

Joint search for explosives in car market

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BAGHDAD — U.S. Soldiers and Iraqi security Forces continue to make southern Baghdad a safer place during a joint patrol to a car market in the Aamel neighborhood, Nov. 5.

American troops from 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team and Iraqi Federal Police, along with military working dogs, combed the market, searching for explosives, especially those often used to assemble car bombs.

“The mission...was to

search for any type of vehicle-borne [improvised explosive device] making materiel, or any place where they could store anything that can be used to make vehicle IEDs,” said 2nd Lt. Quadean Knight, an American platoon leader.

The mission was part of an ongoing project by the 30th HBCT to search areas in which explosives or weapons have been found.

“The Aamel car market has been a place where they could manufacture things like mortar tubes, and it has been known for housing IED-mak-

ing materiel,” said Knight, from of Greensboro, N.C.

The U.S. and Iraqi Soldiers, along with K-9 support, divided into two groups and the joint patrol moved down the crowded strip, searching garages that held cars lifted up for repairs and talked with shop owners to see if there had been any suspicious activity in the area.

Dark puddles, thick with oil and smeared by water, dotted the ground as K-9s sniffed under car parts and below hydraulic lifts.

No one found any signs of



Photo by Spc. Kelly LeCompte

Soldiers from 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team, wait at ground level as an Iraqi Federal Policeman climbs to a second story inside a small vehicle repair garage in southern Baghdad, Nov. 5.

explosives, but Knight said the mission was still a success.

“It was a presence patrol,” Knight said. “Just letting [the enemy] know that we’re still in the area, still patrolling the streets with our [Iraqi Security Forces] counterparts.”

Knight said patrolling the area with our Iraqi partners plays a big role in keeping the area safe.

“Presence is a big thing. Just letting them know that we’re still coming through and searching can deter violence,” Knight said.



Photo by Spc. Kelly LeCompte

Staff Sgt. Robert Legnante, of Franklin County, N.C., radios fellow Soldiers during a joint patrol with Iraqi Federal Policemen in a car market in southern Baghdad, Nov. 5.

U.S., IA patrols aim to deter criminals

By Pfc. Adam Halleck, 1st BCT PAO, 1st Cav. Div



Capt. Michael Martinez (left), from San Antonio, speaks to an Iraqi Army Soldier during a search operation in Taji, north of Baghdad, Nov 3.



An Iraqi Army officer uses a local man's government identification card to see if his name is on a list of wanted men in Taji, Nov. 3.



Spc. Brent Wolfe, an artillery forward observer with 1st Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, provides security during a search operation in Taji Nov. 3. U.S. troops team up with their Iraqi counterparts on a regular basis to weed out the remnants of insurgency.



Iraqi Staff Brig. Gen. Munim Abd al Sattar (left), commander of the 37th Brigade, 9th Iraqi Division, and Ozark, Ala. native, Lt. Col. Eric Schwegler, commander of the 1st Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, discusses check point security with during a search for high value targets in Taji, Nov. 3.

Engineer troops survey Liberty for new maps

By 1st Lt. Michael Lind
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BAGHDAD — A temporary increase in the number of Soldiers moving through Camp Liberty is expected as the U.S. military transitions to a responsible drawdown in Iraq.

This increase means plans to improve facilities and security; an impossible task without updated maps.

Troops of the 621st Survey and Design Team, 101st Engineer Battalion, 16th Eng. Brigade, surveyed Camp Liberty, Nov. 5, to provide leaders and Soldiers with updated maps.

From North Carolina, the National Guard team includes two survey teams and one drafting team who are responsible for architectural design, land survey, and cartography.

“[The 621st] provides topographical data in our areas of responsibilities and provides input for better utilization of existing

structures,” said Staff Sgt. Glenn Cornett, of Hazard, Ky.

After receiving the mission a few weeks ago, the 621st engineers grabbed their gear and set up tripods around various points across Camp Liberty to record up-to-date survey readings.

“The Trimble 5600 is one of the instruments used for collecting traverse, topographic, and as-built data. The Trimble R-8 is the [Global Positioning Satellite] device used to collect real time data to tie into existing maps,” said Spc. Derek Adams, of Gastonia, N.C.

According to Adams, the tripods provide a plumb and level base. With a perfect setup, the R-8 can grab GPS data and location by referencing other GPS points through traverse methods that utilize angles and distances.

In all, the mission is a three phase process.

“We survey the roads and ditches to get GPS coordinates



Photo by 1st Lt. Michael Lind

Sgt. Daveline Harris, of Charlotte, N.C., operates a Trimble 5600 at various locations on Camp Liberty on Nov. 5. Harris, and her team, will provide data and design layouts to create new map imagery of Camp Liberty.

and make sure that current points are in synch with previously documented readings,” said Spc. Micah Mahadeo, from Stanley, N.C.

Once new data is synchronized, the surveyors then com-

pile new statistics for the outlay changes to Camp Liberty.

“We then deal with surveying canals, boundaries, T-Walls, utilities, power poles, building structures, and sewers,” said Sgt. Daveline Harris, the survey team leader from Charlotte, N.C.

