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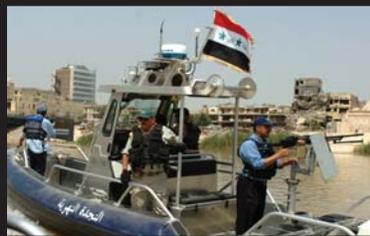
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Cover Photo: Iraqi soldiers of 1st Brigade, 4th Iraqi Army Division, stand in formation during an assumption of command ceremony at Forward Operating Base Danger, Iraq, April 3, 2006. 1st Brigade took command of the Samarra and Tikrit battlespace from the U.S. Army. (photo by Staff Sgt. Alfred Johnson)



Commander's Voice

The Government of Iraq took a historic step on April 22nd when they selected the senior leadership for their first permanent government in the post-Saddam Hussein era. We still have a long way to go before Iraq reaches the level of stability that will allow it to stand on its own, but this is another important step on its road to self-reliance. Iraq's success in reaching this milestone was due, in large part, to the dedication and sacrifice of the Coalition Forces over the past three years and the key to the Coalition's success has been the sustained high performance our small units and the exceptional leadership provided by our junior NCOs and Officers.

In today's complex, decentralized environment, Coalition small units and individual Service Members are the decisive forces that determine the success of our mission. I am always amazed at the incredible performance of our personnel in the field, but am occasionally reminded that not everyone understands the implications of the actions we sometimes take with the Iraqi people. I'd like to share a part of a message I received recently from a trusted friend who relayed the following comments from an interpreter/translator:

"The translator was venting. He'd been with Coalition troops on a raid. The target, a tribal leader, said to the translator, 'Please, just walk me outside and cuff me there. Don't humiliate me in front of my family. I'll go peacefully.'

The Coalition member listened to the translator, responded with some sort of swearing epithet, grabbed the target and threw him on the floor in front of the man's family, cuffed him and dragged him away."

I can understand in the heat of the moment how one could be tempted to do exactly what this Coalition member did, but wouldn't it have been just as easy to walk him outside out of sight of his family, cuff him and take him away? Instead, by humiliating a tribal leader in front of his family and possibly his neighbors, we probably created new enemies or hardened the opinions of those who were already suspicious of the Coalition. In either case, we likely took a step back in our efforts to win the trust and confidence of Iraqis and probably increased the threat to our own force protection.

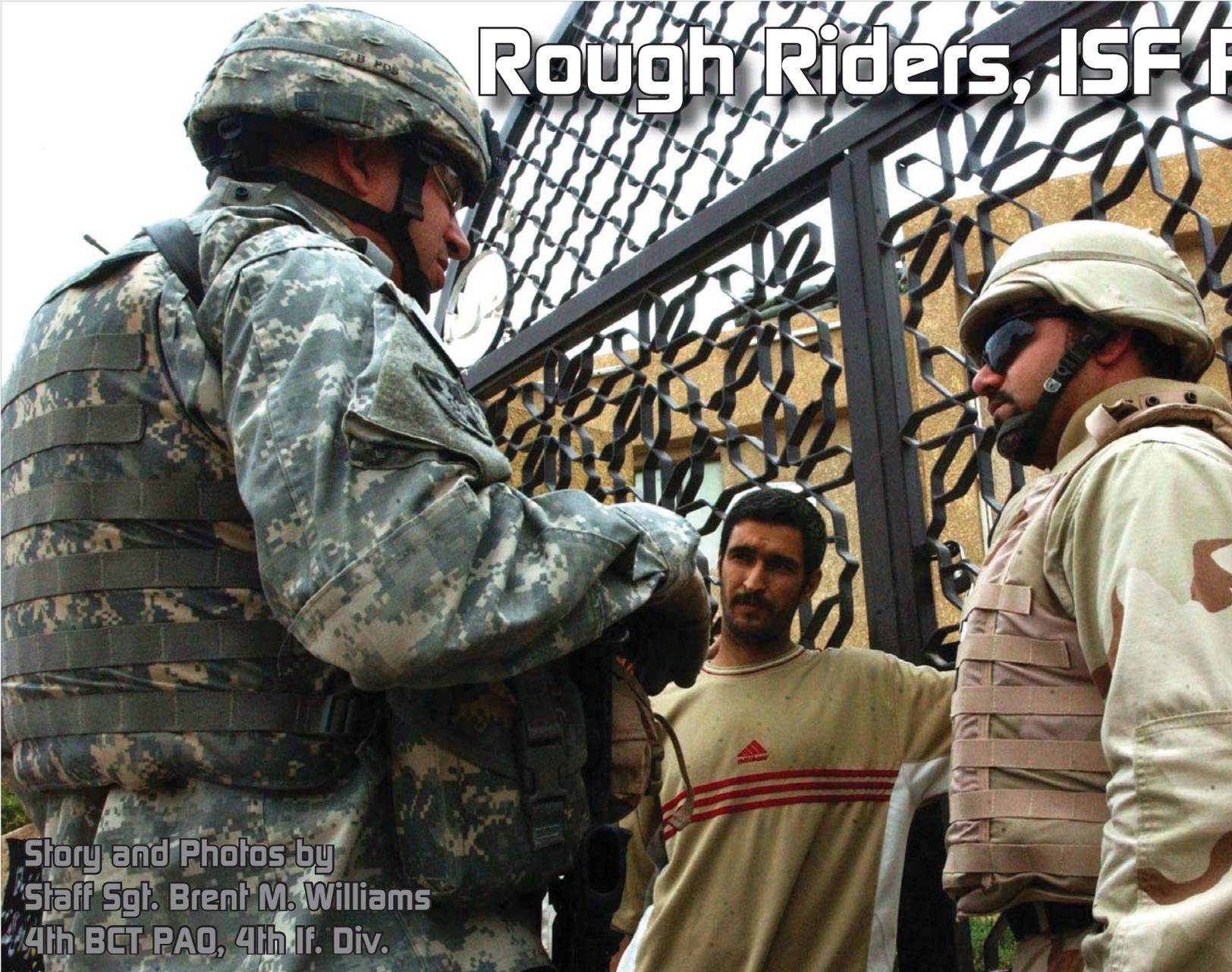
One of the great challenges of operating in this environment is identifying potential second and third order effects of our actions before we take them and adjusting our approach to achieve the same objective without creating more problems for ourselves. This is true at all levels, but especially in small units that have the most direct contact with the Iraqi population. Coalition tactical units are the best in the world, the best-led and the decisive force in our efforts to bring stability and democracy to Iraq. I ask that we use our inherent flexibility to ensure that the actions we take not only accomplish our immediate goals, but support our long term objectives as well. Thanks and keep up the great work!



