

Engineers close out successful tour

By Lt. Col. Pat Simon
225th Eng. Bde. PAO

BAGHDAD — “We Build the World” is not just some catchy phrase for the 225th Engineer Brigade; it’s a way of life.

Engineer troops from Louisiana spent the last ten months racking up a long list of milestones in support of the 1st Cavalry Division during Operation Iraqi Freedom, not only helping improve the lives of Iraqi people, but also building a strong and lasting partnership with Iraqi Soldiers.

The mission of the 225th came at a time of historic change: the U.S. / Iraqi Security Agreement deadline of June 30th to withdraw American combat troops from Iraqi cities.

U.S. engineers helped protect the people of Baghdad by providing mobility, stability, partnership and civil capacity. They cleared routes of improvised explosive devices, assisted in protecting Soldiers and enhancing their quality of life with general engineering, worked with local leaders on water, sewer, and electrical projects and partnered closely with and trained Iraqi Army engineer counterparts.

“Our diligent and persistent efforts through partnership greatly contribute towards a vibrant and independent Iraq,” said Brig. Gen. Owen Monconduit, commander of the 225th Eng. Bde. “Our efforts will create lasting stability, peace and continued development of

the Iraqi civil capacity.”

Solar lights were added to once darkened streets. Playgrounds and soccer fields developed out of land that once was covered with heaps of trash and debris. They built sniper screens and guard towers on base camps, designing B-huts, dining and morale, welfare, and recreation facilities, firing ranges and force protection for Soldier housing units. The engineer Soldiers surveyed, upgraded and resurfaced roads. They held over 100 successful meetings with government officials which led the way to dozens of public

works projects including one that provided potable water to 500,000 people in the Sadr City area. And they trained legions of Iraqi engineers to safely clear routes to protect the streets of Baghdad.

“The success of the 225th Engineer Brigade during this deployment is because of our great Soldiers,” noted Command Sgt. Maj. Joe Major. “They are outstanding Soldiers who have accomplished all of the missions assigned.”

Soldiers with the 225th also gave from their hearts by helping drop off school supplies to Iraqi children and schools

in need. They also transported wheelchairs donated by American companies to disabled Iraqi citizens, mostly children. One of their surgeons, Maj. Frederick Hall, an ophthalmologist, even made a critical, life-saving diagnosis on a seven month old boy.

In just a few days, the 225th’s engineering mission will end in Baghdad, Iraq.

Each member can proudly say they not only helped build the world, they also will leave behind a strong foundation of partnership and friendship with their Iraqi counterparts that will last for years to come.



Photo by Lt. Col. Pat Simon

Louisiana-based 225th Engineer Brigade Soldiers show their humanitarian side, April 2009, at Um Araybia School by handing out school supplies to Iraqi children. The supplies were donated by citizens from Louisiana.

Soldiers prepare for withdrawal

*Photos by Pfc. Bailey Jester,
1st BCT PAO, 1st Cav. Div*



CAMP TAJI, Iraq – An M2 Bradley Fighting Vehicle is maneuvered onto a trailer platform, here, Oct. 27, for movement south to Kuwait.



A Soldier assigned to the 593rd Sustainment Brigade, secures an M2 Bradley Fighting Vehicle to a platform at Camp Taji in preparation to be transported to Kuwait for withdrawal of U.S. Forces from Iraq.



Sgt. Matthew Keen, an artilleryman assigned to Multi-National Division-Baghdad, loads an M992 field artillery ammunition supply vehicle onto the platform of an heavy equipment trailer, here, Oct. 27, in preparation for withdrawal of U.S. forces from Iraq.



Pfc. Daniel Garcia, guides an M992 field artillery ammunition supply vehicle driven by San Antonio native, Sgt. Matthew Keen, both artillerymen assigned to Multi-National Division—Baghdad, onto a trailer platform for transportation to Kuwait, Oct. 27, in preparation for withdrawal of U.S. forces from Iraq.

Father, son reunite on deployment

By Pfc. Kimberly Hackbarth
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BAGHDAD — Usually deployment means not seeing family anywhere from 12-15 months. In the case of one father and son, their deployments to Iraq would bring them back together.

Master Sgt. Jonny Resseguie, an intelligence section noncommissioned officer-in-charge with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, and his son, Spc. Jonny “Junior” Resseguie II, a healthcare specialist with Company C, 82nd Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division out of Fort Bragg, N.C. reunited, here, Oct. 25.

During Junior’s mid-tour leave in August, the elder

Resseguie visited and the two discussed if Jonny would be in the same area when he deployed later that month with 4/2 SBCT. They knew they would be near each other, but not how close until Jonny called Junior from Victory Base Complex.

Jonny’s next call was to Junior’s chain of command at Forward Operating Base Hammer. He explained that he was serving on VBC and asked if it would be possible for Junior to visit. It took a great deal of planning, but finally Junior arrived at the sprawling base outside Baghdad.

Instead of doing things they normally would in the U.S., such as going to music festivals, camping and mountain biking, they enjoyed spending time together sitting in the chow hall eating a meal

and hanging out when Jonny got off work.

