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Soldiers from the 4th Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment, 506th Regimental Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, reload during an artillery calibration at Forward Operating Base Loyalty August 9.

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Dear fellow Currahees, family members and friends,

We have had some great successes along with tragic times over the last two months. Our units have captured eight of the top ten "most wanted" terrorists in east Baghdad, protected the citizens of Baghdad and Ramadi, and aggressively attacked insurgents at every opportunity. The Currahee legacy of valor on the battlefield continues today, as our troops increase their disciplined and lethal reputation daily. The enemy certainly understands the "spade."

Some of our Soldiers have been injured and several have fallen. We will never forget them. Considering the thousands of successful patrols and operations, the casualties are minimal due to the proficiency, leadership and comraderie of our Currahees. We work very hard to ensure change for the better here in east Baghdad so that we honor their memory and their honorable service. We maintain contact with our wounded Currahees, track their progress, benefit greatly from the assistance of our Veterans and have sent Currahee shirts with letters to Walter Reed Medical Center, other medical care facilities and the Rear Detachment for our wounded Currahees.

Multi-National Division - Baghdad started Operation Together Forward II about a month ago to prevent extra-judicial killings, murders, kidnappings and criminal behavior which threatens the security of Baghdad. We have played an important role in securing and building essential services for two large sections of east Baghdad.

One recent success is that the murder and kidnapping rates have decreased. This is only possible because of the MiTT effort under LTC Paul Finken and CSM James Clinton. Their teams ensure our Iraqi partners take the lead in nearly all of the operations and grow in confidence and ability with each mission.

A few Field Grade changes have occurred. LTC Art Loureiro steps up as our DCO with the departure of LTC (P) Chris Pease and MAJ (P) Chuck Marcos is the new Regimental XO. MAJ Dave Womack is now the XO of 1-506th in Ramadi and MAJ Matt Keller is assisting LTC Matt Ferguson at Fort Campbell. This allows CPT (P) John McLaughlin to serve as the S3.

Leadership changes at the company level since the last letter: CPT Lonnie Johnston, B/4th BSTB; CPT Richard Buckner, C/4th BSTB; CPT Hugh Sollum, HHB/4-320th; CPT Jim Raines, A/4320th; CPT Chris Roberts, HHC/1-506th; CPT Matthew Stanley, B/1-506th; CPT Jason Lucero, HHT/1-61st; CPT Tim Gittins, C/1-61st; and CPT Thomas Kapla, B/3-67th.

As we near the planned Regimental redeployment timeline of mid-November, the Regiment stands at 100% complete for Soldier having taken or departed for Environmental Morale Leave. The Army is helping take care of us by making sure all Soldiers had time to relax and refit.

The disciplined, professional performance of our Soldiers has

been the highlight of our mission in Iraq and I remain proud and inspired by their bravery and call to duty.

An example is SPC John Keck, medic, C Company, 1-61st Cavalry Squadron, who continued to reload magazines for snipers during a two-hour engagement in Jisr Diyala - even after being knocked down by an RPG explosion during which he suffered serious injury to his left arm. With great physical courage he continued to place the welfare of his fellow Soldiers above his needs. He is a true Currahee hero. Earlier in this same deployment, then PFC Keck received an ARCOM with "V" for proving life-saving medical treatment under intense fire.

SPC Louie Bolder, 4-320th Field Artillery Bn, while on patrol with his Military Transition Team and Iraqi Army elements, distinguished himself by clearing an intersection with precision fire from his .50 cal machine gun allowing access to wounded IA Soldiers. While two members of his MiTT rendered aid, anti-Iraqi forces began firing from an overlooking balcony wounding one of the MiTT Soldiers. With rounds hitting his vehicle, SPC Bolder engaged the gunmen and neutralized the threat. His covering fire allowed for the safe evacuation of all of the wounded. He is a Currahee Hero.

Staff Sergeant Jeffrey Walnoha, 1st Platoon, A Company, 4th BSTB, distinguished himself through exceptionally gallant actions under enemy fire while serving as a Squad Leader and Vehicle Commander on a Route Clearance Patrol 22 July. His platoon was ambushed by an enemy Armor Defeating Device on Route Pluto near CP 506, in Baghdad, Iraq. He was riding as the Vehicle Commander of the second vehicle when the lead vehicle of the patrol was struck by a powerful bomb. Realizing the doorway access to the stricken vehicle was blocked, SSG Walnoha instinctively ordered his vehicle to move further alongside to evacuate the casualties through the gun port. With total disregard for his own safety, he was the first to enter the struck vehicle and assess the wounded. His actions to get two critically wounded Soldiers stabilized and on their way to medical treatment helped save their lives. His excellent leadership and firm control of the situation led to a flawless response to the emergency situation. He is a Currahee hero.

