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Top Left: Left to right: Staff Sgt. Jack Rydell, Staff Sgt. Shane Lees and 1st Lt. Aaron Reid from Troop A, 8th Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment, clear a house in the neighborhood of Jihad, in Baghdad, Iraq. *Photo by Staff Sgt. Roger Martin*

Top Center: Pvt. First Class Douglas Lawrence (left) from Service Battery and Spc. Lawrence Harris, from Headquarters and Headquarters Battery of 4th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery Regiment, hang a unit sign in front of their battalion headquarters at Camp Liberty, Iraq. *Photo by 1st Lt. Phidel Hun*

Top Right: Sgt. Joshua Zimmerman from Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 4th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery Regiment prepares to fire his M4 at a range inside of FOB Justice, Iraq. *Photo Spc. Joshua Ramey*

Bottom Left: Staff Sgt. Marcus Thomas, Company A, 4th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery Regiment, picks up long awaited mail for his Company at Camp Liberty, Iraq. *Photo by Capt. Dan Tower*

Bottom Right: Soldiers of Company A, 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, conduct operations in the outskirts of the Baghdad Neighborhood of Ghazaliya in August, 2006. *Photo by Spc. Holley Baker*



Quote of the Week:
"If the leader is filled with high ambition and if he pursues his aims with audacity and strength of will, he will reach them in spite of all obstacles."
- Karl von Clausewitz





The Justice League

Story by Capt. David Mattox

The Justice League began as a group of superheroes like Superman and Wonder Woman. They ruled the comic book pages as the protectors of freedom and justice. Today, 27 Soldiers from Company B, 141st Signal Battalion refer to themselves as the Justice League. These Soldiers make up the Mayor's Cell and Force Protection team that keep Forward Operating Base (FOB) JUSTICE running and safe. Though communications and electronics are their job, the Justice League has become well versed and experienced with Entry Control Point (ECP) Operations, Brigade Internment Facility functions, and the inner workings of what it takes to make a FOB operate.

Company B was attached to 4th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery, early this month and given the mission to assume the Mayoral duties of FOB Justice along with the Force Protection aspects from Battery A, 4th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery, and elements of 4th Brigade, 4th Infantry Division. This new and unfamiliar mission has brought long days of guard duty and processing work order requests, but the Soldiers welcome it with enthusiasm. The Company B Soldiers are receptive to these new missions.

The Justice League is responsible for the screening and supervision of the local nationals that work on the small FOB. They are also responsible for the health,

welfare and quality of life of the U.S. Soldiers that reside here.

Every day, the Mayor's Cell provides command and control for the local national workforce, responsible for completing work orders and keeping the electricity, plumbing, and air conditioning running. With many Soldiers residing on the FOB, the Mayor's Cell stays busy with new work orders and basic repairs. The Soldiers in the Mayor's Cell have learned to work with local nationals extensively and they have learned a portion of the bigger picture on what is required to house US Soldiers in Iraq; Force Protection measures, Preventative Medicine regulations, fire safety standards, and contracting restrictions.

The rest of the Justice League Soldiers like Spc. Nathan Kovell and Sgt. Shawn Dunlap rotate between manning the Entry Control Point

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Top: Capt. Logan Kerschner, of Company B, 141st Signal Battalion, works with an interpreter at the Iraqi run Entry Control Point of Forward Operating Base Justice, Khadimiyah, Iraq. *Capt. David Mattox*

Middle: Spc. Elijah Latunde (left), Spc. Nicholas Luchenbill (center), and Spc. Nathan Kovell (right), all from Company B, 141st Signal Battalion, prepare to relieve the guard force at Forward Operating Base Justice, Khadimiyah, Iraq. *Photo by Capt. David Mattox*

Bottom: Capt. David Mattox and 1st Sgt. Robert Beausoleil (far left and far right) of Company B, 141st Signal Battalion stand with Iraqi army commander Maj. Muhammad (center left), and Command Sgt. Major Abd (center right), while working together to run portions of Forward Operating Base Justice in Khadimiyah, Iraq. *Photo by Capt. Logan Kerschner*

The Chaplain's Corner

I submit to you that found within the pages of Holy Scripture we are given a tremendous promise of divine presence and protection. The Psalmist writes, "He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty." (Psalm 91:1) The rest of the text tells us how God protects, provides and gives tremendous peace to those who call on His name. As we continue the mission here I constantly proclaim this message of hope and assurance of presence. God is proving Himself faithful to His word and many of us can see this on a regular basis. Belief is a powerful tool soldiers can rely on to help them through the tough times when things are chaotic and confusing. This same belief also helps us become better with our families and friends. Sometimes life has a way of throwing curve balls our direction and

we must find a way to swing the bat effectively.

