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It's astounding, how great the leaders and Paratroopers of "Task Force Panther" are doing on the battlefield. Each Battalion, Company, Platoon, Squad, Team and individual Paratrooper efforts in the 3rd BCT, 82nd Airborne, have been significant in achieving mission success. I would like to take this time to thank the entire Panther Team, for all the excellent work you are doing for our country, military and unit. Our Task Force leadership and Paratroopers are leading by example, setting the example, and maintaining discipline throughout the battle space. Continue to support each other and set goals for yourself, because individual actions can cause unit success or failure. Always maintain situational awareness, never become complacent and

most of all "be safe!" Your tremendous professionalism and relentless effort, has set the Panther team apart from other units. Always remember, units fail or succeed due to: Leadership, Discipline, and Training.

I would like to conclude with saying, each soldier is very important to our Task Force, regardless of his or her capacity; it's critical you give 100% for the comrade on your left and right. Remember the team... the team will remember you.

The holidays are coming. Leaders take the time to sit and really talk to your soldiers, wish them a Merry Christmas, encourage them to call home and talk to their families and friends.

And all the Panthers said "AMEN!"

H-Minus!!

All the Way!!

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Grady meets with Salah ad Din police

Pfc. Carlee Ross

Task Force Lightning PAO

TIKRIT, Iraq (Nov. 14, 2006) – The Iraqi police confront many day-to-day challenges on their own, but coalition forces are assisting them to change the future of the Iraqi police for the better.

Donald Grady, the newly appointed senior advisor to Iraqi Ministry of Interior, visited the Qadisiya Police Station in Tikrit, Iraq, Nov. 14 to gain a better understanding of the challenges he will be facing throughout the next year.

“To know and understand the difficulties the (Iraqi police) face on a daily basis requires I take a first-hand look rather than rely on the anecdotal accounts of secondary or tertiary sources,” said Grady.

Much of the meeting was spent listening to the police chiefs of the station and the checkpoints explaining the things they needed. A large portion of their discussions were that the anti-Iraqi forces are often better equipped than the IPs.

This meeting was the first for Grady in Tikrit. He began a one-year term in October during which he will provide counsel on democratic policing throughout Iraq. His job is to advise the minister on how to put the best practices in democratic policing into action, which will be the most effective to creating a democratic country.

Before being chosen for this job, he was chief of police and director of public safety at Northern Illinois University.

Grady also worked in the Balkans during the late 1990’s helping to establish police forces in Bosnia-Herzegovina. He organized and executed a plan in the separated region of Brcko to create a multi-ethnic police force where Serbs and Bosnian Muslims and Croats had been engaged in a civil war.

Iraq is different in that the police are expected to operate in a non-permissive environment. Democratic policing requires the consent of the people in a permissive society, explained Grady.

While the environment in Bosnia was less stable than the entirely permissive circumstance at NIU, both offered sub-



Photo by Pfc. Carlee Ross/ Task Force Lightning PAO

Col. Osama Adham Abdulgafer Omer, Chief of Police for Tikrit talks with Dr. Donald Grady, senior consultant to ministry of interior, who visited the Qadisiya Police Station Nov. 14 to get a grasp on what kinds of things they are in need of.

stantially better conditions than the open conflict currently found in Iraq.

“I’ve discovered, however, that communication and understanding are critical to the building of successful communities,” said Grady.

“At the conclusion of every conflict you’ll find people who are willing to communicate,” Grady continued.

Along with Grady, several members of the Provincial Reconstruction Team, as well as the governor of Salah ad Din, were present at the meeting as part of a united effort to help improve the police force.

“My job for this visit was to give Mr. Grady an understanding of the (police) within the Salah ad Din province, also to give him an understanding of what we want to accomplish and the challenges that prevent us,” Capt. Chris West, police chief advisor for the Iraqi security force cell, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division.

Lt. Col. Fahran Muhammad Fahran, checkpoint chief, is concerned for his IP’s and said they are very vulnerable at checkpoints. He explained they need things like fuel, night vision, new weapons, more protective barriers and ways to detect and disarm explosives.

“Nothing is more important in Iraq

right now than the restoration of order and a sense of normalcy. One way to do that is to enhance the ability of the appropriate authorities to screen police candidates and purge the service of persons suspected of committing violations of human rights or involvement in death squads,” said Grady.

The Salah ad Din Province has the best reputation for training in the northern part of Iraq. The number of policemen trained exceeds the Civilian Police Assistance Training Team standards.

