

Drilling Iraqi police on core medic skills

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BAGHDAD — Sounds from an explosion erupt as a call for medics blares from loud speakers.

This sends Iraqi police running to respond to victims of an improvised bomb during a training exercise at Forward Operating Base Falcon, here, Oct. 6.

Eighteen Iraqi Federal police officers of the 1st Mechanized Brigade attended the first organized medic’s training implemented into their curriculum with the medics of Company C, 230th Brigade Support Battalion, 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team; better known as “Charlie Med”.

“The Federal police have done a lot of training with Maj. Leigh Shakir, the Mechanized Brigade Surgeon,” said Sgt. Alex Norman, the 6010th Federal Police Transition Team’s medical advisor. “A lot of this training may be redundant, but it’s better to go back over it.”

The two-day training course, held at the U.S. base south of the capital, began with classroom instruction and basic patient assessment demonstrations, and then progressed to the officers taking on the role of medics in a tactical environment.

Shakir said the officers usually receive bi-monthly medical training that is on par with American standards, except they lack the use of training aids such as pressure dressings, and tourniquets.

U.S. medics ran through the



Photo by Spc. Ruth McClary

Staff Sgt. Tory Jones (right), of Company C, 230th Brigade Support Brigade, 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team, teaches Iraqi federal police officers, of 1st Mechanized Brigade, basic pressure dressing techniques, Oct. 5.

lane first; giving the officers a visual guide on juggling the application of patient assessment, the order of treatment for the five victims, removing casualties, teamwork and maintaining a safe perimeter throughout the scenario.

“If you know anything about Charlie Med, when we train we take it seriously,” said Sgt. 1st Class Barbara Campbell. “Every day there is training here, usually taught by one of the medics in either trauma or medical aid. It’s hard work but it’s worth it.”

The Federal officers split into teams; each running the lane as the others observed.

Charlie Med medics and Soldiers of 6010th Federal Police Transition Team, who were on hand throughout the scenario, nudged the officers along, reminding them of time, teamwork and quick assessment tips as they worked through the lane.

A native Pfc. Mike Lovette, of Fayetteville, N.C., asked the Iraqi officers questions to keep them on track during the scenario.

Is this a life threatening injury? Have you checked his vital signs; is the patient going into shock?

Haider Ali, an Iraqi Federal officer with some experience

in basic medical treatments, was impressed with the realistic aspects of the training, especially with the weight of one of the casualties.

“The training was very practical. The guy we pulled to safety was very heavy; so, I’m very tired now, but it was good training.”

Sgt. 1st Class Gerard Thomas, of Fayetteville, N.C., cast as a casualty during the scenario, summed up the training, as he removed a fake stomach casing with intestines oozing out.

“This was a great experience for the Iraqi police officers, but it definitely was a great experience for us too.”

IA engineers train on heavy equipment

Photos by Staff Sgt. April Mota
101st Eng. Bn. PAO, 225th Eng. Bde.



An Iraqi engineer from the 11th Iraqi Army Field Engineer Regiment gets a hands-on look at an armored front loader during a three day operator and maintenance class taught, here, on Victory Base Complex, Oct. 3-6. U.S. engineers from the 101st Engineer Battalion, 225th Eng. Brigade conducted the course to ensure IA troops conduct proper maintenance on essential heavy equipment.

BAGHDAD – Staff Sgt. Frank Lopez (center), from Webster, Mass., with the 101st Engineer Battalion, 225th Eng. Brigade, explains to Iraqi Soldiers the importance of proper maintenance during a three day “Train the Trainer” class, Oct.3-6.



Soldiers of the 11th Iraqi Army Field Engineer Regiment observe Staff Sgt. Frank Lopez (left), of Webster, Mass., from the 101st Engineer Battalion, 225th Eng. Brigade, during a three day maintenance class, Oct. 3-6. The “Train the trainer” course provides IA engineers an opportunity to acquire the knowledge and skills to teach other Iraqi Soldiers and civilians on how to keep the equipment running and mission capable.

Maintaining Sol security north of Baghdad

By Sgt. Jon Soles
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BAGHDAD — As the Sons of Iraq continue to carry out their job of helping maintain security, visits from their American and Iraqi partners provide assistance and support to make sure the Sol have the resources to keep the peace.

Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, visited Sol checkpoints near Taji, here, Oct. 6, to inspect and check on supplies and the Sol's contingency plans in the event of an attack.

First Lt. Peter Muse, an infantry officer from Boston, led a platoon of Soldiers that took the troops down miles of dusty back roads. The mission began on a diplomatic note, as U.S. troops met with Sheikh Yasin Muhammad Hasayn at the Iraqi Army's Joint Security Station Hor al-Bosh, to discuss the local Sol needs.

The conversation was mostly about such needs as water and pay issues, but the sheikh also

delighted in telling Muse about his grandchildren. The small talk helps build the relationships that pay off in earned trust between American Soldiers and Iraqis, said Muse.

"Sheikh Yasin is always helpful. He will stop in a lot to make sure things are working between locals and Sol."

Most of the Sol members are from the local neighborhoods they defend.

"The Sol guys are from around here so they have a better understanding," said Muse. "They know the people in the area, so they are a valuable asset."

At each checkpoint, Muse met with the Sol members to discuss their needs and tactical operations.