As a chaplain, one of my missions is to help you learn and know how to convey this to families at home. Promises like this from Psalm 91 provide us with peace and



assurance that we can play a good game in life. Many here rely on the promises from the Almighty and several of you back home rely on these same promises. Trusting in this promise of God is one way you can know God is watching over your loved one here in Iraq and it might help you sleep better at night. Other promises you

can focus on are those made to each other before we left and those made since we have been here. One of the things I tell the soldiers is, "geographical separation does not mean emotional disengagement." This means we must find ways to stay connected to each other. How are you staying connected? Relying on the promises of God and the promises made to each other are two ways this can be accomplished. Recall these promises; renew these promises and refresh your communication together by actively seeking to fulfill your promises to each other. This time apart will become much less stressful when we focus on how we can connect instead of how much we are apart.

-Chaplain (Captain) John D. Hill

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leading to the FOB and supervising the Iraqi Army Brigade Internment Facility. The Soldiers on the ECP uphold the strictest force protection standards.

A Brigade Internment Facility serves as a temporary holding facility for detainees before being processed to a larger detention facility or being released. The high standards at the Justice facility can be attributed to the supervision provided by the Justice League. Soldiers like Spc. Elijah Latunde and Sgt. Gary Ford ensure detainees are afforded the basic human rights and the proper accountability procedures are fol-

lowed. They also enjoy working with the Iraqi Army Soldiers who are the actual guards of the detainees.

The Soldiers of Company B, 141st Signal Bn., are enthusiastic about their new mission and are proud to refer to themselves as the chosen Signal Soldiers that make up the



Sgt. 1st Class Samuel Everett watches over Spc. Marcia Cooper as she conducts fueling operations at Forward Operating Base Justice, Khadimiyah, Iraq. Both Soldiers are from Company B, 141st Signal Battalion. *Photo by Capt. David Mattox*

Justice League. It can be said that the "Justice League" is once again providing safety and freedom.



SCORPION MWR

All events start at 2000 hours, and are located in the Scorpion MWR recreation tent.

- Monday, 11 September:** Ping Pong Tournament
- Tuesday, 12 September:** NBA Live 2006 Tournament
- Wednesday, 13 September:** Country / Western nigh and Chess Tournament
- Thursday, 14 September:** Karaoke, Spades and Dominoes Tournaments
- Friday, 15 September:** 9 Ball Billiards Tournament
- Saturday, 16 September:** R & B Night
- Sunday, 17 September:** Salsa Night and Air Hockey Tournament



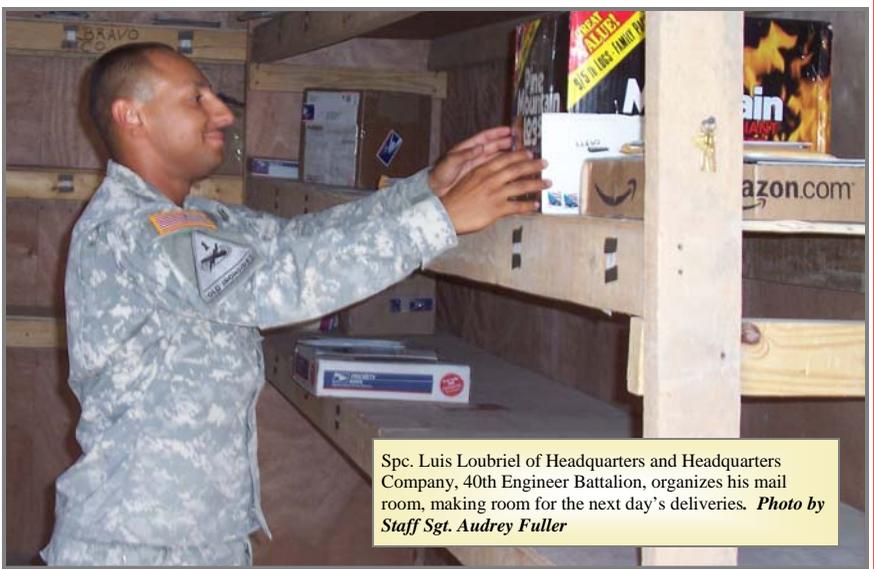
Soldiers pick up a little piece of home

Story by Staff Sgt. Audrey Fuller

During any deployment, Soldiers work long hours in extreme temperatures, sometimes during extreme circumstances. During these busy times, Soldiers appreciate keeping in touch with family and friends, and look forward to packages that they get in the mail. It is one of the things that most Soldiers look forward to every day.