The total number of IP forces trained for the Salah ad Din province is currently 70 percent. They are hoping to get up to 80 percent by the end of December, said West.

The task Grady and the forces working with him are charged to tackle is not something that can be fixed in a year, but working as a team with the local police will make the process easier, West explained.

“I’d like to see the realization of a fully integrated, self-sustaining, ethical, democratic policing system that enjoys the respect, trust, and willing cooperation of the citizens that every officer has sworn he or she will serve and protect,” said Grady.

Iraqi soldiers conduct Operation Toy Drop in Samarra

Sgt. Tony White
5th MPAD

SAMARRA, Iraq (Nov. 2, 2006) — The grin on the Iraqi soldier's face widened a little further as a little girl ran back to her house holding up a new stuffed animal, showing it off to her parents.

Smiling children parading off with their new toys was a common sight Nov. 2 in Mukashyfa, a village near Samarra, as Iraqi soldiers took a break from their normal duties to pass out toys. The soldiers carried out Operation Toy Drop for one afternoon hoping to brighten up the neighborhood's children.

Making several stops during the operation, the Iraqi soldiers often found themselves surrounded by the local children. In all, an estimated 250 children received gifts from the soldiers.



Photo by Sgt. Tony White/ 5th MPAD
An Iraqi soldier laughs as he hands out toys to children in the village of Mukashyfa Nov. 2 as part of Operation Toy Drop.

“When the children see the Iraqi army coming, they think we are going to begin searching their homes,” said Capt. Ali Aswed Ahmed, an Iraqi army platoon leader. “We want this to make a difference in how they see us.”

Ahmed acknowledged his soldiers enjoyment in handing

out toys to the children.

“The soldiers know this is something that will make the children happy,” Ahmed said. “These children are just like their own children, and they want to make them happy. They could see these children were excited (to receive the gifts).”

The soldiers handed out

more than four truckloads worth of toys which were donated by families in the United States, said Maj. Stuart Stovall, team leader, Company A, 402nd Civil Affairs Battalion.

“A toy is really such a small thing, but it really goes a long way for a kid,” Stovall said. “An Iraqi child is no different from any kid back home. They all like getting toys no matter what day it is.”

Stovall said the successful operation served two purposes.

“We went out there and tried to show the Iraqi people that we truly care about them,” Stovall said. “We also wanted to get the Iraqi army out there and involved in the local communities. It is really important that they are accepted by their own people. We took a big step today with this operation.”

Paratroopers, Iraqis detain six in Operation Goodland

Sgt. Michael Tuttle
5th MPAD

OWJA, Iraq (Nov. 4, 2006) – The early morning sky was still pitch black when the first infantry Soldiers scaled a cement wall to unlock the front gate for the rest of their platoon. They moved inside the gate and swiftly approached the door of their first objective.

Safely entering and then clearing the objective marked the beginning of Operation Goodland for Company B, 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, Paratroopers and the two Iraqi army platoons that joined them Nov. 4.

The bulk of their mission, collecting and documenting evidence to prosecute their targeted suspects, still awaited them on their way to searching eight houses and

detaining six Iraqi suspects.

The decision to search the houses, all within a four-block area of the city, was based on information that some of the residents were associated with a bomb-making ring, small-arms fire attacks, and other anti-coalition forces operations, according to Capt. Jason Holder, company commander.

A preliminary search was conducted once the house was secured. The Soldiers looked for weapons caches, media, and other sensitive information, including anti-coalition materials, said Sgt. Daniel Woodcock, squad leader.

After multiple weapons were discovered, the site team began the formal process of thoroughly searching each room, gathering information, collecting and documenting all evidence.

The site team includes a photographer,

who takes pictures of evidence in the location it's found, and an artist who sketches the layout of the house room by room.

“In order to ensure that a detained suspect stays off the streets, we have to make sure you get all the evidence catalogued properly with photographs and video of the evidence that is tied to the suspect,” Holder said.

The process has evolved over the past two years when the emphasis was on getting the detainees to the detention facility for information gathering. Now it's up to the infantryman at the objective to document the information that is going to be used in court to make a case against a suspect.

“It almost turns into CSI Iraq,” Holder

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Photo by Sgt. Michael Tuttle/ 5th MPAD

A Paratrooper from Company B, 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, scales a wall before unlocking a front gate for his platoon during a search mission Nov. 4 in Owja, Iraq.

said, comparing his company's mission to the popular crime scene investigators television series. "They can still enter and clear a room like a regular infantry guy. They can still be firm when they have to be firm and gentle when they need to be gentle. But when it comes to information gathering, the discipline that comes with being an infantry Soldier helps them with the patience and attention to detail that it requires."