**MNC-I COMMANDER
LT. GEN. PETER W.
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Spearhead!

Rough Riders, ISF



Story and Photos by
Staff Sgt. Brent M. Williams
4th BCT PAO, 4th Inf. Div.

BAGHDAD — The Soldiers of 8th Squadron, 10th Cavalry, maintain security for Coalition Forces in Central and Southern Baghdad's Al Rasheed District. Their duty is part of the 4th Infantry Division's 4th Brigade Combat Team and its mission is to help the new Iraqi government and its security forces take responsibility for their nation's capital.

Working with Iraqi Security Forces to combat Anti-Iraqi Forces, the 8-10 Cav. conducts combined patrols daily with Iraq's Ministry of Interior Commandoes and Iraqi Army sol-

diers. The combined forces patrol markets, residential areas and mosques in an effort to build trust and maintain security in the local communities, said Lt. Col. Gian Gentile, squadron commander, 8-10 Cav.

"That is what I see as the beginning of trust between the Iraqi people and their security forces, and once we have a basic level of trust, I really believe that the ISF will be able to destroy the insurgents very quickly," said the native of Danville, Calif., who has more than 24 years

in military service.

The Iraqi people, explained Gentile, will begin to recognize the legitimacy of the ISF, once they feel that they have a security force that can fundamentally protect them from the AIF.

"I do believe that they are starting to see in the ISF that ability," Gentile said, "and that is what is going to produce, I think, peace and ultimately, the defeat of the insurgents."

Gentile recalled a recent event as an example of the challenges that



Partner to Quell Sectarian Strife



Lt. Col. Gian Gentile, squadron commander, 8th Squadron, 10th Cavalry, routinely meets with local mosque leaders in South Baghdad to discuss security concerns and assess the climate of the local communities.

lie ahead for Coalition and Iraqi Forces alike.

The Iraqi Police, acting upon a tip that several homes in an area in South Baghdad were being used to build Improvised Explosive Devices, took hostile small-arms fire from a neighboring Sunni mosque, he explained. The Iraqi Police returned fire, and during the engagement two officers were wounded, one seriously.

The Rough Riders of 8-10 Cav. responded to the Iraqi Police's call for help, and a patrol in the area arrived on the scene to provide medical attention to the wounded

police officers.

The guards at the Sunni Mosque then opened fire on the American Soldiers.

"My Soldiers quickly, aggressively and accurately returned fire to those guards in the mosque, wounding one and killing another," Gentile said.

Immediately, U.S. Forces working with their Iraqi counterparts addressed the residents of the mosque, using the loudspeakers in their vehicles to call for a cease fire.

Arriving on the scene shortly afterward, the senior MOI commander on the ground and the squadron commander met with the leaders in the mosque to find a peaceful solution to the tense situation.

Gentile attributes the violence to a lack of trust between the Sunni men and the predominately Shiite security forces operating in Baghdad. Recent incidents of sectarian strife created by Shiite militias posing as Iraqi Security Forces and attacking Sunni mosques has contributed to the Iraqi public's distrust.

Despite the random violence, Gentile believes that the basic essentials of trust are being established between the Shias and the Sunnis in his area of operations, and since the event at the Sunni Mosque, his area has been relatively quiet.

"What needs to start happening quickly, right away, and this what I tell the men who live in and work at city mosques," Gentile said, "the Iraqis cannot shoot at Iraqi Police, at MOI Commandoes, because they are the legitimate security forces of the government of Iraq.

"They have to acknowledge that and cannot shoot at MOI Forces. That is where we have to start at. That is the beginning."

The Iraqi Security Forces contribute a lot to the Rough Rider's current mission, said Command Sgt. Major Rafael Rodriguez, command

sergeant major, 8-10 Cav.

In fact, it would be impossible without them, explained Rodriguez.

"There is a hell a lot more Iraqi soldiers than American Soldiers," he said.

"I wouldn't compare them to American Soldiers; it takes a long time to get them to that level," he said. "They contribute a lot on the checkpoints. They are doing a lot of patrols. They are doing combined patrols with us daily."

Rodriguez acknowledges that the role of his cavalry battalion, working in the Iraqi urban environment, is considerably different than that of the light reconnaissance as intended for the scouts of the new U.S. Army's Unit of Action.

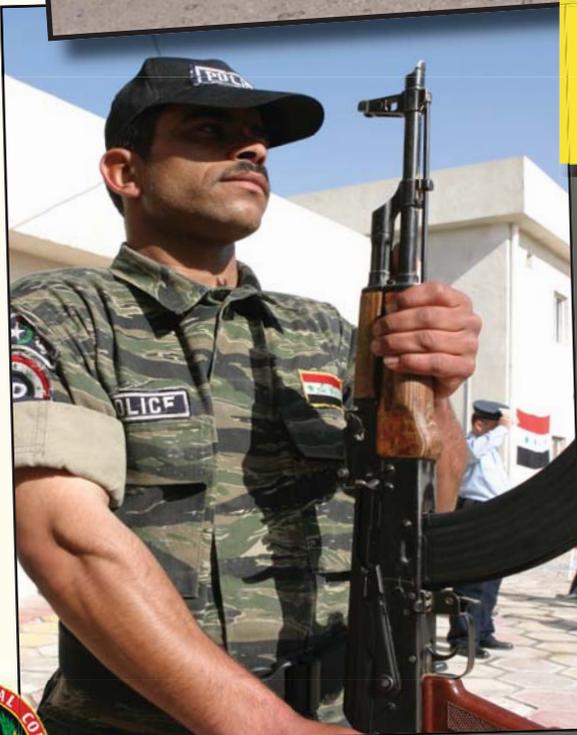
Despite this fact, explained Rodriguez, the Rough Riders of 8-10 Cav. are well-trained, confident in

"...once we have a basic level of trust, I really believe that the ISF will be able to destroy the insurgents very quickly,"
-Lt. Col. Gian Gentile.

Freedom



Staff Sgt. Gabriel Monreal (forward) and Spc. Jacob Rogge (rear), from Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, help push a disabled truck belonging to an Iraqi man off the road during a routine patrol near Forward Operating Base Camp Taji, Iraq. (Photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Michael Larson.)



