

## U.S., FP forces meet, conduct combined search

**By Spc. Daniel Schneider**

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BAGHDAD – As the sun set, Dec. 2, at Forward Operating Base Falcon, Soldiers prepared to conduct a meeting with Iraqi Federal Police, which eventually evolved into a search for a weapons cache in Baghdad’s Rashid district.

The mission of U.S. troops with the 252nd Combined Arms Battalion, 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team was to meet with lieutenants of the Iraqi FP and to support the police in dismounted and mounted patrols, said Sgt. Dustin Butcher, a team leader from Wilson, N.C.

However, after talking with the

lieutenants, the Americans altered their plan and decided to adjust their route.

U.S. forces are taking a back-seat approach, allowing Iraqi forces to take the lead on missions. The Iraqi police share intelligence with U.S. forces about suspicious activity in its area, which in turn allows U.S. forces to assist the

Federal Police in their mission.

Upon arriving at the marketplace in Amel, Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Mooring, an infantry patrol leader from Pine Level, N.C., entered an Iraqi FP station that militia groups once used as a headquarters.

Mooring said the willingness of the FP officers to share this information shows the progress of trust in its U.S. counterparts.

“At the beginning of our time working with the IFP, we were only getting bread crumbs of information,” Mooring said. “Now, the fact that they are willing to give us vital information is proof that they are ready to trust us with more crucial information to go on. They are keeping us in the loop now.”

The FP are generating a sense of security among the residents of Amel by showing members of al-Qaeda in Iraq and other criminal groups that the FP are active in the Rashid district.

During the patrol, an Iraqi man approached the FP and told them about observing a truck dropping people and materials off into a field from which insurgents had previously fired rockets into his neighborhood. With that information, the American Soldiers and the FP scoured the field for a possible weapons cache, but to no avail.

Following the search, the FP officer urged the man to call the police if he saw the truck in the area in the future.

Despite the fact that the search yielded nothing, it demonstrated to the residents of the area that the FP and U.S. forces are working together to keep them safe.



Photo by Spc. Daniel Schneider

Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Mooring, an infantry patrol leader takes notes on future joint missions during a meeting with the Iraqi Federal Police inside of their station in the Amel marketplace, Dec. 2.

# Engineers build for First Team

Photos by Sgt. Tracy Knowles  
6th Eng. Bde., PAO



Soldiers of the 1434th Engineer Company build a supply storage building for the 1st Cavalry Division on Camp Liberty, Dec. 2. The platoon size element can construct a standard building in ten to fourteen days.



Burr Oak, Mich. native, Spc. Joshua Tillmon, 1434th Engineer Company, 101st Eng. Battalion, begins running wire in the new supply building, Dec. 2. The building is being constructed for the 1st Cavalry Division here on Camp Liberty.



Spc. Corey Brown, from Ann Arbor, Mich., with the 1434th Engineer Company, 101st Eng. Battalion, prepares to nail in trusses that will support the roof on the 1st Cavalry Divisions new supply building on Camp Liberty, Dec 2.

# Commandos honor fallen Soldier

**By Sgt. Jennie Burrett**

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BAGHDAD— Friends and comrades said goodbye to a 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division Soldier, during a memorial ceremony, Dec 3, who died Nov. 27, from non-combat related injuries.

Pfc. Michael Rogers, a 22 year old material storage handling specialist from White Sulphur Springs, Mont., assigned to Company A, 210th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd BCT, 10th Mtn. Div., was serving his first deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

“Michael was more than a Soldier, to many of you he was also a friend, brother and trusted confidant,” said Lt. Col. Thomas Murphy, the battalion commander. “A member of our close knit provider family and, quite frankly, the goofy kid that

always made us smile.”

“I am very thankful I had a chance to know him,” said Pfc. Alaina Coon, a close friend of Rogers. “He always had a smile on his face, acted goofy and always had something nice to say, especially just to see someone else smile.”

Rogers enlisted in the Army in May 2008. He completed his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Lee, Va.

His awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, and the Overseas Service Ribbon.

His is survived by his mother.



Photo by Sgt. Jennie Burrett

Lt Col. Thomas Murphy (left), of Lancaster, N.Y., the commander of 210th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division and Command Sgt. Maj. Pamela Connally, of Wichita Falls, Texas, salute the memorial, Dec. 3, honoring Pfc. Michael Rogers, from White Sulphur Springs, Mont.

