

Iraqi orphans receive food for the holidays

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BAGHDAD — It was early evening, Nov. 23, as military vehicles carrying a harvest of pre-packaged foods pulled up to the Salim Molaw Abu Hathafa Mosque at the Zaydon marketplace here, just in time for Eid al-Adha.

U.S. troops delivered three hundred packages containing cooking oil, flour, tortillas, beans, canned meat, canned tomatoes, and powdered milk; purchased for distribution to needy families in the 150th Armored Reconnaissance Squadron, 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team's area of

operations.

Squadron Soldiers unloaded 100 meals as Saad Hawas Salim, whose family runs the mosque, and a few men from the marketplace, helped stack the bags on the steps of the facility.

Salim's grandfather is the head of the mosque where the meals will be handed out after services there. According to Salim there are quite a few orphans in the area.

“There are about 300 to 500 kids with no mother or father here,” said Salim. “Some of them live with their cousins and some live at a station set up by the sheiks.”

The mosque, with its graffiti covered walls topped with barbed wire, sat unobstructed in the middle of the marketplace; a safe haven for the children the meals were brought there to help.

Salim, of the al-Zobaai tribe, thanked Mills and reassured him that he would keep his promise of giving the meals out after the noon day prayer.

“Tell your grandfather this is a gift from U.S. forces for those who need it and we wish them good will,” said Capt. Thomas Mills, of Winfield, W. Va.

More than just food was distributed at the small mosque, southwest of Baghdad. When the



Photo by Spc. Ruth McClary

A man from the Zaydon marketplace helps unload 100 pre-packaged bags of food at a mosque here, Nov. 23. U.S. Soldiers delivered the bags filled with cooking oil, flour, tortillas, canned meat, powdered milk, etc., for distribution to the needy.

troops were about to load up to leave for another mission, groups of children, making their way home from school approached. The Soldiers dug into their pockets, and pulled out candy, gum, pencils and pens.

As the Soldiers handed out the small gifts, the children accepted the treats and moved on as if it were an everyday occurrence.

“They were the most well behaved children I have ever seen over here,” said Staff Sgt. Jeremy Phillips, of Oak Hill, W. Va. “I almost wish I had more to give them.”



Photo by Spc. Ruth McClary

Spc. Adam Butler, of Summersville, W. Va., passes a pre-packaged bag of food to Saad Hawas Salim, at a mosque in the Zaydon marketplace, here, Nov. 23. American troops delivered 100 bags for distribution to the needy just in time for Eid al-Adha.

Obama, Mullen send Thanksgiving messages



WASHINGTON - President Barack Obama and Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, released Thanksgiving messages.

"It is Thanksgiving as a unique American tradition that "binds us together as one people, each of us thankful for our common blessings," the president said.



Obama added, "As we gather once again among loved ones, let us also reach out to our neighbors and fellow citizens in need of a helping hand. This is a time for us to renew our bonds with one another, and we can fulfill that commitment by serving our communities and our nation throughout the year.

"In doing so, we pay tribute to our country's men and women in uniform who set an example of service that inspires us all. Let us be guided by the legacy of those who have fought for the freedoms for which we give thanks, and be worthy heirs to the noble tradition of goodwill shown on this day."

Mullen's Thanksgiving Day message follows

"On behalf of the Mullen family, I wish all of you serving in uniform today -- as well as your families -- a very safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday.

"We certainly have much for which to be grateful. Today, due in no small measure to your dedication, our nation -- indeed the world -- is a safer place to live. All around the globe and in all manner of ways, you stand a vigilant watch. From Afghanistan to Iraq and a thousand places in between, you help ensure peace and stability in places that have historically known neither. Giving hope to those in need and pause to those who threaten us, you make sure the fight remains on the enemy's doorstep and that lives torn asunder by war and natural disaster are restored and renewed.

"The people you have helped are grateful ... Americans everywhere are grateful ... and I am grateful for your service.

"We live in a country that doesn't force its young men and women to pick up arms. You do it willingly, even eagerly -- not because you enjoy danger or killing or sacrifice, but rather in spite of those things. You and your families serve and work so hard so that someday perhaps your children and grandchildren might not have to. That is the greatest gift you can give a grateful nation.