The detainees also go through a medical screening before being taken to the detention facility. The paperwork continues there as sworn statements are made about everything and everyone taken from the house. "With the help of the Iraqi army and a lot of good information from the local nationals, we're able to bring these guys off the streets," said Holder.

Local leaders in Samarra foster relationships over dinner

Sgt. Tony White
5th MPAD

SAMARRA, Iraq (Nov. 4, 2006) — Key leaders in the Samarra area met over dinner Nov. 4 at Forward Operating Base Brassfield-Mora to discuss mutual interests and foster closer relations while working together to achieve stability in the region.

Members of the Samarra and surrounding community governments, sheiks and Iraqi Security Forces' leaders were hosted by the 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division. The dinner allowed leaders to discuss local areas of concern amongst themselves while sampling a variety of local Iraqi and American dishes.

The dinner meeting also allowed leaders from both countries to pay respects to comrades who have sacrificed their lives in effort to unite a free Iraq.

"Iraq will not be free without the support of its government and brave men," said Lt. Col. Viet Luong, commander, 2nd Battalion. "Many of our brave heroes have fought for Iraq and the coalition forces in this struggle against terrorism and we will not let their sacrifice be in vain. Their sacrifice will lead to a brighter future in Iraq. Together we will finish this."

The idea for the dinner was originally



Photo by Sgt. Tony White/ 5th MPAD

Lt. Col. Viet Luong, commander, 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, speaks during dinner Nov. 4 to Iraqi Security Force and Samarra government leaders about issues and the way ahead for the region.

for the battalion to show respect for the passing of the Ramadan holiday. However, as the Eid al-fitr feast passed nearly a week ago signaling the end of the holiday, the battalion leaders hoped this meeting would help the local leaders interact.

According to Capt. Samuel Storrer, 2nd Battalion civil affairs officer, this dinner will be the first time all of the key leaders in the Samarra area have met face-to-face.

"I really believe this (dinner) could help lay the ground work for them working together," Storrer said.

"Right now the coalition forces are establishing a common ground for them here, but we are not going to be here forever," Storrer continued. "Eventually these leaders are going to have to work together to facilitate a safe area for themselves."

“How did it go?”

One Paratrooper’s answer after an all-Iraqi air assault near Lake Tharthar

Capt. Steven Barrier
Deputy Aviation Officer
3rd BCT, 82nd Abn Div

CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS BASE SPEICHER, Iraq – I recently had the unique opportunity to participate with soldiers of the 1st Brigade, 4th Iraqi Army Division, in planning and executing an air assault mission involving almost 400 members of the Iraqi army, four CH-47 Chinooks, two OH-58D Kiowa Warriors, and a contingent of 25 U.S. Soldiers. After being a “fly on the wall” throughout this process with them, I felt compelled to share my experience with all who were interested.

At the top of the list of questions I was asked was, “How did it go?” After sitting down and collecting my thoughts on all of the sights and sounds I experienced throughout the four-day operation, I found the answer to that question was more difficult than the innocence the question suggests.

To put all of this in perspective, I need to set the stage. I am the deputy aviation officer for the 3rd Brigade Combat Team of the 82nd Airborne Division currently deployed to Tikrit, Iraq, in the Multi-national Division – North area of operation under the 25th Infantry Division.

Our area of responsibility includes the Salah ad Din Province. This region is located north of Baghdad and encompasses the cities of Balad in the south, Bayji in the north, and the Jabal



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Robert Brogan/ Combat Camera

An Iraqi soldier laughs as he hands out toys to children in the village of Mukashyfa Nov. 2 as part of Operation Toy Drop.

Hamrjn Mountains to the east. The city of Tikrit is located in the middle of this region. The Iraqi soldiers from 1st Brigade, 4th Iraqi Army Division have responsibility for security throughout the province. However, U.S. troops continue to assist them as a quick reaction force and with assets they don’t yet have, such as aviation. We also have a small team of U.S. troops that advise the Iraqi army staffs at battalion, brigade, and division levels. These teams are called Military Transition Teams, or MiTT. A typical MiTT consists of 11 Soldiers varying in rank. Most are combat veterans, and each has their own specialties – operations, logistics, medical, and communications – in which

they offer advice and council to their respective Iraqi counterparts. The intent is to expedite the transfer of responsibility from the coalition forces to the Iraqi army.