Mail call often plays a major role in a Soldier's daily routine. When Soldiers receive mail, it connects them with members of their family on a personal level, and helps them stay in contact with their loved ones. Also, many of today's technologically savvy Soldiers order items over the internet, allowing them to get items that they might not be able to find at the local PX. When a box is picked up or a care package is received, it always makes a Soldiers' day.

In the 40th Engineer Battalion, when someone wants their mail, the person they come to is Spc. Luis Loubriel, of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 40th Eng. Bn. Spc. Loubriel, a member of the battalion's personnel section, is responsible for picking up the entire Battalion's mail and ensuring that the Soldiers of Task Force Ram receive their letters and packages. Spc. Loubriel goes to the Camp Liberty Post Office daily to pick up mail, then spends the rest



Spc. Luis Loubriel of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 40th Engineer Battalion, organizes his mail room, making room for the next day's deliveries. **Photo by Staff Sgt. Audrey Fuller**

of his time organizing it alphabetically, tracking special mail like certified and insured letters and boxes, and does it all while making sure all Army and Post Office rules and regulations are followed to the letter.

Spc. Loubriel was born and raised in Hartford, Connecticut. He graduated from Hartford High School in 1998, and upon graduation, he entered the Connecticut National Guard. In 2003, he entered into active duty. He attended Advanced Individual Training as a mail delivery clerk. His first active duty assignment brought

him to the 40th Engineer Battalion based in Baumholder, Germany.

"I am proud to be an American and proud to have been a part of the deployment for OIF 05-07," Spc. Loubriel said when being interviewed for this story. His great attitude overall performance as the Battalion's mail clerk makes it easy for everyone to get their mail and keep those lines of communication open with their loved ones. Spc. Loubriel said, "It makes me proud when a Soldier's face lights up when they get mail and they always thank me for getting it to them."



The Oasis

Story by Master Sgt. Timothy Bingham

The 47th Forward Support Battalion provides many things for a Brigade Combat Team on a 24-hour basis. Since its arrival in Iraq, as well as our tenure in Kuwait, the Battalion continues to maintain 24-hour availability of its assets. Providing support when needed to elements of the 2BCT is not an easy task; nor is the risk Soldiers face when conducting missions. Like any Battalion in our Brigade Combat Team, the Soldiers of the

47th enjoy taking a little time to relax and just socialize with one another to combat the stress they face prior to and during missions conducted outside the wire. This escape is often enjoyed through the means of the Morale, Welfare, and Recreation tent, where a gym and other recreational facilities are present. As a Brigade, we were very fortunate to move into living quarters that contained an MWR facility of its own, one that gives the “Iron

Soldiers” of the 2nd BCT a place all our own, one that is close to where we live and work.

The facility is named the 2nd BCT MWR facility, but is commonly referred to as “The Oasis.” It is a place to relax and socialize, borrow a book out of the library, surf the web and the most popular thing to do - work out on the exercise equipment. Our small facility supplies all these amenities

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Left: Spc. Benjamin Hensley of Company B, 47th Forward Support Battalion, swells his deltoids and traps with sets of dumb-bell military presses at the Oasis recreation tent at Camp Liberty, Iraq. *Photo by Master Sgt. Timothy Bingham*
Right: Capt. Jeanne Deden, Company C, 47th Forward Support Battalion, enjoys sifting through the small library to look for a good read at the Oasis recreation tent, located on Camp Liberty, Iraq. *Photo by Master Sgt. Timothy Bingham*



•The General Elections are coming up fast, in November

•To vote from an overseas location you have to request an absentee ballot

•For assistance contact your Unit Voting Officer, or look online at ww.vote.army.mil



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to accommodate the Soldiers of the 2nd Brigade, giving them a short respite from their work schedule and daily missions. This haven offers a 24-hour operation for our Soldiers and their "around the clock" schedule.