"Again, from my family to yours, thank you for all you do."



Austin Police department visit Ironhorse

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CAMP TAJI — Police officers from the Austin Police Department visited the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division from Nov. 13 to 21.

For the past five years, the officers from the Austin Police Department have played a key role preparing Fort Hood leaders for their complex mission in Iraq.

The Austin Police provide specialized instruction on community policing and patrolling in conflicted neighborhoods during the Austin City Manager's course which assists military leaders during the pre-deployment training in Texas. Assisting Fort Hood's units with these courses created a lasting relationship between them and the Army post.

As a result of this relationship, Sioux Falls, S.D. native, Col. Tobin Green, commander of the 1st BCT, 1st Cav. Div., invited the Austin Police Department to come to Baghdad to observe the interactions between the Iraqi Security Forces, local nationals, and the U.S. Army.

"Our mission is to see how the Iraqi authorities interact with each other and the U.S. Army," said Fort Worth, Texas native, Chief David Carter, Chief of Staff for the Austin Police Department. "Once we are able to watch and analyze the relationship we will work from there."

Green asked for the Austin police officers to observe the units most heavily involved with the Iraqi authorities and the community said North Potomac River, Md. native, Maj. Daniel Fuhr, the brigade's civil military operations coordinator. After analyzing their relationships, they will

report any observations they see to the commander.

During their visit, the police officers were given the opportunity to visit many different areas where the Iraqi Police and Iraqi Army are closely involved with the surrounding communities.

"The IA and IP that are visited by the police officers feel honored to have their units selected for these visits," Fuhr explains. "To them it's a big deal to have a chief and his lieutenant [from the U.S.] over here visiting them."

The police officers patrolled through the community of Sha'ab with the IP's, who handed out water purifiers and food. They also had the opportunity to speak with a few adults about the increased security and stability.

During one part of their visit, they visited Joint Security Station Rasheed where Nashville, Tenn. native, Jesse Burchwell, a civilian law enforcement professional gave the two officers a tour of an Iraqi Army detainee holding cell.

"It was interesting to see how they handle their detainees," explained Carter. "It's different from the way we do it in the U.S., but it's effective for them."

After participating in these events with the IA and IP, the Austin Police officers sat and talked with the Iraqi leaders to gain a better understanding of the local judicial system, to get the ISF's opinion on the current policing system and their relationship with the U.S. forces.

"I am really impressed with the way the ISF work with the people," said Austin native, Lt. Stephen Deaton during a conversation with



Photo by Pfc. Bailey Jester

Capt. Alex Aquino (left), of Little Rock, Ark., the commander of Battery B, 1st Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, discusses the relationship between the local Iraqi Police and residents with Fort Worth, Texas native, Chief David Carter, Chief of Staff at the Austin Police Department, during a patrol of the Taji Market, Nov. 20.

the Sheik Amir Iraqi Police Commander, Maj. Thamir after patrolling the streets of Taji market.

Although many shops were closed, and few people were on the streets, it was still easy to see how the people react to the ISF in the area, Carter explained.

"While we have been here, we have learned as much about leadership as you can get," said Deaton, assigned to the Austin Police Department. "It won't be hard to talk positively about the ISF over here in our classes."

The experience the police officers gained from this 10-day trip to Baghdad will be used in their city's management course, where policing is a key component. The Austin Police Department uses this course to prepare U.S. Army units for deployments, Fuhr explained.

"The units we saw have a great relationship with the local ISF," said Deaton. "I'm impressed and will definitely speak well of them in our class when we return."

The goal of the visit was to determine the most successful ways to teach effective policing skills to the ISF, but they learned as much as they planned to teach, Deaton explained.

"We will definitely return home and will have learned something," said Carter. "We came looking to teach, but instead we were taught."

"This trip really helped us be able to see the way things are done through an Austin lens and an Iraqi lens," said Deaton. "It helps us better our understandings of the way things are done over here and to prepare us to teach the units preparing to come over here."