This particular mission has its roots in mid-October or so ago when Brig. Gen. Abdul Jabbar, commander of the 1st Brigade, 4th Iraqi Army Division, and Col. Bryan Owens, commander of the 82nd Airborne Division’s 3rd Brigade Combat Team met to discuss security in the province.

The two leaders decided to conduct a large-scale, all-Iraqi operation in a remote area of the province to defeat anti-Iraqi forces. Key to the success of this operation was the ability to rapidly put a sizable Iraqi force on the ground. This was

the beginning of the plan to conduct an all Iraqi air assault.

However, plans rarely survive initial contact. That was the case in this mission. Morning weather was our first enemy. As final preparations were being made in the early morning darkness, fog began to form. Brig. Gen. Jabbar made the decision to continue with the ground portion of the plan, thus, launching his ground-assault force.

The new plan was executed and the ground force found and isolated the objective. By this time, the sun was just beginning to come up and the fog was starting to burn off. The air assault was only a little

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more than an hour overdue. With the objective secured by the ground force, the CH-47 Chinooks came into view on the horizon. They landed at their pre-planned landing zones, off-loaded their troops and departed. Within hours, the objective had been secured and searched with all planned tasks executed to standard.

However, since nothing of significance was found at the objective, Brig. Gen. Jabbar consulted with his staff again and decided to make an addition to the plan. He would call for the CH-47s to return to take the troops off the objective and use vehicles for the others. The Iraqi force would continue to search a large area of the desert in search of the anti-Iraqi forces he knew to be operating in the area.

The Chinooks arrived to pick up the air-assault troopers and returned safely to base. When the aircraft departed, the ground force mounted their vehicles in search of AIF.

Brig. Gen. Jabbar halted the convoy on a hilltop where he could see for miles.

On the horizon were several villages, and with a brief wave of his hand, the soldiers mounted their vehicles and



Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Robert Brogan/ Combat Camera

Iraqi soldiers from 1st Brigade, 4th Iraqi Army Division, on board a CH-47 Chinook wait for the helicopter to arrive at their objective during an all-Iraqi air assault Nov. 16, 2006, near the Northeastern portion of Lake Tharthar in Salah ad Din, Iraq.

dashed across the desert as fast as anything I have ever witnessed navigate the complex desert terrain.

With relentless energy, the Iraqis surrounded the village, then entered and began a search of all the structures.

In the meantime, Brig. Gen.

Jabbar would find the village elder and explain what was going on and why he was there. The soldiers were mounted again and heading for the next village.

The mission was complete after we consolidated back at the original objective. Brig. Gen. Jabbar arranged lunch to be served as an after action review was conducted to capture any lessons learned from the day's excursion.

Lunch was not the typical meal-ready-to-eat, or MRE, that U.S. troops would have expected. Instead, we had rice, cucumbers, tomatoes, and lamb. All cooked right there on the spot.

In the span of four days, I saw the brigade staff of 1st Brigade, 4th Iraqi Army Division, take a concept, develop the plan, issue an operations order to subordinate units, coordinate with U.S. forces for assets, execute the plan, and even conduct an after-action review to capture lessons learned for future operations.

By any army's standard, this mission, conducted entirely by the Iraqi Army, was a success. So, in response to the original short question, "How did it go?" The short answer is, "It went well."



Iraqi soldiers from 1st Brigade, 4th Iraqi Army Division, on board a CH-47 Chinook wait for the helicopter to arrive at their objective during an all-Iraqi air assault Nov. 16, 2006, near the Northeastern portion of Lake Tharthar in Salah ad Din, Iraq.



Photo by *Spc. Joshua R. Ford/82nd Abn Div PAO*

Capt. Tamal Slaar Ahmeed, platoon leader, 2nd Platoon, 2nd Company, 4th battalion, 4th Iraqi army, leads his troops during a joint-patrol with U.S. Paratroopers Nov. 11 in Sulihyah, Iraq.

Iraqi soldiers, U.S. Paratroopers bring security to Sulihyah

Spc. Joshua R. Ford
3BCT, 82nd Abn Div PAO

SULIHYAH, Iraq (Nov. 11, 2006) — It was dusk on a calm, cool November afternoon in Sulihyah when the town's citizens saw something they had not seen in years.

American Paratroopers and soldiers of their own country marched side-by-side down one of the town's small, dirt roads.

The people stared at the troops with blank expressions as they passed.

