

## U.S. aid Iraqis after sticky bomb attack

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BAGHDAD – As the U.S. Soldiers of crossed an intersection in the Tarfa area, south of the capital, here, Dec. 12, they passed a distorted vehicle, burnt and misshapen.

Twenty-four hours later, Soldiers from the Iraqi Army contacted the Americans and informed them that the driver of the truck was a friend, who was now in critical condition as a result of the explosion of a sticky bomb, said 1st Lt. Andy Ziadi, a platoon leader with the 150th Armored Reconnaissance Squadron, 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team.

Soldiers are aiding the IA in an investigation after the sticky bomb, also known as a magnetic bomb, was placed on the vehicle of a local sheikh, and a former member of the Sons of Iraq. The sheikh recently received a micro-grant for a drip irrigation project that managed by the Americans.

There was a delay of 24 hours in reporting the incident to U.S. forces due to the IA taking control of the investigation independently, said Ziadi. The IA reported the incident up through their chain of command, and then contacted U.S. forces, who responded to the situation Monday.



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BAGHDAD – 1st Lt. Andy Ziadi (left) and a member of his team, Spc. Aaron Fox, inspect a local sheikh’s vehicle that had been attacked with a sticky bomb.

“In the past, the [Iraqi Army] would come to us immediately,” said Ziadi. “It’s a sign of them becoming more independent.”

Although Ziadi appreciates their efforts to stand alone, he said the downside is that it sometimes takes U.S. forces longer to react to situations.

His involvement in the investigation consisted of a discussion with Col. Hamid Hatam – the commander of the 3rd Battalion, 23rd Brigade, 17th Division, Iraqi Army, speaking with the family members of the sheikh, and asking questions in the market place of a local village.

“We have a good working relationship with the colonel,” said Ziadi.

Each time the Soldiers meet with 3rd Battalion, there are three essential things covered: identifying recent significant acts, tracking of the Sons of Iraq, and the answering of any additional questions, said Ziadi.

Cooperating and comparing of information with the IA helps both parties, said Staff Sgt. Brian Brake. The information that the North Carolina National Guardsmen gain will help Hatam with his investigation of the sticky bomb incident, said Brake.

After the security agreement went into effect, many U.S. units were turned away from IA compounds, said Brake. The strong relationship that they have built with 3rd Battalion permitted their steady presence and created a sense of need for their bond as both parties’ success is somewhat contingent upon each other, he added.

“It’s a two-way street,” said Ziadi. He added that both the IA and U.S. forces coordinate the needs of each other and share training updates. Coordination is done face-to-face to continue to build their relationship, he added.

# Soldiers and AI battle-drill training

**Staff Sgt. Jeff Hansen**

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BAGHDAD- Staff Sgt. Errick Gordon, a squad leader explains to a 6th Iraqi Army Division Soldier how to move his troops during a react to contact battle drill on Contingency Operating Location Constitution, here, Dec. 10.



BAGHDAD- Spc. Dominic Bonds (left), from Chester, Va., and Sgt. Andrew Conrique, from Riverside, Calif., go over how to properly establish a 360-degree security perimeter during squad stoppage as part of the 6th Iraqi Army Divi. Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance team's training course at Contingency Operating Location Constitution, here, Dec. 10.



BAGHDAD- Staff Sgt. Errick Gordon (left), a squad leader from Florence, S.C., explains reaction to indirect fire to an Iraqi squad leader at Contingency Operating Location Constitution, here, Dec. 10. Gordon and other members of 3rd Battalion, 4th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, Di

# Doctor volunteers during downtime

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BAGHDAD – “I volunteer because I remember what it was like when I was the medical provider in charge of a clinic,” said Col. Brett Call, the brigade field surgeon attached to the 16th Engineer Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division.

Call, an Amanda, Ohio native, volunteers at the Witmer Troop Medical Clinic, here on Camp Liberty, twice a week after a full workday.

“It’s nice to get some relief, a way to give the docs a breather,” Call said.

When the Ohio National Guard Soldier was in charge of a clinic during a previous deployment, Call said he would work 36 hours on, 12

hours off.

As the brigade field surgeon, he works at the brigade’s aid station, teaches classes, helps with sick call, prepares special staff reports and administrative documents, occasionally fills in as an ambulatory medic, and still makes time to volunteer in support of the busy doctors in charge of clinics.

“We were short on docs, and Col. Call volunteered to come take a spot,” said Spc. Jason Anderson, a combat medic assigned to Whitmer TMC. Anderson said several captains and lieutenants have volunteered, but he’s never seen a colonel volunteer before.