# IA lead combined search for weapons caches

**By Pfc. Kimberly Hackbarth**

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BAGHDAD — Searching through brush and bricks, with the help of a military working dog, Soldiers from 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division and the 24th Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division, were on the hunt for weapons caches and insurgents, Dec. 3.

A tip to the IA led the combined force to a small town north of Fira Shia, northwest of Baghdad. IA forces spearheaded the patrol while American Soldiers assisted and provided support in case anything was found.

“When we go with them, it empowers them,” said 1st Lt. James Harvie, a platoon leader. “We always let them take the lead

and we always plan the missions together. It shows them that they can be successful and builds their confidence so they can take control when we finally leave.”

After more than an hour of searching different locations no caches were uncovered. Not finding anything, isn’t a bad thing according to Harvie.

“It means there are not, as far as we know, stores of weapons,” said Harvie.

The IA commander had a different take on what not finding any weapons means.

“It’s not about good or bad, it’s about sending a message to bad guys,” said Iraqi Capt. Nomas Mohammed Hussain. “We’re still here doing our job and we’re going to catch anyone doing bad stuff.”



Photo by Pfc. Kimberly Hackbarth

Spc. Mark Feis, a military working dog handler and his military working dog (center), both with 72nd Military Police Detachment, and Sgt. Micah Schulz, a native of Castle Rock, Co., with 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division search with fellow U.S. Soldiers an area north of Fira Shia, Dec. 3.

## On This Day In History

December 8, 1980

### John Lennon shot

John Lennon, a former member of the Beatles, the rock group that transformed popular music in the 1960s, is shot and killed by an obsessed fan in New York City. The 40-year-old artist was entering his luxury Manhattan apartment building when Mark David Chapman shot him four times at close range with a .38-caliber revolver. Lennon, bleeding profusely, was rushed to the hospital but died en route. Chapman had received an autograph from Lennon earlier in the day and voluntarily remained at the scene of the shooting until he was arrested by police. For a week, hundreds of bereaved fans kept a vigil outside the Dakota--Lennon's apartment building--and demonstrations of mourning were held around the world.

John Lennon was one half of the singing-songwriting team that made the Beatles the most popular musical group of the 20th century. Hailing from Liverpool, England, and influenced by early American rock and roll, the Beatles took Britain by storm. "Beatlemania" spread to the United States in 1964.

Psychiatrists deemed Chapman a borderline psychotic. He was instructed to plead insanity, but instead he pleaded guilty to murder. He was sentenced to 20 years to life. He remains behind bars at Attica Prison in New York State.

John Lennon is memorialized in "Strawberry Fields," a section of Central Park across the street from the Dakota that Yoko Ono landscaped in honor of her husband.

## MND-B Pic of the day!



Photo by Sgt. April Mota, 101st Eng. Bn. PAO 16th Eng. Bde.

BAGHDAD – Finishing up another light fixture, Pfc. Mark Vitunskas, of Cedar Springs, Mich., 1434th Engineer Company, 101st Engineer Battalion, screws a cover in place on the electrical housing box. Soldiers of the 101st Eng. Bn. have been working to install lights for the past two weeks.

## FAMOUS FEATS OF CHUCK NORRIS

### DID YOU KNOW?



Chuck Norris can win a game of Connect Four in only three moves.

## Quote For Today

“Great works are performed not by strength but by perseverance.”

— Samuel Johnson —

### Iraq 3-Day Weather Report



**Today**  
69° F | 48° F



**Tomorrow**  
64° F | 44° F



**Thursday**  
69° F | 42° F

### TRIVIA TIME!!

What U.S. military base was won in the last major battle against Japan?

Last Issue's Answer: THE PERSIAN GULF WAR

# Cav Round-Up radio newscast available

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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 # 214 was produced by SFC Brian Scott, MND-B Public Affairs Office.

This newscast includes the following stories:

1. Soldiers from the North Carolina National Guard perform a key leadership engagement with their Iraqi Security Forces counterparts. Interview with Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Mooring, North Carolina National Guard

2. U.S. forces provide micro-grants to the Iraqi populace to help boost the local economy. Interview with Sgt. 1st Class Joe Huffman,

4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division.

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## Trigger's Teasers

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

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

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



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