An Iraqi Policeman practices drill movements in formation, before the opening ceremony of the Fallujah Police Station, in Fallujah, Iraq April 13. (Photo by Lance Cpl. RamonaMarie G. Peña)



Focal Point



1st Lt. Joe Cuscina, operations advisor, 3rd Bn. MTT, 2nd MEF, passes out candy at a primary school during a foot patrol through a village north of Ar Ramadi with Iraqi soldiers from the 3rd Battalion, 1st Brigade, 7th Division, April 4. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Jason B. Baker, MNC-I PAO)

***A dust storm sweeps over Camp Smitty in Al Muthanna Province, Iraq, as Australian soldiers from Combat Team Courage of the Al Muthanna Task Group wait to go on patrol, March 9.
(Photo courtesy of Australian Defence Force)***

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Freedom

Local Iraqis compete in the Zaytun Cup Taekwondo Contest hosted by Multi-National Division-North East. (Photo courtesy of Republic of Korea)



Soldiers from the Iraqi Special Operations Force stand in formation while their crew-served weapons are test fired prior to a convoy in Baghdad. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Jason B. Baker, MNC-I PAO)



Focal Point



Republic of Korea military doctors and nurses offer a mobile clinic for local patients at Green Angel Operation in Shekhashal. (Photo courtesy of Republic of Korea)



A Republic of Korea soldier introduces military equipment to local children at an opening event of the Zay-tun. (Photo courtesy of Republic of Korea)

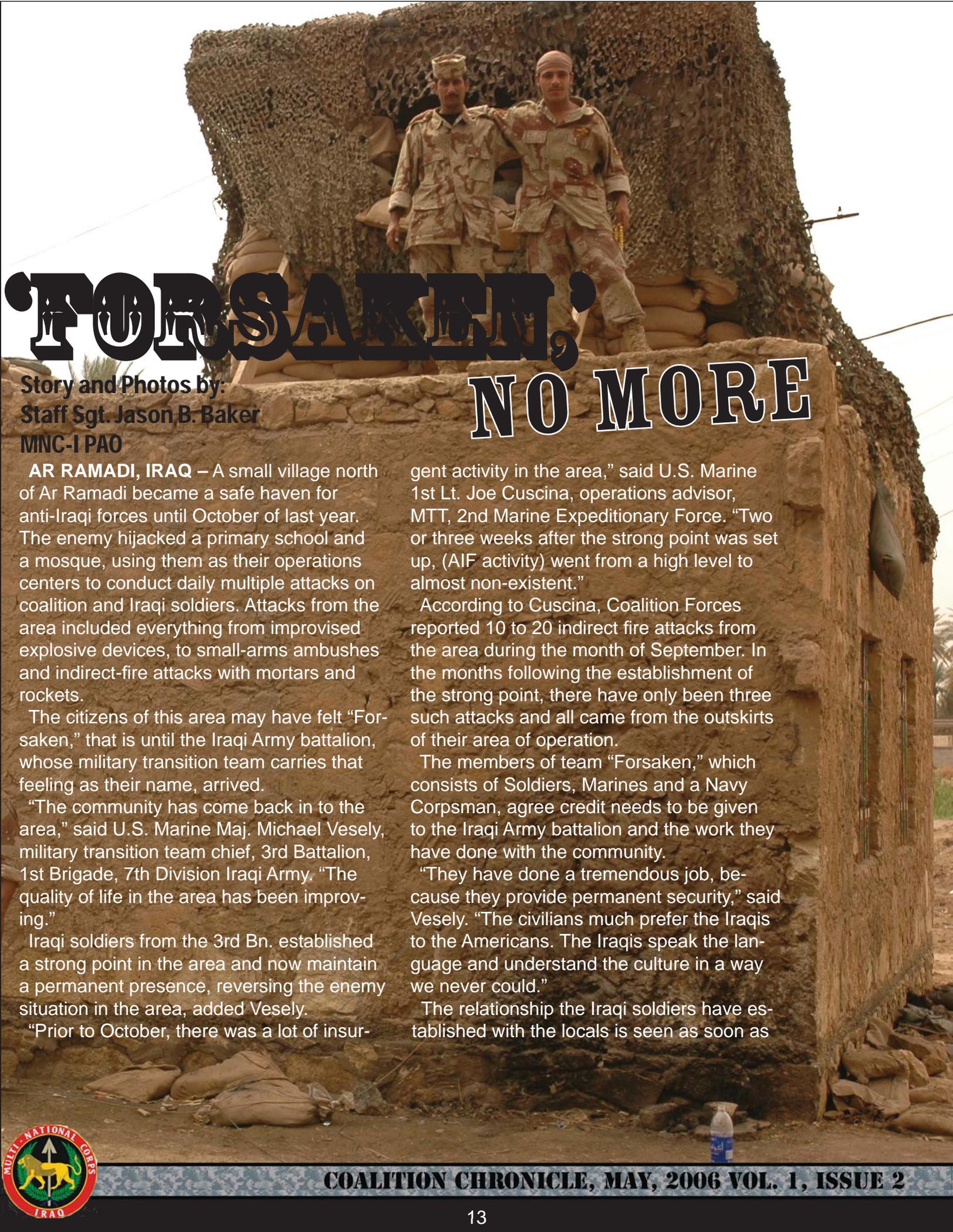
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Freedom Focal Point





Iraqi soldier Zaid Al-Jaba and U.S. Army Soldier Pfc. Yasuo Albert, man a rooftop gun position on a coalition forces building in Tarmiya, Iraq where ongoing counter-insurgency operations are taking place. (Photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Michael Larson.)



'FORSAKEN'; NO MORE

Story and Photos by:
Staff Sgt. Jason B. Baker
MNC-I PAO

AR RAMADI, IRAQ – A small village north of Ar Ramadi became a safe haven for anti-Iraqi forces until October of last year. The enemy hijacked a primary school and a mosque, using them as their operations centers to conduct daily multiple attacks on coalition and Iraqi soldiers. Attacks from the area included everything from improvised explosive devices, to small-arms ambushes and indirect-fire attacks with mortars and rockets.

The citizens of this area may have felt “Forsaken,” that is until the Iraqi Army battalion, whose military transition team carries that feeling as their name, arrived.

“The community has come back in to the area,” said U.S. Marine Maj. Michael Vesely, military transition team chief, 3rd Battalion, 1st Brigade, 7th Division Iraqi Army. “The quality of life in the area has been improving.”

Iraqi soldiers from the 3rd Bn. established a strong point in the area and now maintain a permanent presence, reversing the enemy situation in the area, added Vesely.

“Prior to October, there was a lot of insur-

gent activity in the area,” said U.S. Marine 1st Lt. Joe Cuscina, operations advisor, MTT, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force. “Two or three weeks after the strong point was set up, (AIF activity) went from a high level to almost non-existent.”

According to Cuscina, Coalition Forces reported 10 to 20 indirect fire attacks from the area during the month of September. In the months following the establishment of the strong point, there have only been three such attacks and all came from the outskirts of their area of operation.

The members of team “Forsaken,” which consists of Soldiers, Marines and a Navy Corpsman, agree credit needs to be given to the Iraqi Army battalion and the work they have done with the community.

“They have done a tremendous job, because they provide permanent security,” said Vesely. “The civilians much prefer the Iraqis to the Americans. The Iraqis speak the language and understand the culture in a way we never could.”