To ease the tension, one Iraqi soldier walked toward a small Iraqi girl, his hand extended with a children's book.

Not knowing what type of reaction the troops would receive, they were soon relieved to find the little girl's blank expression turn into a smile.

The Iraqi soldier's welcoming gesture led to a mass following of children throughout the rest of the Iraqi-led patrol on the southern side of the city.

Capt. Tamal Slaar Ahmeed, 2nd Platoon leader, 2nd Company, 4th Battalion, 4th Iraqi Army Division, said that finding success in Sulihyah would start with telling the children that the Iraqi and coalition forces' full intent is to help the Iraqi people.

It was a different story with the adults of the city. They knew the wrong people – insurgents – could be watching their every move.

During the assessment, coalition forces found it difficult to get information from the townspeople.

The people wouldn't talk because they were scared they or their family might be threatened or killed. The adults in Sulihyah were scared to talk because they didn't know who could have been listening, said Capt. Sung Kato, commander, Company D, 1st Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division.

Paratroopers with Company D, in coordination with the

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Iraqi security forces, have been tasked to make the neglected town a safe and secure place.

Kato and Ahmeed would like to bring security to the area by patrolling on a regular basis to provide a sense of security to Sulihyah's citizens.

"Our presence will increase the security of Sulihyah, bringing us more information from the people to capture targets inside the city or let us know when the bad guys are coming," said Kato.

"A military presence in the town will also confuse insurgent cells, getting into their heads and making them change their strategy," Kato added.

Since almost every home in Sulihyah has running water and electricity, security in Sulihyah is by far the people's number-one concern, Ahmeed.

Forward Operating Base Summerall has received numerous attacks that have been staged out of Sulihyah since the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and units that operated out of the FOB have never sent ground forces to interact with the people regularly.

Part of the reason is because of the fact that many contractors and service members lost their lives trying to help



Photos by Spc. Joshua R. Ford/82nd Abn Div PAO

Iraqi children observe soldiers from 2nd Platoon, 2nd Company, 4th Battalion, 4th Iraqi Army Division, pass by during a joint-patrol with U.S. Paratroopers Nov. 11 in Sulihyah, Iraq.

the people of Sulihyah in 2003. The city was deemed very dangerous, said Kato.

During a recent patrol, one Iraqi soldier spotted an armed man on the rooftop of a house. The troops were quick to react, said Kato.

The Iraqi Soldiers organized their vehicles in a tactical formation to cover the rear, and then a squad moved quickly to the house where the individual was seen.

The individual fled the scene and was not detained but the incident was an example to Kato that 2nd Company is almost ready to take the responsibility of Sulihyah's security, he said.

"(Iraqi soldiers) want to fight, and they want to fight bad guys," said Kato. "They reacted well to contact, kept their equipment on, pulled security, and were doing a good job," said Kato.

Sulihyah citizens were much more receptive to the Iraqi army soldiers than the Americans, said Sgt. Saint Nelson, squad leader, 310th Psychological Operations Company.

"It is easier to talk to someone familiar – someone that can relate to what's going on – because they have experienced many of the same situations," said Nelson.

Nelson was in Iraq five months before the Panthers arrived and said with what he has seen from the Paratroopers so far helps him to know that their battalion is definitely going to make some good changes in the area because the Paratroopers are very interactive with the people.

"Not every person here is bad. There are good people. And if we can change the minds of some, that some can change the minds of some more and the process will continue. If we can do that we will succeed," said Nelson.



Capt. Sung Kato, commander, Company A, 1st Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, and Capt. Tamal Slaar Ahmeed, platoon leader, 2nd Platoon, 2nd Company, 4th Battalion, 4th Iraqi Army Division, question one of Sulihyah's citizens during a joint-patrol Nov. 11 in Sulihyah, Iraq.

Paratroopers shut down insurgent cell in Bayji

Spc. Joshua R. Ford
3BCT, 82nd Abn Div PAO

BAYJI, Iraq (Nov. 12, 2006)—Eight armored vehicles crept through the narrow city street in Bayji searching for the objective. More than 20 Paratroopers would storm, secure and search the site for their target.

“That’s it. Let’s move,” the platoon sergeant calmly said over the radio.

Immediately the element dismounted their vehicles and raced toward the target house.

Troops placed ladders and hurled themselves over the cement wall into the courtyard.

Once the courtyard was breached, the Paratroopers entered the house and found multiple small arms. They also detained one man linked to an insurgent cell.