The 47th FSB currently performs many operations on any given day, for example running the Detention Holding Area Annex, providing on-call maintenance, transportation, and recovery assets; executing combat logistic patrols, fuel and ammunition re-supply,

and 24-hour aid station operations. It's these long and tiring missions that the Modern Pioneers, as well as their fellow Iron Soldiers, are called to answer that make the Oasis the perfect escape from the long days and nights in Iraq.



Top: Staff Sgt. Christopher Fernandez, of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 47th Forward Support Battalion, builds his trapezius muscle by shrugging his shoulders at the Oasis recreation tent on Camp Liberty, Iraq. *Photo by Master Sgt. Timothy Bingham*
Bottom: Pfc. Jennifer Thompson, from Company C, 47th Forward Support Battalion, uses a treadmill to maintain her cardio vascular stamina at the Oasis recreation tent, located at Camp Liberty, Iraq. *Photo by Master Sgt. Timothy Bingham*

Frequently Asked Computer Questions & Answers

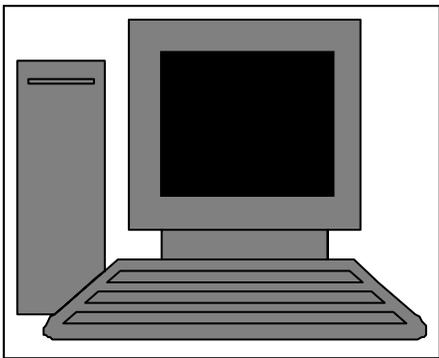
Q: What steps should I take to connect and disconnect major components to and from my computer?

A: When connecting or disconnecting a video peripheral (for example, a monitor or projector) to or from laptops, be sure to power down both the laptop and the video peripheral. This will help prevent the arching out of the laptop and the video peripheral.

Q: Why did I lose all the memory on my hard drive when I took it out of my computer?

A: When removing a hard drive from a laptop, make sure your laptop is powered down. Sometimes your laptop is in sleep mode and appears to be powered down. Beware! The laptop is not powered down and if you re-

move the hard drive during sleep mode, ***all memory will be erased.*** In addition, unplugging the power cable



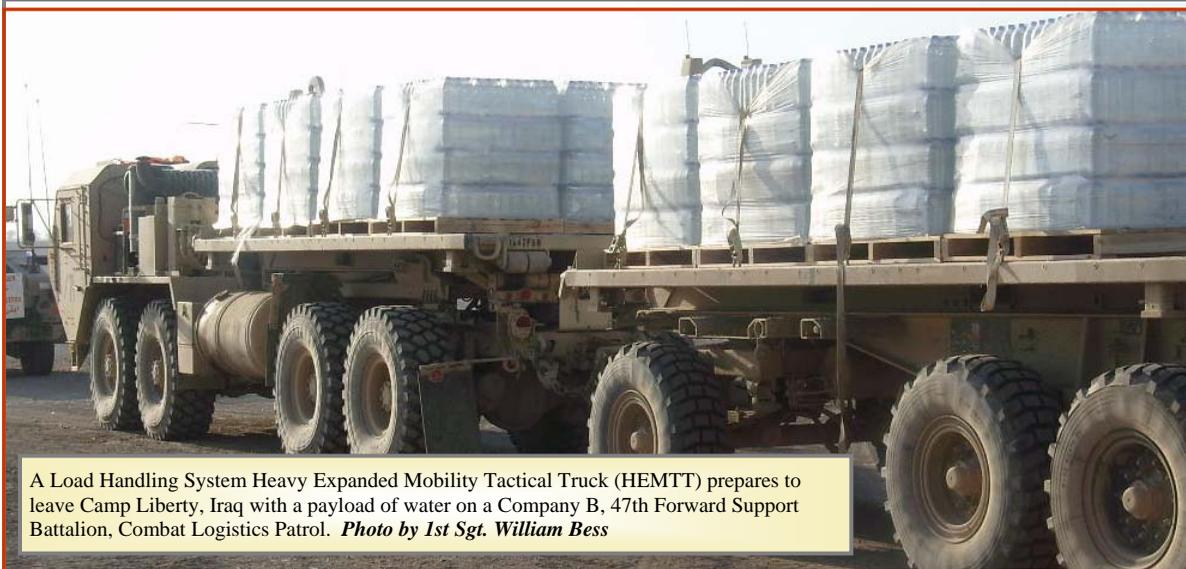
to power down a laptop does not power down a laptop. The batteries will still provide power to the laptop and all memory on the hard drive will

be lost.