The relationship the Iraqi soldiers have established with the locals is seen as soon as



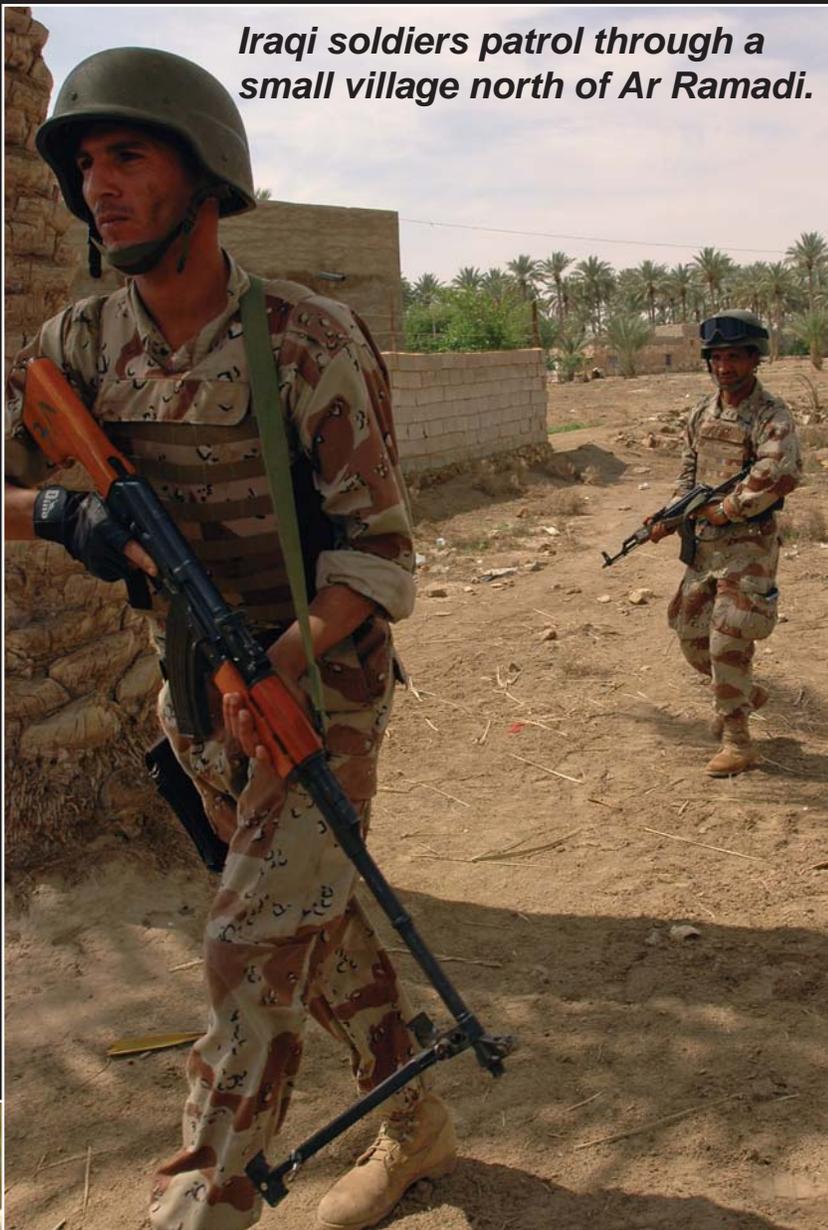
the soldiers exit the perimeter of the strong point and are immediately greeted by the children and adults of the neighboring homes.

“The people are really supportive of the (Iraqi Security Forces),” said U.S. Marine Staff Sgt. Jashon Richardson, company advisor, MTT, 3rd Marine Division, Combat Assault Battalion. “They see that since the ISF are here, the area has gotten a lot better, so they keep them safe by telling them where caches are, and where IEDs are placed and any insurgent activity in the area.”

During the patrols, the Iraqi Army soldiers meet with the civilians in the area and check on the status of the infrastructure of the community like the school, roadways and mosque.

During one particular patrol April 4th, the Iraqis stopped by the local primary school that was once under the control of AIF, to meet with the teachers and find out if they had any problems or concerns. While there, the sound of students enthusiastically reciting the day’s lessons could be heard echoing through the halls of the tiny school. Large caliber pock marks were spread across the walls and holes created new windows, making the effects of a hard fought battle clearly evident, though not a desk was empty in the class rooms.

Iraqi soldiers patrol through a small village north of Ar Ramadi.



Iraqi Soldiers pull security on a road during a foot patrol April 4th. (Opposite page) Guard duty outside Strong point “Forsaken.”



An Iraqi soldier radios in information from an ID card during a vehicle search.

One local in the area, Falau Abu Ghalaf, voiced his concern for his family's safety, stating he felt it was better just to stay inside his home rather than go out. The Iraqi soldiers say that is just the reason they patrol as often as they do.

"We talk to the Iraqi civilians and check if anyone is sick," said one Iraqi Army soldier. "We tell them we are here to protect them and help them build their schools and roads."

The effect of constantly working is not only effecting the community, but also the soldier skills of the battalion, said Richardson.

"As a unit, they are good. They can pretty much go out and operate by themselves now," said Richardson. "Their (noncommissioned officers)



A damaged wall provides a window into an Iraqi classroom.

have been taking more control than they previously did. Instead of everyone relying on the officer to do everything, the officers can delegate to the NCOs and they make it happen."

The growth and development of the enlisted leaders makes the battalion a more efficient and capable fighting unit, added Vesely. The improvement makes them better than any AIF they may come up against.

The battalion will continue to secure the area until there is a properly trained Iraqi Police Force ready to take over the duty, said Vesely. Then, the battalion can take the fight to the enemy in another, perhaps "Forsaken," area of Iraq.



their skills and the ability of their equipment, and dedicated to accomplishing their mission.

“The Soldiers know they have a job to do,” Rodriguez said. “They know they are making a difference. Stuff that when people watch or read a newspaper, they don’t see, but the Soldier on the ground, he sees.

“He sees the little kids smile. He sees the Iraqi people making change. They are out on the ground touching the Iraqi public. People don’t appreciate what the American Soldier is doing here, because they are not on the ground.”

As the cavalry scouts of 8-10 Cav. secure South and Central Baghdad, they are also working to train and equip the Iraqi Army, he explained.

“I look back, and I remember the Iraqi Army in (2003), and the IA, now, they are about 200 percent better,” Rodriguez said. “They got what soldiers do—somebody is in charge of them, telling them where to go, where to be, where to orient their weapons.

Now they stand; they fight.”

Recognizing the long work that lies ahead for U.S. and Iraqi Forces, Rodriguez knows that his Soldiers will be successful in their mission.

