

U.S., Federal Police, gives gift of clean water

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BAGHDAD — Something as simple as clean water can easily be taken for granted. In Iraq, however, purified drinking water is a luxury not everyone enjoys.

Soldiers of C Troop, 5th Squadron, 73rd Airborne Reconnaissance Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, found that a simple filter can have a profound impact during their visit to the tiny village of al-Tameem, in eastern Baghdad here, Sept. 21.

U.S. troops and Iraqi Federal Police from 2nd Battalion, 3rd Bde., 1st Federal Police Division arrived in the village and set up shop in an open area, and from there, the combined goodwill team moved on foot from street to street with an FP truck laden with water filters.

“What we did was we went house to house and met with the people,” said Capt. Jeffrey Black, commander of C Troop. “The FPs



Photo by Sgt. Joshua Risner, MND-B PAO

1st Lt. James Teeter, assigned to C Troop, 5th Squadron, 73rd Airborne Reconnaissance Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, gives a water filter to an Iraqi woman in the village of al-Tameem, here, Sept. 21.

hadn’t been in there in awhile so we went in to talk to them just to

get to know the people, let them know that the FPs and the U.S. forces are here for them.”

Each person who answered the knock received a water filter for their home and the knowledge that U.S. and Iraqi Security Forces had come to help.

They were also given information to use should the need arise, according to Black. “We passed out little tip-line cards, saying, ‘Hey, if there’s a problem, call us, call the FPs,’” he said.

The act was one of charity; more meaningful than the typical aid mission, according to 1st Lt. James Teeter, assigned to C Troop. “That’s like the poorest area that we’ve got and those

people desperately need it,” said the native of San Diego. “The place is run-down, there’s sewage in the streets and they’ve got no clean water, so it feels good to go out there and be able to give them something useful as opposed to a trinket or a soccer ball - we gave them something that can help them stay healthy.”

The FPs and paratroopers were met with smiles and kind words from children, parents and elders. “It’s nice to be able to put a smile on someone’s face,” said Teeter.

The people of al-Tameem will now be able to provide clean drinking water for their families, showing that a simple act of generosity can have profound effects.



Photo by Spc. Jesse Gross, 55th Combat Camera Co

An Iraqi Federal Police officer hands water filtration systems to 1st Lt. James Teeter (left), of Fayetteville, N.C., during a combined humanitarian mission, Sept. 21.

Crazy Horse Soldiers receive recognition

Photos by Pfc. Bailey Jester, 1st BCT PAO



BAGHDAD — Naples, Fla. Native, Pfc. Aldanis Vigo (right), a gunner assigned to Company C “Crazy Horse”, 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, salutes Lt. Gen. Charles Jacoby Jr. (left), the commanding general of Multi-National Corps – Iraq, after receiving a coin at Joint Security Station Shield Sept. 18.



Reading, Penn. Native, Pfc. Alexander Castro (right), a radio transmitter operator assigned to Company C “Crazy Horse”, 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, salutes Lt. Gen. Charles Jacoby Jr. (left), the commanding general of Multi-National Corps – Iraq, at Joint Security Station Shield Sept. 18. Castro served as his platoon leader’s RTO.



Lt. Gen. Charles Jacoby Jr. (left), the commanding general for Multi-National Corps – Iraq, speaks to Soldiers from Company C “Crazy Horse”, 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, after recognizing eight Soldiers at Joint Security Station Shield Sept. 18.

Phase maintenance ensures aircraft readiness

By Sgt. Alun Thomas
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CAMP TAJI, Iraq — While maintaining a constant presence in the skies to keep the local population safe from the threat of attacks from insurgents and criminals, aircraft of the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade become well worn in the process.

To ensure aircraft remain in appropriate condition to continue their tireless missions, conducting phase maintenance is essential to make sure every part of the aircraft is in working order, a job which can be time consuming and strenuous.

This mission is an essential task for Soldiers of Company B, 615th Aviation Support Battalion, 1st ACB, 1st Cavalry Division, Multi-National Division – Baghdad, who recently began 500 hour phase maintenance of an AH-64D Apache helicopter to help put the aircraft where it belongs – back in the skies.

The maintenance begins when the aircraft is received from the owning unit, who briefs Co. B on any major components on the aircraft that require an overhaul or replacement, said Sgt. Jona Cacdac, from Merced, Calif., phase team leader, Co. B, 615th ASB, 1st ACB.

“They give us a list of maintenance faults we need to complete and then the aircraft usually comes in the next day,” Cacdac said. “The owning unit should prep the aircraft for us, wash it and do inventories on their property.”

Once the aircraft is received, technical inspectors perform checks to determine any other faults which may not have been picked up by the owning unit, Cacdac said.

“My guys (Co. B) would then start our tear down and take off all the panels and major components,” Cacdac said. “The bird is then going to basically be stripped bare.”

Every action taken during the maintenance must be accounted for, Cacdac said, with a log book kept to document them.

“I have to fix the books for our workstations so we can do our write-ups and let armament know that we removed the black boxes, the turret and all the display units,” Cacdac added.

It takes two weeks for the aircraft to be stripped, inspected and worked on until it is ready to be moved outside again, Cacdac said.