"We wanted to make sure they have food and water. We wanted to make sure they have a response plan if they come under attack; if they have a serious injury," said Muse. "They had plans for both."

Staff Sgt. Michael Litteken, of Electra, Texas, stood outside one

checkpoint pulling security while Muse talked with the Sol guards. Litteken said such missions contribute to the area's security.

"We're making sure the area is safe and secure and putting out a U.S. Soldier presence here. We want to let them know we are still out here, still involved and to check on the Sol and make sure they are still doing their job like

they're supposed to."

The inspection showed that the Sol is committed to the task of defending Iraq, according to Muse.

"Overall, I'm pretty happy. I was glad to see they know how to respond to certain situations and they have a plan," said Muse.

The future of Iraq's security is dependent on the preparedness of its security forces.



Photo by Sgt. Jon Soles

Staff Sgt. David Ramirez, of Manteca, Calif., (foreground) and Spc. Charles Coberg, of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., pull security at a Sol checkpoint near Taji, here, Oct. 6.

Mechanic's Corner: Checking the half shafts

By Spc. Howard Alperin
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BAGHDAD — Part of quality preventative maintenance is looking for anything loose that shouldn't be and making the adjustment.

On humvees specifically, the bolts to the four half-shafts, two in the front and two in the rear, consistently need to be checked and tightened when necessary.

The four half-shafts act like axles for the humvee said Spc. Charles Marshall, a light-wheeled vehicle mechanic, from Wheeling, W.V.

"They are attached to the front and rear differentials. They convert power from the transmission to the wheels."

"All it takes is a 15mm wrench. Get underneath; if you can move those bolts with your fingers, you need to tighten those down," said Sgt. Michael Clark, a quality control and assurance shop foreman, from Arlington, Texas, assigned to Division Special Troops Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division.

Tight bolts on half-shafts are essential to a humvee's driving performance.

"It can cause damage to the brakes, you can lose steering," said Marshall. "There are about 30 different problems that can occur from losing a half-shaft."

Eventually, a tow may be needed. Bolts can break down

the whole system; if you lose one half-shaft, you lose power to that wheel, dead lining the vehicle.

Bolts become loose for various reasons: general wear and tear, constant vibration from uneven roads, re-installments for upgrade purposes or work done to the brakes, said Marshall.

"Centrifugal force loosens the bolts over time, it's just something you can't help, you can tighten them as hard as you can all day long and eventually they still will come loose, whether it be a week from now or a month from now," said Clark. "This problem has been around since humvees have been around."

Mine-Resistant Ambush-Protected vehicles work differently than humvees when it comes to suspension systems.

MRAPs have solid axles. Half-shafts of humvees are independent axles. Soldiers are not able to check the bolts of the axles on MRAPs. They are completely encased, said Marshall.

Half-shaft bolts of a humvee are exposed making it easier for Soldiers to crawl under to verify that all 24 are tight, before rolling out. Checks under the hood, checks inside and outside the vehicle, and checks underneath the vehicle all count the same when it comes to preventative maintenance.

On This Day In History

October 10, 1965

1st Cavalry Division commences operations

In the first major operation since arriving the previous month, the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) joins with South Vietnamese Marines to strike at 2,000 North Vietnamese troops 25 miles from An Khe in the Central Highlands.

The 1st Cavalry Division was a new kind of division, which was built around the helicopter and the airmobile concept. The division contained 434 helicopters and had the capability to move one-third of its combat power at one time into terrain inaccessible to normal infantry vehicles. During its first major mission, faulty U.S.-South Vietnamese coordination prevented their forces from entrapping the North Vietnamese Army 325th Infantry Division, but they managed to reopen Route 19, between Pleiku and An Khe, the main east-west supply route in the region. During the course of its employment in South Vietnam, the "First Team," as the 1st Cavalry Division came to be known, would prove to be one of the most effective U.S. combat units in the war.

FAMOUS FEATS OF CHUCK NORRIS



DID YOU KNOW?

There are no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, Chuck Norris lives in Oklahoma

MND-B Pic of the day!



Photo by Spc. Kelly LeCompte

BAGHDAD – Spc. Jeffrey Graver (foreground), of Raleigh, N.C., searches for weapons and explosives in a low area while, from left to right, Sgt. Dustin Butcher, of Wilson, N.C.; Spc. Christopher Wray, of Troy, N.C.; and Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Mooring, of Smithfield, N.C., discuss the search pattern in the Ghartan district, south of Baghdad, Oct. 7. All are with Company B, 252nd Combined Arms Battalion, 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team, in Smithfield, N.C.



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— Jimi Hendrix —

Iraq 3-Day Weather Report



Today
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98° F | 68° F

TRIVIA TIME!!

The island of Manhattan is surrounded by which three rivers?

Last Issue's Answer: Dolphin

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

This newscast includes the following stories:

1. The Post-9/11 GI Bill offers a lot of great benefits to service members.

Its a new education benefit program for individuals who served on active duty on or after September 11, 2001.

2. Paratroopers of the 82nd Airborne Division got the unique opportunity to be baptized in the Tigris River, southwest of Baghdad.

The area that lies between the Euphrates and Tigris River is thought to be the cradle of civilization. The Tigris River is believed to flowed from the Garden of Eden and is a significant biblical location.

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Trigger's Teasers

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

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

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



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