The Iraqi people tell his Soldiers that all is not perfect right now, he said, but the Iraqis also tell his Soldiers that it will get better.

“Maybe, at the strategic level, there are challenges; at the political level, there are challenges, but at the Soldiers’ level, we just do what we are told and come back.”



Lt. Col. Gian Gentile inspects Iraqi checkpoint operations in Southwest Baghdad.



8-10 Cav. “Rough Riders” make a stop outside a mosque in Southwest Baghdad

NEW RIVER BOATS HELP PATROL IRAQI

WATERS

STORY AND PHOTOS BY SPC. BRIAN J. ANDERSON, MNC-I PAO

"This area is a staging area for attacks both across the Tigris and into our area of operations as well. The weapons and material found here confirm our suspicions that the enemy is concentrated heavily along the palm groves and riverbanks in the area," said 2nd Lt. James Stephan, assistant security officer, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, after multiple weapon caches were found along the banks of the Tigris River during a joint operation April 13.

A total of five boats used to transport the weapons along the river were also destroyed.

This is not the first discovery of weapons along the Tigris River and it is not the first time there have been reports of terrorists transporting weapons along the river banks.

Iraqi Police are aware of the problem and are well on their way to improving it, said Richard Eaton, International Police Liaison Officer.

Since 1972, Iraqi police have controlled a portion of the Tigris that stretches from the south to north tip of Baghdad. Now, IP's are training and patrolling on new boats they received March 23, so they can deter and prevent terrorists from using the Tigris River as a means to transport weapons and carry out

attacks against Iraqi citizens and Coalition Forces.

The Iraqi police were limited in their capabilities prior to receiving the new boats, said Eaton.

According to Master Sgt. Mohamed, maintenance supervisor, 49th Mp Brigade, the river patrol only had four boats operational.

Mohamed fixed several of the old boats and even had to completely rebuild a couple of the engines and transmissions.

The old boats are now used as a quick reaction to reports within there area of operation and the new boats are used for patrolling the river.

The IP's on the river patrol are letting their faces be seen by the Iraqi people, said Eaton. It tells people they are here, and it shows

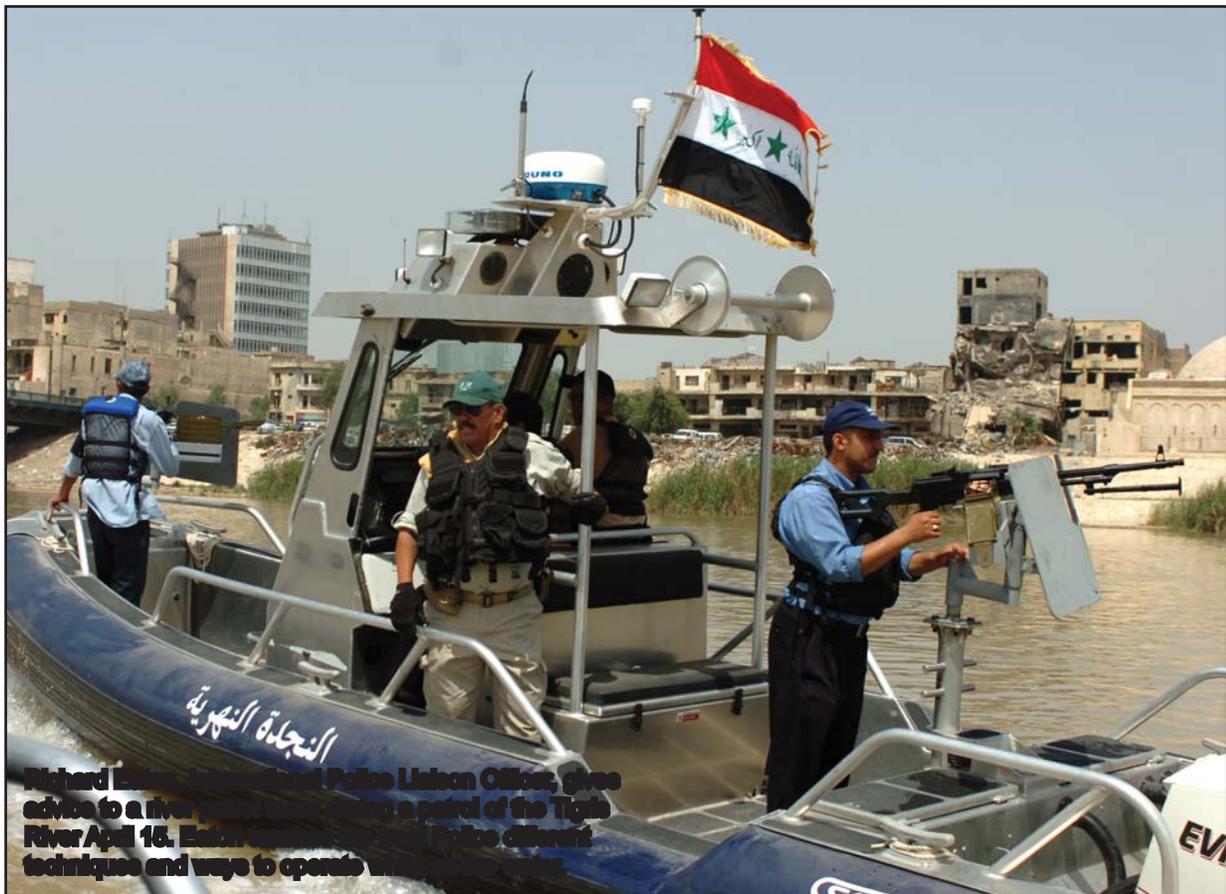
the bad guys they aren't going to get away with transporting and storing weapons on the river.

Although the new boats are already being used for patrols along the Tigris, the IP's are still learning and gaining needed experience on the new equipment.

"I kind of sit back and let them figure things out; every once in a while there are gaps in their knowledge," said Eaton. "I will show them, and make suggestions, but for the most part they do everything on their own. Each time they are on the river they become more familiar with the equipment."

The river patrol isn't just for deterring terrorism, although that is currently a major priority, said Col. Alaa, colonel, IP.

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Richard Eaton, International Police Liaison Officer, gives advice to a river patrol on a patrol of the Tigris River April 15. Eaton shows the police different techniques and ways to operate the new boats.



Coalition News Briefs

April 14, 2006

Iraqi Forces take lead in Operation Cobra Strike

FOB ISKANDARIYAH, Iraq – Iraqi Army Soldiers are gradually taking the lead in all operations in Haswah and Iskandariyah, stabilizing the northern Babil province. Soldiers from 4th Company, 2nd Battalion, 4th Brigade, 8th Iraqi Army Division, recently conducted Operation Cobra Strike with Soldiers from Company B, 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division.