“It was exciting,” said Staff Sgt. Mica Snell, fire support sergeant, Company C, 1st Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division. “You fight everyday, and when your spirits are getting low and you find (an insurgent), it brings them back up.”

Since the beginning of November, scenarios like this have been an almost everyday occurrence for the Paratroopers of Company C.

“We have caught a lot of the major players from multiple insurgent cells, providing a lot of useful information leading to the capture of more insurgents and the discoveries of their hideouts and weapons caches,” said 1st Sgt. Micheal Green, Company C.

One of the biggest cache sites discovered was found on Bayji Island. The site included hand grenades, rocket-propelled-grenade launchers with multiple rounds, small arms, mortar tubes, mortar rounds and bomb-making material.

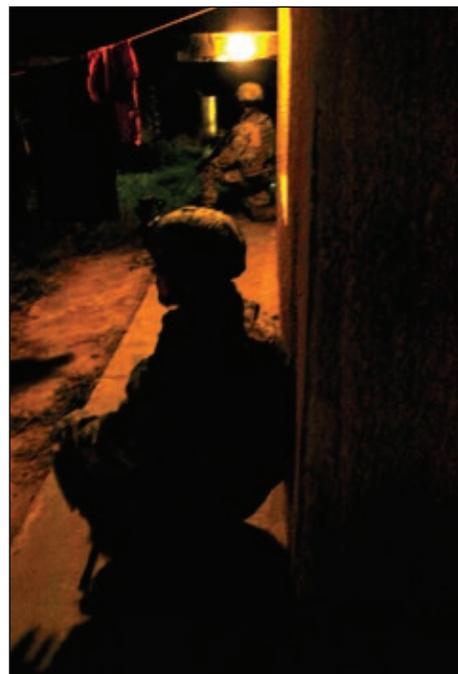
The find came after a unit called for support while detaining 11 individuals linked to an anti-Iraqi forces cell. The Paratroopers of Company C searched it and found a cache site that stretched across Bayji Island, said Green.

There were so many weapons and so much ammunition that the ordnance disposal team ran out of explosives while destroying the contents of the cache site.

The remaining weapons were taken back to Forward Operating Base Summerall to be destroyed.

Green added that after finding the cache there were no insurgent attacks in the area for more than 36 hours.

Later in the week, coalition and Iraqi



Photos by Spc. Joshua R. Ford/ 82nd Abn Div PAO
Two Paratroopers from Company C, 1st Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, secure the backyard of a house they raided Nov. 12 in Bayji, Iraq.

forces conducted a raid based off intelligence from the coalition intelligence informing the Paratroopers of a terrorist cell that trademarks themselves with black uniforms.

When they searched the house, they found multiple black jumpsuits neatly hanging on a wall. Surrounding the uniforms was a scattered assortment of small arms and ammunition.

The “black jumpsuit” insurgent cell was shut down and out of commission in Bayji.

While raiding houses, Green says that the people understand why the coalition forces are there. They are very cooperative with the troops and often thank them for what they are doing for their community.

“When you are raiding a house in the middle of the night and the children run up and give you a hug you know you are making a difference,” said Green.

Because Company C has treated the Iraqis with dignity and respect, they have been able to get more information from the people of Bayji leading to the company’s success, which has created a safer and more secure area for the Bayji citizens, said Green.

“As we have worked through this area the people have grown more confident that we are actually here to help them, not only to get the bad guys out of Bayji, but to also help them in the situations the country has found itself in,” said Green.

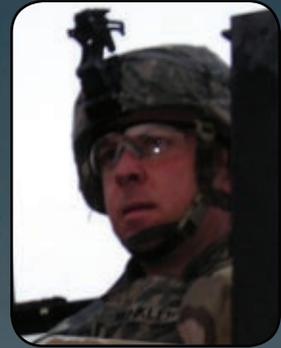


Staff Sgt. Andrew Centella (center), mortar section sergeant, Company C, 1st Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, and two of his Paratroopers pull up rugs in search for weapons during a raid Nov. 12 in Bayji, Iraq.

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THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE ...*



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SAMARRA, IRAQ
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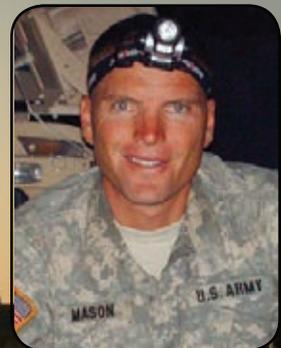
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