After Call gets done with his patients, he sits down with the combat medics to explain the steps he took in each case, he



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Col. Brett Call, the brigade field surgeon attached to the 16th Engineer Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, displays a hand-carved chain, Dec. 10, he crafted for his daughter. Each link requires two hours of detailed carving with a pocket knife.



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Col. Brett Call, the brigade field surgeon attached to the 16th Engineer Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, listens for irregular breathing patterns of Sgt. Isaias Medellini, a Los Fresnos, Texas, as a preliminary check, here, Dec. 10.

added.

Call volunteers at the Witmer TMC every Tuesday morning and Friday evening. When he first arrived, he was volunteering four to five days a week because the clinic was short two physicians due to redeployment processes.

Field surgeons typically deploy every 12 to 18 months for a 90-day period. The 90-day rotations are designed to prevent family practitioners called to active duty from losing their practice when they are deployed.

On the civilian side of the spectrum, Call is an emergency room physician for the Berger Health System in Circleville, Ohio. BHS has been very supportive of his time allocated toward the military, Call said.

This is Call’s fourth deployment, and he is already scheduled for a fifth tour to Afghanistan. He keeps his deployment packing list ready at all times. But it’s not all work for Call.

In his spare time he carves intricate, detailed wood objects, with his pocket knife and wood files.

Twenty-three years ago, he carved a chain for his then fiancée – now wife – with her name dangling from it and hung it from their Christmas tree. He has decided to carry on this tradition by carving one for each of his four children. Each link takes approximately two hours to craft. The current 21-link chain, for his daughter, is almost complete, with an apple on one side and a music note on the other side, representing her hobbies.

Call’s extracurricular activities exemplify his strong work ethic and prove him to be a highly motivated Soldier. Although Call takes pride in what he does, he stated, “I couldn’t do half of the things I do in the military or civilian life without the unwavering support and devotion from my loving wife.”

## On This Day In History

December 17, 1975

### “Squeaky” Fromme sentenced to life

A federal jury in Sacramento, California, sentences Lynette Alice Fromme, also known as “Squeaky” Fromme, to life in prison for her attempted assassination of President Gerald R. Ford.

On September 5, a Secret Service agent wrested a semi-automatic .45-caliber pistol from Fromme, who brandished the weapon during a public appearance of President Ford in Sacramento. “Squeaky” Fromme, a follower of incarcerated cult leader Charles Manson, was pointing the loaded gun at the president when the Secret Service agent grabbed it.

Seventeen days later, Ford escaped injury in another assassination attempt when 45-year-old Sara Jane Moore fired a revolver at him. Moore, a leftist radical who once served as an informant for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, had a history of mental illness. She was arrested at the scene, convicted, and sentenced to life.

In trial, Fromme pleaded not guilty to the “attempted assassination of a president” charge, arguing that although her gun contained bullets, it had not been cocked, and therefore she had not actually intended to shoot the president. She was convicted, sentenced to life in prison, and sent to the Alderson Federal Correctional Institution in West Virginia.

Fromme remained a dedicated disciple of Charles Manson and in December 1987 escaped from Alderson Prison after she heard that Manson, also imprisoned, had cancer. After 40 hours roaming the rugged West Virginia hills, she was caught on Christmas Day, about two miles from the prison. Five years were added to her life sentence for the escape.

## MND-B Pic of the day!



Photo by Sgt. Travis Zielinski, 1st ACB, 1st Cav. Div. Public Affairs

TAJI, Iraq – Two UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters pass overhead, as Soldiers from 3rd Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment, 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, make their way to the landing zone after completing a traffic control point mission, here, Dec. 12. The Air Cav. Soldiers worked with Iraqi Army Soldiers from the 34th IA Brigade, to set up the TCP in support of a 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cav. Div., clearing operation.

## FAMOUS FEATS OF CHUCK NORRIS



### DID YOU KNOW?

Chuck Norris visits an active volcano every morning to get some of “the best damn espresso on Earth”.

# Quote For Today

“A man can fail many times, but he isn’t a failure until he begins to blame somebody else.”

-Edwin Bliss -

## Iraq 3-Day Weather Report



Today  
69° F | 50° F



Tomorrow  
69° F | 50° F



Saturday  
68° F | 48° F

## TRIVIA TIME!!

What Persian Gulf warrior called his young majors in charge of combat operations “Jedi Knights”?

Last Issue’s Answer: DEAD

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# Trigger’s Tease

	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

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. The more squares that are known the easier it is to figure out which numbers go in the open squares. As you fill in the squares correctly, options for the remaining squares are narrowed and it becomes easier to fill them in.

### Yesterday’s Answers

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



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