According to Harris, line of sight from instrument to prism is crucial in determining accurate readings on elevation, distance, and other land feature information.

“Once [the surveyors] go out and record points and elevations...we turn the data over to the drafters so they can review the stats,” said Harris.

In the third phase, surveyors download their data into computer systems for the designers to verify the information is accurate.

“Once accurate, we use our best engineering judgment to design structures such as buildings, roadways, lighting projects, or gates,” said Staff Sgt. William Burriola, from Fairmont, N.C.

When the three phases are complete, the information is sent up to higher, where maps are produced.



Photo by 1st Lt. Michael Lind

Spc. Micah Mahadeo (left), of Stanley, N.C. and Sgt. Daveline Harris of Charlotte, N.C., use the Trimble 5600 tripod in order to record terrain data at Camp Liberty, Nov. 5. The Soldiers will provide data that will create new map imagery of the base.

On This Day In History

November 10, 1775

Birth of the U.S. Marine Corps

During the American Revolution, the Continental Congress passes a resolution stating that "two Battalions of Marines be raised" for service as landing forces for the recently formed Continental Navy. The resolution, drafted by future U.S. president John Adams and adopted in Philadelphia, created the Continental Marines and is now observed as the birth date of the United States Marine Corps.

Serving on land and at sea, the original U.S. Marines distinguished themselves in a number of important operations during the Revolutionary War. The first Marine landing on a hostile shore occurred when a force of Marines under Captain Samuel Nicholas captured New Providence Island in the Bahamas from the British in March 1776. Nicholas was the first commissioned officer in the Continental Marines and is celebrated as the first Marine commandant. After American independence was achieved in 1783, the Continental Navy was demobilized and its Marines disbanded.

In the next decade, however, increasing conflict at sea with Revolutionary France led the U.S. Congress to establish formally the U.S. Navy in May 1798. Two months later, on July 11, President John Adams signed the bill establishing the U.S. Marine Corps as a permanent military force under the jurisdiction of the Department of Navy. U.S. Marines saw action in the so-called Quasi-War with France and then fought against the Barbary pirates of North Africa during the first years of the 19th century. Since then, Marines have participated in all the wars of the United States and in most cases were the first soldiers to fight. In all, Marines have executed more than 300 landings on foreign shores.

Today, there are more than 200,000 active-duty and reserve Marines, divided into three divisions stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; Camp Pendleton, California; and Okinawa, Japan.

MND-B Pic of the day!



Photo by Spc. Luisito Brooks, 4th SBCT, 2nd Inf. Div

Air Force Staff Sgt. Joshua Webster, a 732nd Expeditionary Security Force Squadron, and his K-9 companion, search the Baghdad International Fairground for possible improvised explosive devices, Nov. 7

FAMOUS FEATS OF CHUCK NORRIS



DID YOU KNOW?

When taking the SAT, write "Chuck Norris" for every answer. You will score over 8000.



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Quote For Today

“Success doesn’t mean the absence of failures; it means the attainment of ultimate objectives.”

— Edwin Bliss —

Iraq 3-Day Weather Report



Today
82° F | 69° F



Tomorrow
85° F | 62° F



Thursday
91° F | 66° F

TRIVIA TIME!!

What country is the world’s largest democracy?

Last Issue’s Answer: HAJJ

Cav Round-Up radio newscast available

MND-B PAO

BAGHDAD — The Cav Round-Up is a three-minute radio newscast from Baghdad covering military units and events across Multi-National Division — Baghdad.

Today’s Cav Round-Up # 194 was produced by SGT Ashley Anderson, MND-B Public Affairs Office.

This newscast includes the fol-

lowing stories:

1. Mechanics from the 30th HBCT are keeping important military vehicles rolling. Story from the field by SGT Erik Fardette, MND-B Public Affairs Office.

The mechanics take pride in thier work and work long hours to ensure the job gets done right.

2. Iraqi Federal Police learn essential mass-casualty drills in a

joint training exercise with the 30 HBCT. Interview with MAJ James McCann, 230th BSB, 30 HBCT.

The mass casualty event was beneficial for all participants, but was esstential for the IFP.

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Trigger’s Teasers

	6		5		1			9	
			2		7				
5				4					7
3		9	1		2	6			4
1									8
8		4	6		5	9			1
6				1					3
			8		9				
	4		3		6			7	

The objective of the game is to fill all the blank squares in a game with the correct numbers. There are three very simple constraints to follow: **Every row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order. Every column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order. Every 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9.**

Every Sudoku game begins with a number of squares already filled in, and the difficulty of each game is largely a function of how many squares are filled in. The more squares that are known, the easier it is to figure out which numbers go in the open squares. As you fill in squares correctly, options for the remaining squares are narrowed and it becomes easier to fill them in.

Yesterday’s Answers

9	4	7	2	8	1	3	5	6
1	3	2	7	5	6	4	9	8
5	8	6	3	9	4	1	2	7
6	1	4	5	7	2	9	8	3
2	9	8	1	4	3	7	6	5
3	7	5	8	6	9	2	1	4
8	5	1	4	2	7	6	3	9
7	6	3	9	1	8	5	4	2
4	2	9	6	3	5	8	7	1



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