Q: I'm not receiving e-mail messages like I should. Where's it all going?

A: Where's my mail? If you have created a .PST file on your personal computer and selected this file to receive incoming mail, then all incoming mail will be sent to this PST file. Consequently, even though you might have a email profile on another computer, you will not be able to access your mail in the .PST file. .PST files are stored on local hard drives and are not stored on the server.

If you have any computer questions or concerns, contact your Battalion communications shop or S-6.



A Load Handling System Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Truck (HEMTT) prepares to leave Camp Liberty, Iraq with a payload of water on a Company B, 47th Forward Support Battalion, Combat Logistics Patrol. *Photo by 1st Sgt. William Bess*



Big Wheels keep on rolling

Story by Spc. Wesley Belcher

As the Brigade Combat Team's mission continues in Iraq, so does the mission of the 47th Forward Support Battalion's Modern Pioneers. In Baghdad, the 47th FSB has multiple missions; detainee handling, maintaining the aid-station and support operations. The Soldiers know their jobs, they know the mission in Baghdad, and they

understand why their mission is important in those areas of support. With many of the Forward Logistics Element Soldiers in Ramadi and Al Taqaddum, others in the 47th FSB have worked harder to sustain the force.

For the Company B "Bulldogs," a new mission has unfolded and continues to evolve as requirements for logistical sup-

port arise. Their new mission involves transportation and supply distribution. Company B started out slowly in order to familiarize the leaders with the roads and conditions in and around Baghdad. The distribution mission is not new to the 47th FSB, however, the mission normally falls into the hands of Company A who is cur-

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- The 2nd BCT/1AD Equal Opportunity Office is located in the 4th ID Engineer Chapel, directly behind the PX trailer, next to Scorpion MWR.
- Although not mandatory, it is recommended you first attempt to resolve Equal Opportunity issues through your Chain-of-Command.
- To discuss any EO issues, please contact SFC Owens by email: randy.owens@mod-1.army.mil



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rently performing this mission between Ramadi and Al Taqaddum in support of 1st BCT, 1st Armored Division.

The Palletized Load System (PLS) trucks and Load Handling System trucks carry heavy loads up to 18,000 lbs. The fuel trucks in the FSB double the size and fuel capacity of the Task Force fuelers, holding up to 5,000 gallons in a single tank.

The Pioneers spent many days training for convoy operations in Kuwait ensuring every Soldier in the battalion would know what to do when out on the roads in Iraq. "The convoy training in Kuwait was really great for instilling confidence in

over the place," 1st Sgt. Bess said as he described some of the areas through which the convoys travel. Still, 1st Sgt. Bess goes where his Soldiers go, sees what they see, and trains his junior leaders in the process. "You never can tell what you'll find or come up on out there, so you have to be ready all the time," he said.



Pfc. Daniel Trout, of Company B, 47th Forward Support Battalion, helps place a 5,000 gallon fuel tanker in position. Photo by 1st Sgt. William Bess

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Company B, 47th FSB

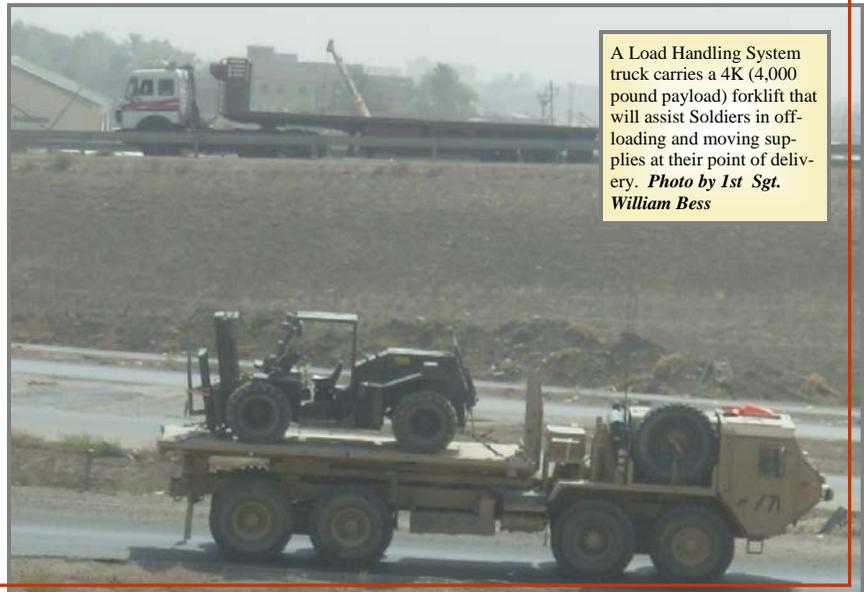
every Soldier, and to recognize and practice the [Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures] used on the roads in Iraq," said Command Sgt. Major Lester Stephens, 47th FSB Command Sgt. Major.

