make tools for us. We fabricate a lot of things to help us get the job done.”

The welders are essential to rebuilds because they help make tools from scrap metal resources.

“Pretty much anything they can think about we can put together,” said Spc. Daniel Robinson, a metal worker.

The metal workers also fabricate additional armor pieces for the rebuilt humvees to make them safer than they initially were.

“The latest things we’re working on are the turrets with the glass plating so the gunner can see out of it,” Robinson said.

With the tools and equipment the metal workers build, the mechanics can rebuild a damaged vehicle in a matter of days. When a vehicle is repaired, it can be put back out on the roads to keep the infantry Soldiers at full strength.

“Infantry does their job out there, so we do our job in here,” Vrbcak said. “We want to keep our percentage of effective vehicles at the maximum.”

Though the mechanics from Co. E 426th BSB work short staffed and less some equipment that might make their job easier, they do the job under a motto many Soldiers come to live by during their careers; adapt and overcome. They not only adapt and overcome, but they do it in one of the most dangerous areas in the 1st BCT’s area of operation.

“Here at FOB McHenry it’s one of the most hostile areas in the Bastogne area of operation,” Breite said. “We’ve received 12 incidents of mortar fire on the motor pool alone, and the guys work through that. They stay tough through it mentally and physically and get the job done.”

Embracing Heritage

By: Spc. Anna-Marie Hizer
133rd MPAD

Soldiers at Forward Operating Base Warrior celebrated their diversity today with a program showcasing Asian Pacific culture.

Soldiers and airmen from Hawaii, Samoa, Palau, along with security force personnel from Fiji, performed dances and songs celebrating their heritage.

Command Sgt. Maj. Isaia Vimoto, command sergeant major, 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, acted as emcee for the night, introducing performers and giving background on their acts. The Samoa native also got into the show, leading a group in the

Haka, a tribal war dance.

The Fijian group also performed some traditional folk songs from their home, such as Loma Loma and Red, White and Navy Blue -- sung in their native tongue, as well as a Fijian War Dance. Vimoto explained the dance was performed prior to village men going off to battle. Today the dance is often seen before the Fiji rugby team takes the field -- a means of intimidation for their opponents.

Air Force Staff Sgt. Sherry Mathews, a native of Hawaii, performed numbers both meaningful and sensual, showing off one of the islands' best-known dances, the hula.

Another Hawaii native, Chris Thomas, performed interpretive dance, as well as



Photo By: Spc. Anna-Marie Hizer

A member of the Fijian Security Forces performs a Fijian War Dance as part of Asian Pacific Heritage Month Celebration at Forward Operating Base Warrior.

a routine usually seen at the close of a Hawaiian celebration, the Taulauga.

Audience participation was encouraged, especially during the Hukilau, performed by Mathews and Marla Tchেমurer, and the Snake Dance, a conga-line like dance from Fiji.

The night ended with a group performance of Isa Isa -- a farewell song wrapping up the celebration. Performers and speakers also left the audience with something they all celebrate, embracing the diverse cultural "melting pot" that makes up our U.S. military.

A Step up From Stop, Drop, and Roll

By: Spc. Anna-Marie Hizer
133rd MPAD



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Black smoke rolled across the sky as orange flames danced and leaped, playing in the thick fog. Soldiers from Forward Operating Base Warrior's Ivory Combat Clinic, along with civilians from Readiness Management Support, rushed forward with hand lines, extinguishing the blaze in less than 10 minutes.

Not many personnel outside of the fire station can say they helped put out a 200-gallon fuel fire. But today a few 1st

Brigade Combat Team medics, along with power plant employees, were able to do just that, thanks to the crew of Fire Station One -- the crew responsible for the FOB.

"How many people get to say they put out a pit fire in Iraq?" said Spc. Amanda Lavers, Company C, 426th Brigade Support Battalion, 1st BCT.

The training was set up by Air Force Staff Sgt. Charles Shank, a Montana Air National Guardsman assigned to 506th

Specialist Kimberly Kissinger, Company C, 426th Brigade Support Battalion, and Scott Higgins, Readiness Management Support, tackle a fuel fire during training at Fire Station One on Forward Operating Base Warrior.

Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron.

Shank said the team at ICC had helped him when he needed dental treatment and he wanted to return the favor -- by offering them a unique training experience.

"We use the pit fire to stay current on our job skills," he said. "And here, there is a bonus ... we get to burn with real fuel, not propane like they have to use in the states ... so you're really putting out that fire."

Before going near the fire personnel were fully briefed on safety issues as well as the equipment they would be using, including the fire suits that would protect them from the near 2,000 degree blaze.