On This Day In History

November 26, 1941

FDR establishes modern Thanksgiving holiday

President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs a bill officially establishing the fourth Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day.

The tradition of celebrating the holiday on Thursday dates back to the early history of the Plymouth and Massachusetts Bay colonies, when post-harvest holidays were celebrated on the weekday regularly set aside as "Lecture Day," a midweek church meeting where topical sermons were presented. A famous Thanksgiving observance occurred in the autumn of 1621, when Plymouth governor William Bradford invited local Indians to join the Pilgrims in a three-day festival held in gratitude for the bounty of the season.

Thanksgiving became an annual custom throughout New England in the 17th century, and in 1777 the Continental Congress declared the first national American Thanksgiving following the Patriot victory at Saratoga. In 1789, President George Washington became the first president to proclaim a Thanksgiving holiday, when, at the request of Congress, he proclaimed November 26, a Tuesday, as a day of national thanksgiving for the U.S. Constitution. However, it was not until 1863, when President Abraham Lincoln declared Thanksgiving to fall on the last Thursday of November, that the modern holiday was celebrated nationally.

With a few deviations, Lincoln's precedent was followed annually by every subsequent president--until 1939. In 1939, Franklin D. Roosevelt departed from tradition by declaring November 23, the next to last Thursday that year, as Thanksgiving Day. Considerable controversy surrounded this deviation, and some Americans refused to honor Roosevelt's declaration. For the next two years, Roosevelt repeated the unpopular proclamation, but on November 26, 1941, he admitted his mistake and signed a bill into law officially making the fourth Thursday in November the national holiday of Thanksgiving Day.

MND-B Pic of the day!



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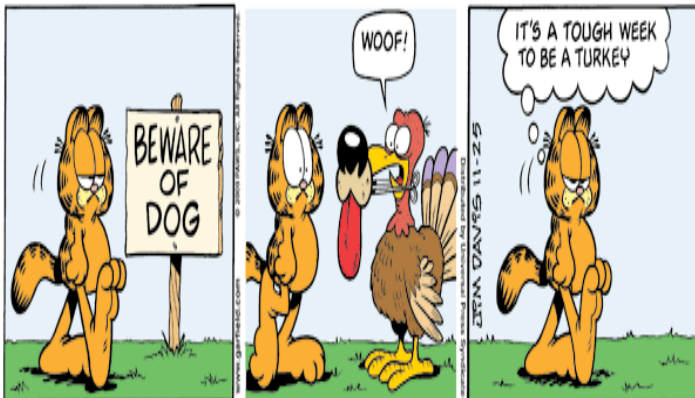
CAMP TAJI, Iraq – Killeen, Texas native, Spc. Jason Mottelang, grabs a stack of water filters from a truck during the stocking of a humanitarian goods warehouse on Camp Taji, Nov. 21. The Soldiers and their Iraqi counterparts will distribute water filters and blankets to residents of Taji in the coming weeks as they conduct humanitarian aid operations

FAMOUS FEATS OF CHUCK NORRIS

DID YOU KNOW?



CHUCK NORRIS' FAVOURITE CUT OF MEAT IS THE ROUNDHOUSE.



Quote For Today

"You've got to get up every morning with determination if you're going to go to bed with satisfaction."
— George Lorimer —

Iraq 3-Day Weather Report



Today
64° F | 46° F



Tomorrow
64° F | 46° F



Thursday
64° F | 44° F

TRIVIA TIME!!

Which professional athlete was voted MVP in hockey 9 times during the 1980's?

Last Issue's Answer: UNITED STATES

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

This newscast includes the following stories:

1. Soldiers of the 1434th Engineer Company, 101st Eng. Battalion, 16th Eng. Brigade train Iraqis in the basic carpentry and electrical skills.

They training is not all classroom. There is also practical exercises. The engineers hope with this training the Iraqis can start building on their own. 2. Task Force Iron Claw Academy is teaching vital

route clearance skills to Soldiers new to Iraq. Sgt. Stephanie Logue, Multi-National Division-Baghdad, PAO.

Theses skills keep the streets safer.

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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

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

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