Now, the Bulldogs (with Soldiers from Companies A and C) are becoming road warriors. The company is outfitted with the latest in up-armored Humvees and trucks. Leading from the front and doing exceptional work with these Soldiers, is 1st Sgt. William Bess, the Company B 1st Sgt.

1st Sgt. Bess has led these Soldiers out on numerous occasions and takes his subordinate leaders through their missions from the beginning of the planning stage, through the Combat Logistics Patrol, through completion and post operation maintenance checks. "The roads are a mess out there, and some of the areas are really crowded and people are all

As these warriors continue to work on their equipment, they get better and better everyday. Each mission performed by these Soldiers enables another unit to continue its

operation, thus contributing to the larger mission of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM.



A Load Handling System truck carries a 4K (4,000 pound payload) forklift that will assist Soldiers in off-loading and moving supplies at their point of delivery. Photo by 1st Sgt. William Bess



Top: Soldiers of Company A, 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, conduct operations in the outskirts of the Baghdad Neighborhood of Ghazaliya in August, 2006. *Photo by Spc. Holley Baker*



Middle Left: Sgt. Guille Marquezcorona of Service Battery, 4th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, guides concrete barriers into place. *Photo by Spc. Joshua Ramey*

Middle Right: 1st Lt. Hector Cantillo of Troop C, 8th Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment, gives a local Iraqi woman a humanitarian aid packet outside Camp Falcon, Iraq. *Photo by Capt. Dan Tower*



Bottom: Capt. Teddy Kleisner, Commander of Company C, 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, talks with children in the Baghdad neighborhood of Ghazaliya. *Photo by 1st Lt. Jason Blackston*





1st Lt. Marc Miller of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment talks with local residents in the Baghdad neighborhood of Bakriya during an operation to rid the neighborhood of illegal weapons and terrorist activities.
Photo by Sgt. Raul Montano



Operation South Sword Search

Story by Sgt. Raul Montano

Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 5th Brigade, 2nd Iraqi National Police Division, and the 1st Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division, along with the 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division attached to 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, Multi-National Division-Baghdad, continued OPERATION TOGETHER FORWARD with OPERATION SOUTH SWORD SEARCH August 28th, in the Baghdad neighborhood of Bakriya. Iraqi Security Forces have been working closely with Coalition Forces to clear the area of illegal weapons and put an end to terrorist activities.

"This was a totally combined operation with the 1st Bn., 5th Bde., 2nd National Police Div. and 1st Bde., 6th Iraqi Army Div.," said Maj. Jesse Pearson of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Bn. 23rd Inf. Regt. "they were extremely successful in helping us capture enemy person-

nel, and question them for intelligence.

"We are capitalizing on successes of OPERATION TOGETHER FORWARD by denying terrorists the means to hide weapons," said Capt. Miller of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Bn., 23rd Inf. Regt.

As well as securing the neighborhood, Lt. Col. Avanus Smiley, Commander of the 1st Bn., 23rd Inf., Regt. also talked to residents about services offered in the neighborhood.

"With the Iraqi Battalion we are working with, we are going to continue on the path to reduce violence and crime. One of the ways to do that is by cleaning up the neighborhood," said Lt. Col. Smiley.



Maj. Jesse Pearson of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment talks with local residents in the Baghdad neighborhood of Bakriya during an operation to rid the neighborhood of illegal weapons and terrorist activities.
Photo by Sgt. Raul Montano

Since the launch of OPERATION TOGETHER FORWARD, the 2nd Brigade Combat Team has searched over 27,000 buildings yielding over 600 illegal weapons and 32 detainees.