"It's a rush ... you can actually stand that close and you don't feel anything," said Army Sgt. Kenneth Smith, Co. C, 426th BSB. "I have a new respect for firefighters now."

For the small group of civilians going through fire pit training, the fuel fire hit a
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Cooking up a Storm

By: Spc. Michael Pfaff
133rd MPAD



Spc. Michael A. Lockett prepares a stir fry meal for fellow Soldiers at FOB McHenry dining facility.

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Spc. Michael Pfaff

The dining facility at Forward Operating Base McHenry represents a true rarity among Army bases in Iraq; on the serving line, enduring the intense heat of the kitchen, and cleaning up the facility are actual Soldiers.

FOB McHenry is a small infantry base in a forward part of the 1st Brigade Combat Team's area of operation.

At most of the dining facilities on larger bases, military personnel are strictly there for supervision. Civilian contracted employees make up the bulk of the servers and cooks.

The cooks at FOB McHenry, on the other hand, don't have civilians to assist in serving, preparation of the food, or cleaning. They do it all themselves.

The long day for these Soldiers begins at 4 a.m. when they arrive at the DFAC and begin cleaning. There aren't enough resources for a midnight chow, so an alternative food is prepared and left out for Soldiers not able to eat evening chow.

Unfortunately, this leaves a big mess for the cooks to clean up before they can begin preparing breakfast.

"Every day we come in here and clean for about an hour and a half before we can start getting ready to serve breakfast," Gaura reflected. "Then we usually have two people start cooking while the rest of us stock the fridges and condiments."

Iraq is hot. But, it's even hotter inside the kitchen at the DFAC, even while cooking breakfast before the sun comes up.

"The heat of the kitchen can be challenging," said Spc. Jonathan Hill, a cook. "It might be 80 outside, but it'll be 120 or 130 in here. Before the sun comes up, it might be up to 110 degrees in the kitchen."

The cooks spend all day in and around the kitchen. Because they are a self-sufficient dining facility, they do everything necessary to keep Soldiers fed.

That includes, preparing the food, serving the food, unloading supplies, cleaning the facility, taking out the trash, and more.

The day doesn't end for the cooks until 7:45 p.m. when the facility is cleaned after evening chow and the extra food is set out for the night.

Hill, who took cooking classes in high school and college before becoming a military cook, said he prefers the intense schedule though.

"Time goes by faster," he commented. "You're just constantly busy. I'd rather be here cooking for Soldiers than at another base."

Hill said he and his fellow Soldiers put their cooking experience to use. The variety of spices that come with the food is limited, so they make their own spices.

"We mix our own spices a lot of times," Hill said with a grin. "We pride ourselves on making everything taste good."

Despite the fact that the cooks here can't choose what food they serve, they are always listening to what Soldiers like and dislike.

"I get satisfaction from Soldiers if they like a product," Hill said. "The problem is we don't control what food we get. We try to request stuff, but that doesn't mean we're going to get it."

FOB McHenry is home to a large number of Iraqi Army troops going through training, so the cooks here feed on average 800 to 1000 people a meal, many of them are Iraqis.

"We know they don't eat pork," Gaura pointed out. "So, some of our guys learned how to explain in Arabic what the food we are serving is."

Hill said that he loves cooking because he feels like the infantrymen, MPs, medics, and all the Soldiers going outside the wire on a daily basis deserve a hot meal.

"Hot chow is like a morale booster," he said.

Hot meals, like a warm shower or a comfortable bed to sleep in, are something Soldiers deployed to Iraq cherish. The cooks at FOB McHenry endure excessive heat in the kitchens and long days, but relish in the fact that they are able to give their fellow Soldiers that little boost for their morale.

Fire

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little closer to home -- the RMS employees work with fuel on a daily basis and wanted to gain an understanding of what could happen if something went wrong.

"More than anything, its gaining knowledge of what can happen," said Dale Sells, RMS. "Now we know to stand back and let the professionals handle it."

Shank said they occasionally let other groups go through this training but the pit and the small structure fire setup the team has on site were built to help keep Airmen-firefighters proficient on their skills.

"We don't get to use our skills very often out here -- thankfully," Shank said. "So we had to do something ... to keep trained up."

Shank added that he was glad to see the group complete the training and also have fun with something outside their job skills.

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SPC Cullen Roland

SPC Michael Sparks

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SPC Tyler Bowling

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SPC Zachary Foote

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SPC Christian Gatison

SPC Brian Hill

SPC Richard Jackson

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SPC Andrew McGonigle

SPC James Miller

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