The Cobra Soldiers and their Iraqi counterparts, the Sabers, have conducted combined missions since 2nd Bn., 8th Inf. Regt., arrived in theater in early December. This was the first mission solely orchestrated by the Iraqi Army.

April 12, 2006

Leaders discuss security at first-ever Northern Governors Conference

MOSUL, Iraq – Civic and military leaders from seven Iraqi provinces met April 12 at Forward Operating Base Courage in Mosul for the first Northern Governors' Conference. The conference focused on the process for Iraqi civil authorities to take full security responsibility for provinces and provincial capitols. The rule of law and Iraqi Army and Police status for each province was also reviewed.

April 7, 2006

Suicide bombers detonate bombs at Buratha Mosque in Kadamiyah

BAGHDAD, Iraq – Reports indicate multiple suicide bombers detonated explosive devices at the Buratha Mosque in Kadamiyah, reportedly killing an estimated 75 Iraqis and wounding 135 at approximately 4 p.m. April 7.

Iraqi army, Iraqi police and firemen were on scene within minutes providing security and medical assistance. The bombings resulted in no structural damage to the mosque. Multi-National Division – Baghdad Soldiers arrived later and established a protective outer cordon.

The Buratha mosque is the second most significant Shiite mosque in Baghdad.

March 27, 2006

Iraqi Army 1st Brigade, 1st Division arrives in Ramadi

RAMADI, Iraq – The 1st Brigade, 1st Division Iraqi Army arrived in eastern Ramadi, and has been moving into the East Ramadi Iraqi Camps during the past week. The unit successfully transported the last of their Soldiers to ERIC, the night of March 26.

With the addition of the 1-1 Iraqi Army Brigade, the Iraqi security forces in Ramadi continue to grow in strength and numbers.

March 26, 2006

Iraqi Spec Ops Forces Conduct Operation in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Iraq – Iraqi Special Operations Forces con-

ducted a twilight raid in the Adhamiyah neighborhood in northeast Baghdad to disrupt a terrorist cell responsible for conducting attacks on Iraqi security and Coalition Forces and kidnapping Iraqi civilians in the local area.

As elements of the 1st Iraqi Special Operations Forces Brigade entered their objective, they came under fire. In the ensuing exchange of fire, Iraqi Special Operations Forces killed 16 insurgents. As they secured their objective, they detained 15 more individuals.

Additionally, one individual being held hostage by the insurgents was freed. No Iraqi or U.S. forces were killed during this operation.

March 20, 2006

Soldiers detain 46 suspected insurgents

KIRKUK, Iraq – Bastogne Soldiers from two battalions of the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, detained 46 suspected insurgents during numerous cordon and search missions with Iraqi security forces in Kirkuk and Hawijah, Iraq, within the last week.

Bastogne Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, killed two terrorists, wounded one and detained 25 suspects during this seven day period.

While Soldiers of 1st Battalion have been capturing those emplacing IEDs, Bastogne Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, have conducted numerous combined cordon and searches with Iraqi Police in Kirkuk, resulting in the detention of 21 suspected insurgents.

March 16, 2006

Iraqi Security Forces, Coalition launch Operation Swarmer

TIKRIT, Iraq – Iraqi Security Forces and their Coalition partners launched the largest air assault operation since Operation Iraqi Freedom I in southern Salah Ad Din province to clear a suspected insurgent operating area north-east of Samarra.

Operation Swarmer began with soldiers from the Iraqi Army's 1st Brigade, 4th Division, the 101st Airborne Division's 3rd Brigade Combat Team and the 101st Combat Aviation Brigade conducting a combined air and ground assault to isolate the objective area.

Attack and assault aircraft provided aerial weapons support for the operation and also delivered troops from the Iraq Army's 4th Division, the Rakkasans from 1st and 3rd Battalions, 187th Infantry Regiment and the Hunters from 2nd Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment to multiple objectives. Forces from the 2nd Commando Brigade then completed a ground infiltration to secure numerous structures in the area.

More than 1,500 Iraqi and Coalition troops, over 200 tactical vehicles, and more than 50 aircraft participated in the operation.

The patrol looks for bodies that have been dumped in the river, he said. They also assist in search and rescue operations.

“There are other things we have to prevent,” Alaa continued. “We have a fishing season to enforce and we prevent people from swimming in the river. Sometimes accidents happen in the water and Iraqis drown.”

Alaa said the current is very strong on the Tigris River and that is why people are not allowed to swim in it.

Alaa said he is pleased with the new boats and hopes to receive more in the future.

“The new boats are encouragement,” Alaa said. “They help us do our job better.”

He said the boats help with some of the tasks that can be rather dangerous on the river to include search and rescue, and insurgency actions.

Although patrolling the river is nothing new to the Iraqis, they are learning new methods and ways of operating, said Eaton.

“I have taught them to be riverians,” said Eaton. “I want them to control the river and to stay safe while doing so.”

Eaton said the new boats are light weight and easy to maneuver, making it easy for the river patrol to avoid falling victim to terrorists actions.

This is an upgrade for them, Eaton continued.

We now have the capability to communicate with one another and with a central station that can notify IP’s of terrorists’ actions. If we receive fire, we have the power to fight back and call in for land support.”

The river patrol is working to rid the Tigris River of any terrorists’ activities, while ensuring the safety of the locals and enforcing the fishing laws. Eaton says the new boats bring the river patrol to the 21st century, and they allow the patrol to be flexible with their ability to maneuver while on the water.



The Iraqi Police river patrol, patrols the Tigris River April 15. The IP's received new boats March 23, helping them maintain control of the Tigris River.



The Iraqi Police river patrol, police the Tigris River on April 15.



Requiem for the Fallen

List of Names from the Iraqi Ground Forces Command and Subordinate Divisions

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Private Karar Hameed Salim Abbas,
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Headquarters, April 15, 2006
Private Husham Yaqub Yousif, 2nd Bde. April
15, 2006

2nd Division Command

Private Assy Helaiel Faris, 2nd Bde. 2nd Bn,
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Sergeant Nadhim Mohammad, Headquarters,
April 11, 2006
Sergeant Amir Ahmad Saed, 1st Bde. 2nd Bn,
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Bn, April 18, 2006

5th Division Command

Corporal Wisam Ali Mahdi Al-Adily, 2nd Inf. 2nd
Bn, April 14, 2006

7th Division Command

Captain Ali Abdulla Wilian, 1st Bn, 1st Bde,
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Private Ali Mahdi Zanad Nasir, 1st Bn, 1st Bde,
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Private Muhandad Sami Muhsin, 2nd Bn, 1
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Private Abbas Attshan Nagris, 3rd Bn, 2 Bde,
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Private Ali Majeed Hameed, 1st Bn, 1st Bde,
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9th Mechanism Division

Private Raad Haraz Hussain Saed, 1st Plt, 1st
Inf Bde, April 14, 2006
Private Hasan Haneed Humod Shamkhi, 1st
Bn, 2nd Armor Bde, March 31, 2006

10th Division Command

Private Usama Nasir Nemir Al-Rashid, April 4,
2006

85 Iraqi soldiers lost their lives defending their country during the month of March.
This is a list of names by division, that were released for publication.