Cleaning House

Story by Story by 1st Lt. Matt Parsons



Spc. Tony Harris, a Soldier from Company C, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, recently participated in several dismounted patrols in the neighborhoods of Baghdad, helping to secure the citizens of Baghdad and help them build a better life for themselves. *Photo by 1st Lt. Matt Parsons*

nary guy who takes interest in his free time to wakeboard, swim, and play sports. Spc. Harris, like many Soldiers over here, is doing his job and doing it well. In fact, his Tank Commander, Staff Sgt. Jose Garcia states that he is “an excellent Soldier who always does what he is told”. In one particular event, Spc. Harris’ attention to detail allowed him to find an IED that could have seriously injured or killed some of his comrades.

Spc. Harris, who is on his first deployment to Iraq, was participating in his first dismount patrol in a known IED hotspot. Just a few days earlier, his Platoon Leader was hit with an IED and Spc. Harris was

asked to take point. Spc. Harris said that initially he felt nervous, but he remembered thinking to himself that “the job has to be done and somebody’s got to do it”. Spc. Harris took point that evening and ended up finding two 155mm rounds which were indiscriminately placed by insurgents in order to harm innocent local nationals and Coalition Forces. Despite limited experience, Spc. Harris was able to accomplish the mission due to his training, physical fitness and attention to detail. Co. C, 1st Bn., 22nd Inf. Regt., has been recognized by all echelons of command for its efforts due to the accomplishments of men like Spc. Harris.

Upon redeployment, Spc. Harris is really looking forward to seeing his family and “going somewhere where I can take care of all my needs in one location, like at Wal-Mart.” He also is looking forward to eating at The Olive Garden, his favorite restaurant. His parents are very supportive of what he is doing and they are proud of what he has accomplished. Regulars by God, Deeds not Words!

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Crazyhorse Medics

Story by 1st Lt. Brian Murphy

“Medic!” This is the common cry heard when men are wounded in battle. However, the medics of today are nothing like the medics of yesterday. In Iraq, it often hard to distinguish a medic from a Cavalry Scout, as they perform all the common tasks of the soldier in addition to their own. In Troop C, 8th Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment, this holds especially true.

Cpl. Pablo Asencio has been with 1st Platoon, Troop C, since the unit deployed to Kuwait and Iraq in December, 2005. When he is not being called to save a soldier’s life, which he has done this year, he is out with his brothers in arms placing traffic cones and wire for traffic control points, as well as searching vehicles. Cpl. Asencio has been in the thick of some of the most serious situations that “Crazy Horse” Troop has come across. His actions following an IED blast in April were remarkable as he stabilized a seriously wounded Trooper and helped save his life prior to evacuation to the hospital.

Spc. Tristan Jones of 2nd Platoon, Troop C, has also experienced combat on both the giving and receiving end. When he is not rendering aid, either to a “Bradley bite” or a “barracks cut,” he is performing medic duties to wounded soldiers in combat. Recently, Spc. Jones was wounded when a stray round deflected off his body armor and struck him in the posterior. While he is not the first medic to be wounded, it was certainly surreal for his platoon to provide first aid to the expert. As with all troopers from the unit, he fought his way back in the saddle the next day, ready to patrol.

The Crazy Horse Medics are led by Staff Sgt. Kevin Kennerly, who recently came to the Troop in August, 2006 from Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 8th Sqdn., 10th Cav. Regt. These medics are true Cavalry Scouts in every way.



Top: Cpl. Pablo Asencio and Spc. Charles Tandy, two of the medics assigned to Troop C, 8th Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment, at Camp Liberty, Iraq. *Photo by 1st Lt. Brian Murphy*

Bottom: 1st Lt. Brian Murphy (left), the Executive Officer of Troop C, 8th Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment, talks with two of his medics, Cpl. Pablo Asencio (center) and Spc. Charles Tandy (right) at Camp Liberty, Iraq. *Photo by Capt. Dan Tower*

Their added specialty as medics makes them very valuable to the team effort, as they keep their fellow scouts in the fight. For them, it never matters whether the injured is American or Iraqi, a person in need requires their help and these Soldiers

demonstrate selfless service every day. There are many individuals, both Soldier and civilian, who owe their lives and health to the brave and dedicated medics of “Crazy Horse” Troop.