“I feel spoiled because so many people are over here and their [families] are a million miles away ... My son’s right here and I get to see him,” said Jonny, originally a Wimberley, Texas native. “I’m blessed, that’s the way I see it.”

“I feel the same way,” said Junior, from Eagle River, Alaska. “I’m happy that my chain of command was willing and able to bend over backwards to get me over here.”

It’s not hard to tell they’re more than a father and a son when they let an inside joke slip, causing them both to burst into laughter and begin reminiscing about past adventures. After being each other’s and their family’s sup-

port, it’s no wonder their bond is so strong. They both know they can turn to each other for strength and wisdom.

Jonny remembers when Junior first joined the Army.

“He would call and ask advice because not only am I Dad, but I’ve also got 20 years of experience in the Army,” he said.

That experience includes more than four deployments, most of which were to Iraq. The Resseguies barely saw each other between deployments.

Junior left for his first deployment just as Jonny returned from Korea in 2005. He missed Junior’s homecoming a year later because he was preparing to deploy with 4/2 SBCT.

Before his second deployment with 4/2 SBCT in August 2009, Jonny saw Junior, who was on leave for his daughter’s birth. It was only a short time before Junior was back in the fight and his father was on his way over to the same area.

“There was always that little bit of distance and a barrier. That’s his life, his unit, his thing and now were here together,” said Jonny.

“It’s a war zone. Thank God it’s stable and neither one of us are going outside the wire every day, facing what we’ve had to face [on previous deployments.]”

The dangers of being in a deployed environment haven’t escaped their minds, but keeping in contact through emails, phone calls and uncommon visits makes being over here easier than being continents apart like normal families.

“It’s one of the best things that’s ever happened to me on a deployment,” Junior said.



Photo by Pfc. Kimberly Hackbarth

Spc. Jonny “Junior” Resseguie II (left), and his father, Master Sgt. Jonny Resseguie, pose for a family photo, Oct. 26.

On This Day In History

October 30, 1953

Eisenhower approves NSC 162/2

On October 30, 1953, President Dwight D. Eisenhower formally approves National Security Council Paper No. 162/2 (NSC 162/2). The top secret document made clear that America's nuclear arsenal must be maintained and expanded to meet the communist threat. It also made clear the connection between military spending and a sound American economy.

The paper began by warning that the Soviet Union already possessed sufficient atomic weapons and delivery capabilities to inflict a "crippling blow to our industrial base and our continued ability to prosecute a war." While in the short-term such action by the Soviets seemed unlikely, this did not mean that the United States could afford to slacken its efforts to stockpile "sufficient atomic weapons." In specific situations, the United States should "make clear to the USSR and Communist China...its intention to react with military force against any aggression by Soviet bloc armed forces." Nuclear weapons should be "as available for use as other weapons."

NSC 162/2 indicated the growing reliance of the United States on its nuclear arsenal as a deterrent to communist aggression during the Eisenhower years. It also suggested that concerns were being raised about the ability of the American economy to support both a booming domestic standard of living and massive military expenditures. Its approval by the President was a definite sign of his so-called "New Look" foreign policy that depended on more cost efficient nuclear weapons to fight the Cold War.

MND-B Pic of the day!



Photo by Sgt. Joshua Risner, MND-B PAO

BAGHDAD — Staff Sgt. Jonathan Esposito, from San Jose, Calif., teaches room clearing techniques to Iraqi Federal Police of 2nd Battalion, 1st Brigade, at Joint Security Station Istaqlal, here, Oct. 19.

FAMOUS FEATS OF CHUCK NORRIS



DID YOU KNOW?

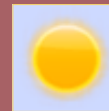
Chuck Norris doesn't actually write books, the words assemble themselves out of fear.



Quote For Today

“Today’s opportunities erase yesterday’s failures.”
 – Gene Brown –

Iraq 3-Day Weather Report



Today
86° F | 69° F



Tomorrow
87° F | 62° F



Sunday
91° F | 66° F

TRIVIA TIME!!

This quarterback was the first to throw for over 4,00 yards in a season, and he was named Super Bowl MVP even though he did not throw for a touchdown in that Super Bowl. Who is he?

Last Issue's Answer: FRANK / BROOKS / JACKIE / WILBERT

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 # 187 was produced by SGT Ashley Anderson, MND-B Public Affairs Office.

This newscast includes the following stories:

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1. Soldiers on VBC have found a new hobby. A new fitness video is helping troops stay fit. Interview with SGT Glenda Callum, A Co., DSTB, 1CD.

2. MND-B Main helicopter pad receives a landing zone control building. Interview with SSG Joseph Pigeon, 1434th Eng. Co., 101st Eng. Bn., 225th Eng. Bde.

The new building will provide shelter for those waiting to fly.

3. Soldiers from 1st Sqdn., 7th Cav. Regt., 1st BCT train their Iraqi counterparts on hand-to-hand combatives.

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Trigger’s Teasers

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

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

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



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