Requiem for

Names of Coalition Servicemembers March 11- April 13

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Lance Cpl. Stephen Joseph Perez, 22, 1st Bn., 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Div., I Marine Expeditionary Force
Cpl. Salem Bachar, 20, Headquarters Bn., 1st Marine Div., I Marine Expeditionary Force

Spc. Andrew K. Waits, 23, 1st Bn., 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd BCT, 101st Airborne Div. (Air Assault)

April 12

Lance Cpl. Marcus S. Glimpse, 22, 1st Bn., 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Div., I Marine Expeditionary Force

Pfc. Roland E. Calderon-Ascencio, 21, 1st Bn., 67th Armored Regiment, 2nd BCT, 4th Infantry Div.

Spc. Scott M. Bandhold, 37, 1st Bn., 67th Armored Regiment, 2nd BCT, 4th Infantry Div.

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Spc Kenneth D. Hess, 26, 4th Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, 172nd Stryker BCT

Pfc. George R. Roehl Jr., 21, 7th Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment, 1st BCT, 4th Infantry Div.

Pfc. James F. Costello III, 27, 7th Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment, 1st BCT, 4th Infantry Div.

Cpl. Joseph A. Blanco, 25, 7th Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment, 1st BCT, 4th Infantry Div.

April 10

Spc. James W. "Will" Gardner, 22, 1st Bn., 101st Aviation Regiment, 101st Combat Aviation Bde., 101st Airborne Div. (Air Assault)

Sgt. 1st Class Randall L. Lamberson, 36, 1st Bn., 506th Infantry Regiment, 4th BCT, 101st Airborne Div. (Air Assault)

April 9

Pfc. Joseph I. Love, 22, 84th Engineer Combat Bn. (Heavy), 8th Sustainment Command (Theater)

Spc. David S. Collins, 24, 1st Bn., 506th

Infantry Regiment, 4th BCT, 101st Airborne Div. (Air Assault)

Sgt. 1st Class Gregory S. Rogers, 42, 1st Bn., 506th Infantry Regiment, 4th BCT, 101st Airborne Div. (Air Assault)

April 8

Lance Cpl. Philip J. Martini, 24, 1st Bn., 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Div., I Marine Expeditionary Force

Lance Cpl. Juana NavarroArellano, 24, 9th Engineer Support Bn., 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force

Spc. Shawn R. Creighton, 21, 4th Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, 172nd Stryker BCT

Pvt. Jody W. Missildine, 19, 2nd Bn., 37th Armored Regiment, 1st Bde., 1st Armored Div.

April 7

Cpl. Richard P. Waller, 22, 1st Bn., 1st Marine Regiment, I Marine Expeditionary Force

April 6

Spc. Daniel L. Sesker, 22, Army National Guard's Troop C, 1st Squadron, 113th Cavalry Regiment

Lance Cpl. Bryan N. Taylor, 20, 2nd Combat Engineer Bn., 2nd Marine Div., II Marine Expeditionary Force

Pfc. Chase A. Edwards, 19, 3rd Bn., 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Div., II Marine Expeditionary Force

Spc. Dustin J. Harris, 21, 172nd Bde. Support Bn., 172nd Stryker BCT

April 4

Spc. Ty J. Johnson, 28, 2nd Bn., 320th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st BCT, 101st Airborne Div. (Air Assault)

April 2

Lance Cpl. Eric A. Palmisano, 27, 1st Transportation Support Bn., 1st Marine Logistics Group, I Marine Expeditionary Force

Cpl. Andres Aguilar Jr., 21, 3rd Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Div., III Marine Expeditionary Force

Pfc. Jeremy W. Ehle, 19, 1st Bn., 36th Infantry Regiment, 1st Bde., 1st Armored Div.

Staff Sgt. Abraham G. Twitchell, 28, Combat Service Support Group-1, 1st Marine Logistics Group, I Marine Expeditionary Force

Lance Cpl. Felipe D. Sandoval-Flores, 20, 1st Marine Logistics Group, I Marine Expeditionary Force

Cpl. David A. Bass, 20, 1st Marine Logistics Group, I Marine Expeditionary Force

Lance Cpl. Patrick J. Gallagher, 27, 1st Marine Logistics Group, I Marine Expeditionary Force

Cpl. Brian R. St. Germain, 22, 1st Marine Logistics Group, I Marine Expeditionary Force

Hospitalman Geovani Padilla Aleman, 20, Bethesda Naval Hospital, USNS Comfort Detachment

Staff Sgt. Eric A. McIntosh, 29, 3rd Bn., 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Div., II Marine Expeditionary Force

Lance Cpl. Kun Y. Kim, 20, 3rd Bn., 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Div., II Marine Expeditionary Force

Cpl. Scott J. Procopio, 20, 3rd Bn., 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Div., II Marine Expeditionary Force

April 1

Chief Warrant Officer (CW3) Michael L. Hartwick, 37, 4th Bn., 4th Aviation Bde., 4th Infantry Div.

Cpt. Timothy J. Moshier, 25, 4th Bn., 4th Aviation Bde., 4th Infantry Div.

Sgt. Israel Devora Garcia, 23, 2nd Bn., 6th Infantry, 2nd BCT, 1st Armored Div.

Staff Sergeant Darrell P. Clay, 34, 2nd Bn., 6th Infantry, 2nd BCT, 1st Armored Div.

Lance Cpl. Jacob W. Beisel, 21, 3rd Bn., 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Div., II Marine Expeditionary Force

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March 30

Pfc. Joseph J. Duenas, 23, 1st Bn., 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st BCT, 101 Airborne Div. (Air Assault)

Tech. Sgt. Walter M. Moss Jr., 37, 366th Civil Engineer Squadron

March 28

Sgt. Michael D. Rowe, 23, 46th Engineer Bn., Warrior Bde.

Pfc. Sean D. Tharp, 21, 1st Bn., 22nd Infantry, 1st Bde., 4th Infantry Div.

Staff Sgt. Robert Hernandez, 47, 3rd Bn., 318th Regiment, 1st Bde., 80th Div. (Institutional Training)

March 25

Cpl. Dobre Lili, 28, 280th Infantry Bn., Romanian Army

Spc. Frederick A. Carlson, 25, 228th Forward Support Bn., 2nd Bn., 28th Infantry Div.