What's in a Crest?

8th Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment

Description: A gold color metal and enamel device 1 inch (2.54cm) blazoned: On an heraldic wreath Or and Sable, a buffalo statant Proper. On a scroll of the second fimbriated of the first the motto "READY AND FORWARD" of the like.

Symbolism: Black and gold have long been used as the regimental colors. The buffalo has likewise been the emblem of the regiment for many years having its origin in the term "Buffalo soldiers" ap-



plied by the Indians to colored regiments. The distinctive unit insignia is worn in pairs.

Background: The distinctive unit insignia was originally approved on 13 Mar 1922. It was amended 6 Dec 1923 to change the wording in the description and the method of wear. On 19 Mar 1951 the insignia was re-designated for the 510th Tank Battalion. The distinctive unit insignia was re-designated for the 10th Cavalry on 12 May 1959.

Legal Issues to think about when you redeploy

#2 - Lawsuits

When Soldiers return to home station, there are many things going on at the same time. As you begin to plan your redeployment, make sure to keep in mind that there are legal issues that need to be addressed when you return. In this 4 part series, we'll discuss some things you should do upon your return from the deployment.

#2 – Lawsuits

Unfortunately, some service

members will return from Iraq to learn that someone has filed a lawsuit against them. In most cases, the court will delay the trial until the service member returns from deployment. In a few cases, however, the court may not know that the service member is deployed and will allow the lawsuit to proceed in the service member's absence. If this occurs, it is likely that the lawsuit will be granted against the service member,

resulting in potentially large judgments against you. These judgments are worse than a debt - it's a court order requiring you to pay the amount of the lawsuit. If you learn that a lawsuit was filed against you while you were deployed, come to the Legal Assistance Office immediately.

Next week, credit reports will be discussed.





Iraqi Army Re-affirms Allegiance

Story by Spc. Joshua Ramey

3rd Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division, re-affirmed their allegiance to the nation of Iraq, in a ceremony attended by the entire brigade of Iraqi soldiers and leadership. Capt. Robert Lundberg of Company A, 412th Civil Affairs Battalion, said that the ceremony held at Forward Operating Base Constitution on September 7th, 2006, was the first of its kind since the brigade's inception a year ago.

The ceremony involved brigade leadership who told the Iraqi army soldiers, "The future of Iraq is in your hands. We are the lion that will attack

the killers and kidnappers, bring them to justice, and take control of our country," said one of the speakers in Arabic.

Iraqi army soldiers from 3rd Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division, stand in formation to re-affirm their allegiance to the Government of Iraq near Camp Liberty, Iraq. Photo by Spc. Joshua Ramey



Lt. Sadick, a platoon leader in the Commando Company, 3rd Bde., 6th IA Div., said this ceremony was meant to inspire Iraqi soldiers to believe in the future of Iraq. "All of us are under the

law, even Prime Minister Maliki is under the law of Iraq. It is important for all soldiers to put their full loyalty to the Iraqi army, and not tribes or religions," He continued, "We have trust and faith in our soldiers' loyalty to the army. That is why we are successful in the area with raids, arrests, and finding weapons. It is because we have faith in our Soldiers."

An Iraqi NCO, Sgt. Mohamed, also of 3/6 IA Div., said, "It is a very good ceremony; It lets the soldiers know they must serve the army they joined with full loyalty, and let go of their [previous affiliations]."

What Do YOU Think? "What is the most rewarding part of your mission?"



Staff Sgt. Philip Dudley
HHC, 1-23 INF

"Fight this fight, so my kids won't have to fight this fight."



Staff Sgt. Guy Sifuentes,
HHB, 4-27 FA

"To be able to provide security and safety for my family and country through developing an independent Iraqi Army."



Spc. Darryl Shelton
Co. B, 47th FSB

"The fact is knowing we are out here making a difference in the Iraqi people lives."



Spc. Eric Chan,
HHT, 8-10 CAV

"As a soldier, being steadfast and demonstrating perseverance when duty calls."



Spc. Rigoberto Navarro,
HHD, 47th FSB

"Knowing all Soldiers have all the equipment to complete their mission."

Next Week: "What do you think everyone can do to improve safety?"



Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, stand guard during a patrol in Baghdad, Iraq.
Photo by 1st Lt. Jason Blackston

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