“Once it’s outside we slap on the blades and check the engine and tail rotor rigs to make sure they



Photo by Sgt. Travis Zielinski, 1st ACB, PAO

are properly working,” Cacdac said. “We then phase the blades, do an angle check and look at the aircraft again. Our [technical inspectors] then go over it for any minor discrepancies.”

The maintenance is extremely time consuming but with two crews working days and nights, the job is always done, Cacdac said.

Helping get the job done is Spc. Son Le, from Tomball, Texas, an Apache Longbow mechanic, 615th ASB, 1st ACB, who said the job his team does is more demanding than most people realize.

“A lot of people don’t know how stressful it can get sometimes because you’re dealing with a lot of moving parts,” Le said. “People are moving up and down the aircraft all at one time.”

The phase team undergoes a

myriad of tasks to keep the aircraft in top condition, Le said.

“We remove the transmission, change out all the filters and make sure there are no cracks or overheating,” Le said.

There are the odd problems the team runs into on a consistent basis, Le said.

“Sometimes there are a lot of showstoppers, like parts not being readily available and things like that,” Le said. “The mission we are working on right now has been smooth and going pretty good.”

It requires a team effort to complete the 500 hour maintenance, Le said, and it isn’t one person who makes the difference.

“We have a lot of people working on this,” Le said.

“There’s always someone to back you up with anything you need.”



Photo by Sgt. Travis Zielinski, 1st ACB, PAO

Spc. Son Le, from Tomball, Texas, an AH-64D Apache attack helicopter mechanic secures the mounts of the main transmission on an Apache as part of a 500 hour phase maintenance inspection, Sept. 21.

On This Day In History

September 25, 1957

Central High School integrated

Under escort from the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division, nine black students enter all-white Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas. Three weeks earlier, Arkansas Governor Orval Faubus had surrounded the school with National Guard troops to prevent its federal court-ordered racial integration. After a tense standoff, President Dwight D. Eisenhower federalized the Arkansas National Guard and sent 1,000 army paratroopers to Little Rock to enforce the court order.

On September 23, as a mob of 1,000 whites milled around outside Central High School, the nine black students managed to gain access to a side door. However, the mob became unruly when it learned the black students were inside, and the police evacuated them out of fear for their safety. That evening, President Eisenhower issued a special proclamation calling for opponents of the federal court order to "cease and desist." On September 24, Little Rock's mayor sent a telegram to the president asking him to send troops to maintain order and complete the integration process. Eisenhower immediately federalized the Arkansas National Guard and approved the deployment of U.S. troops to Little Rock. That evening, from the White House, the president delivered a nationally televised address in which he explained that he had taken the action to defend the rule of law and prevent "mob rule" and "anarchy." On September 25, the Little Rock Nine entered the school under heavily armed guard.

FAMOUS FEATS OF CHUCK NORRIS



DID YOU KNOW?

When Chuck Norris falls in water, Chuck Norris doesn't get wet. Water gets Chuck Norris.

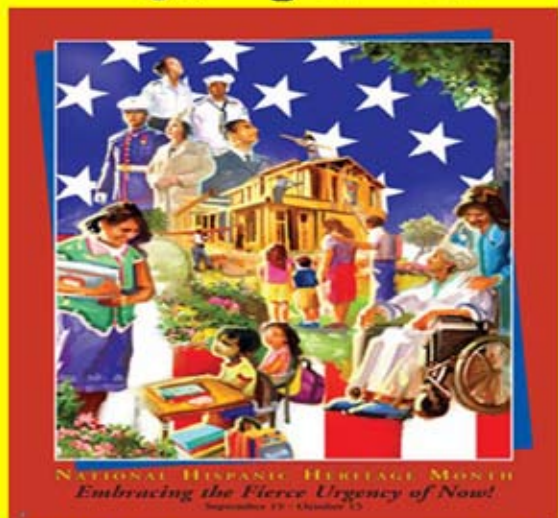
MND-B Pic of the day!



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CAMP TAJI, Iraq — During a 500 hour phase maintenance inspection on an AH-64D Apache attack helicopter, Spc David Reed, from Spokane, Wash., an Apache mechanic in Company B, 615th Aviation Support Battalion, 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, Multi-National Division – Baghdad, works on the engine compartment of the helicopter, Sept. 21. During a 500 hour inspection, the aircraft is stripped of all major components and thoroughly inspected for any faults.

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Quote For Today

“What we do not understand we have no right to judge.”

— Henri Fredric Amiel —

Iraq 3-Day Weather Report



Today
91° F | 68° F



Tomorrow
95° F | 66° F



Sunday
96° F | 69° F

TRIVIA TIME!!

These two words differ in spelling by one letter: one means to influence, the other means to cause. What are the two words?

Last Issue's Answer: GENERALISIMO FRANCISCO FRANCO.

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 # 162 was produced by SGT Lisa Heise, MND-B Public Affairs Office.

This newscast includes the following stories:

1. The Cavalry goes back a long way and has many traditions. Scouts from the 30th HBCT participate in a Spur Ride to earn Silver Spurs. SGT Stephanie Logue, Multi-National Division - Baghdad, PAO. Troopers are awarded silver spurs once they prove job proficiency.

2. Soldiers of A troop, 150th Armored Reconnaissance Squadron, 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team

give micro-grants to deserving Iraqi business owners to invest in their business to ultimately improve the economy in their communities. Micro grants are a way to stabilize the economy.

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Trigger's Teasers

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



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