March 23

Pvt. Jesper Nielsen, 20, The Royal Life Guards Regiment, Royal Danish Army

Sgt. 1st Class Randy D. McCaulley, 44, 1st Bn., 110th Infantry, 2nd BCT, 28th Infantry Div.

Staff Sgt. Brock A. Beery, 30, 2nd Bn., 123rd Armor Regiment

March 21

Spc. Antoine J. McKinzie, 25, 4th Bn., 27th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Div.

March 18

Staff Sgt. Ricardo Barraza, 24, 2nd Bn., 75th Ranger Regiment

Sgt. Dale G. Brehm, 23, 2nd Bn., 75th Ranger Regiment

March 16

Sgt. Amanda N. Pinson, 21, 101st Military Intelligence Detachment, 501st Special Troops Bn., 101st Airborne Div. (Air Assault)

Spc. Carlos M. Gonzalez, 22, 101st Military Intelligence Detachment, 501st Special Troops Bn., 101st Airborne Div. (Air Assault)

Cpl. Nyle Yates III, 22, 3rd Bn., 187th

Infantry Regiment, 3rd BCT, 101st Airborne Div. (Air Assault)

Cpl. Sekuri Soko, 44, Republic of Fiji Military Forces

March 15

Pfc. Angelo A. Zawaydeh, 19, 2nd Bn., 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Bde., 101st Airborne Div. (Air Assault)

March 13

Staff Sgt. Marco A. Silva, 27, 1st Bn., 506th Infantry Regiment, 4th BCT, 101st Airborne Div. (Air Assault)

Sgt. Corey A. Dan, 22, 1st Bn., 506th Infantry Regiment, 4th BCT, 101st Airborne Div. (Air Assault)

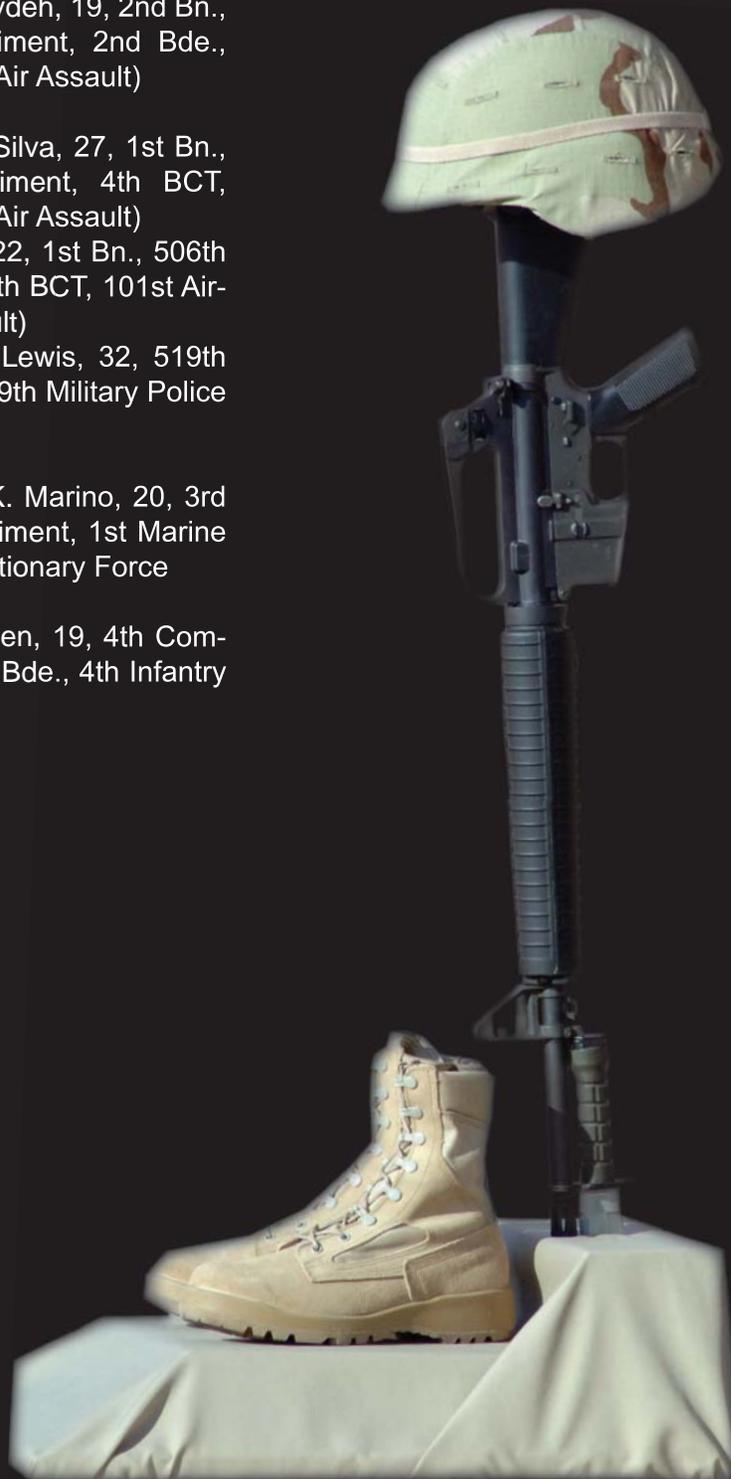
Staff Sgt. Bryan A. Lewis, 32, 519th Military Police Bn., 49th Military Police Bde.

March 12

Lance Cpl. Kristen K. Marino, 20, 3rd Bn., 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Div., I Marine Expeditionary Force

March 11

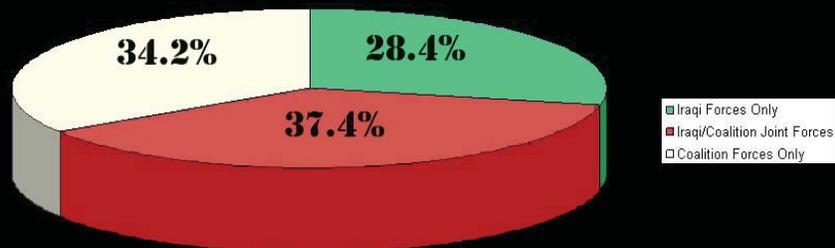
Pfc. Amy A. Duerksen, 19, 4th Combat Support Bn., 1st Bde., 4th Infantry Div.



OPERATIONAL ROLL-UP



Operations conducted in Iraq between March 18, 2003 through April 14, 2003. This graph represents which command took the lead in the total number of missions.



Total: 2,204 operations in theatre.

225



Caches Found



Found and
Seized

Note: These figures represent Multi-National Corps-Iraq (MNC-I) and Coalition Forces Only (CFO) statistics from March 18 until April 14, 2003.