The security of your sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives are foremost in our minds. We plan very consciously for their safety and security.

Our Currahee Regiment stands strong - thanks to your support and the strength and courage of each of our Soldiers.

Currahee!!

COL Tom Vail
CDR, 506th RCT



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506th RCT Retention First To Meet 101st Abn. Goal

Story by PFC Paul David Ondik

The 506th Regimental Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division was the first BCT in the 101st Airborne Division to complete its retention mission.

The mission for the 506th RCT specifically is to maximize the reenlistment options and bonuses for Soldiers in the reenlistment window, said SFC Mark Wetherby, Regimental Career Counselor for the 506th RCT.

The 506th RCT mission to reach 100 percent in all categories has also been accomplished. The regiment met and exceeded that mission with a 103 percent average. There are six categories which are initial term, mid-career, career, fiscal-year 2006 expiration of term in service, fiscal year 2007 ETS, and the reserve component, which includes National Guard. These averages are the result of a multi-tiered reenlistment mission, beginning on December 7 2005, tracking reenlistments through June 10 2006.

These numbers play an essential role in maintaining troop end-strength requirements. But in truth the numbers are just a combined record of individual Soldiers making important decisions about their future, and the future of their relationship with the Army.

"The main focus is, and always will be, to meet the Soldier's needs with the Army's needs," said MSG Charles Seeburger, Senior Regimental Career Counselor.

The 506th RCT is a new unit and is currently in the midst of a combat deployment, two elements factored in behind the numbers. The 506th RCT has also overcome

the fact that its first and second battalions are in separate areas of operation from the main brigade element. In these battalions, the chain of command and battalion level retention non-commissioned officers play an even more vital role than usual in linking Soldiers interested in reenlisting with the career counselors who can make it happen.

"The chain of command has supported this since the deployment," said MSG Seeburger.

One of the most powerful draws for reenlistment is the monetary rewards. There are deployment bonuses for Soldiers that may be entitled and qualified for them of up to \$15,000, SFC Wetherby said.

"Since approximately September 2003, we've had a deployment bonus to Soldiers in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Kuwait, that is tax-free," said SFC Wetherby. The incentives available for troop's reenlistment go beyond monetary. One of the 101st's biggest incentives that is not money, is the Commanders Education Incentive. Soldiers who reenlist for current station stabilization are authorized, provided they are qualified, 16 semester hours of college-level courses during the stabilization period, SFC Wetherby said.

Soldiers interested in maximizing the value of their return while reenlisting, as well as troops who just have questions, should speak to their chain of command, who can put them in touch with their unit's retention NCOs or career counselors.



COL Thomas Vail, commander, 506th Regimental Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, administers the oath of reenlistment to SGT Joshua Wicker, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1st Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment, 506th RCT, near the historic cross sabers in Baghdad's International Zone July 19. The reenlistment is unique in that he is the 506th Soldier to reenlist in the 506th Infantry Regiment - and the 101st Soldier to reenlist in his Squadron in the 101st Abn. Div. (US edited photo by 1LT Georgia Bradshaw 506th Regimental Combat Team PAO)

3-67th AR Soldiers Capture High Value Terrorist In New Baghdad

Story by MAJ James Lowe

Soldiers of Companies C and D, 3rd Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, serving with 506th Regimental Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, in a precision operation, captured a high value terrorist and several of his top lieutenants in New Baghdad July 25.

Operation Together Forward, a Multinational Division - Baghdad operation, concentrates on disrupting murders, kidnappings and bombings in Baghdad. The suspects taken into custody are believed to be key players in kidnappings that result in murder as well as deadly road side bombings.

Several of the suspects jumped from roof top to roof top in an unsuccessful attempt to avoid capture.

The Soldiers detained a total of 13 individuals at the location and also recovered many documents, two AK-47

semi-automatic rifles and a light machine gun. Evidence indicated the primary suspect controls numerous caches within the Fedalayah and Kamaliyah areas. Additionally, this group is believed to be responsible for attacks against residents of east Baghdad and controlling extra-judicial killings in the New Baghdad Area.

"This operation was the culmination of many months of hard work on the part of the battalion. It illustrates the professionalism and dedication of our Soldiers who were able to remove high-level terrorists without firing a single shot and proves our effectiveness in executing precision offensive operations based on intelligence gathered and refined at the company and battalion level," said LTC Mark Bertolini, commander, 3-67th Armor Bn.

None of the suspected terrorists or the Soldiers were injured during this operation.

Anti-Iraqi Forces Attack 1-61st CAV MITT

Story by 1LT Georginia Bradshaw

The 1st Squadron responded to reports of armed militia taking over check points in the neighborhood of Mustansirya June 23.

During the operation, CPT Sean Troyer, Military Transition Team, 1st Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment, and the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division, were traveling southwest of Sadr City when he noticed 30 to 40 anti-Iraqi forces carrying RPGs and numerous small arms weapon systems. He brought his vehicle to a halt while attached elements continued to move down the road.

Moments later a fire fight ensued when anti-Iraqi forces machine gun fire began from an unknown location west of their right flank and small arms fire from their left flank.

The enemy direct fire did not hit their vehicles but it was very close, creating ricochets and impacting the overpass.

"As I was managing the situation, I glanced to my left and saw every Soldier, regardless of rank, doing exactly what the Army had trained them to do since basic training -- exe-

cuting well-aimed, controlled and lethal fire against a well-armed enemy that outnumbered us," CPT Troyer said. "They were all on-line, behind cover and in the proper fighting position or stance and it was all instinctive."

The anti-Iraqi forces ran underneath an over pass and appeared on their left flank. PFC Bates Beckham, a gunner noticed a man with an RPG assuming a fire position toward their location. PFC Beckham immediately engaged the enemy with a quick burst from his 240-B machine gun.

"My main thought was get the RPG guy down as soon as possible," said PFC Beckham. "The safety of my buddies was the only thing on my mind."

Another man carrying an RPG appeared and the 240-B gunner from the trail vehicle suppressed him, terminating the RPG threat to their position. The fire fight only lasted two minutes. CPT Troyer order cease fire and conducted a battle damage assessment of two enemies killed and seven wounded in action. Simultaneously, he

ordered his interpreter to call the battalion commander of the 2nd Bn., 2nd Bde., 6th IA Div., to have his vehicles to return to their location.

Minutes after the cease fire, the coalition force heard a loud explosion that impacted a structure approximately 100 meters away from their position which caused the enemy forces to flee. It was later confirmed by SGT Keith Olsen and SPC Damion Guinn that it was an RPG aimed at their location. Soon after, the Iraqi and coalition forces were able to link up, then left the area due to the vulnerability of their position; however, the patrol was still receiving sporadic but distant multiple gun fire. No Soldiers were injured and no coalition equipment was damaged.

"I received feedback from our interpreters who have friends who live in the area and witnessed the fire-fight," said CPT Troyer. "They were extremely glad to see this kind of action taken against the armed militia groups that harass their neighborhoods and cause harm to the Iraqi citizens."

Currahee Cav Celebrates Birthday

Story and photos by CPT Jason Lucero
Commander, HHT, 1-61 CAV

1st Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment, 506th Regimental Combat Team, celebrated their second Birthday as an organization in true Currahee Cav style. The Soldiers of the Squadron spent half the day out looking for insurgents, and the other half conducting traditional organization day competitions.

The first event was the "Iron Warrior" competition where a five-man team from each Troop demonstrated their strength, speed, endurance, and lethality. The Soldiers bench pressed their body weight as many times as they could, followed by as many repetitions as they could execute on chin-ups, dips, and rope-rolls with a 10 pound weight at the end of the cord. This was followed by a two-mile team run in full combat equipment ending on the forward operating base range where their marksmanship skills were assessed via a "stress shoot."

None of the Soldiers knew what the events would be and the five Soldiers from each troop were from separate weight classes. It was a great event, and Company C came out on top with Headquarters and Headquarters Troop right behind them.

The "Iron Warrior" was followed

by traditional competitions. D Trp. (Forward Support Company) won the basketball competition, A Trp. won the soccer event, C Co. took first in volleyball and horseshoes, and the final event was the always popular tug-of-war, where A Trp. came out on top. During the break in the events, the Currahee Cav Cooks served a home-style barbecue meal complete with several cakes decorated with the Currahee and Squadron Crests. During the meal, the Squadron Commander, LTC Brian Winski, led the Squadron in singing "Happy Birthday" to the unit, followed by the cutting of the cake by the oldest and youngest members of the Squadron.

"My food service personnel have been working at the Detainee Holding Area for over nine months and have not been able to cook for the Squadron. This was a big opportunity for us to give our 1-61st Soldiers some real home Currahee chow... smokin style," said SFC Vashon Rogers, a native of Lufkin, Texas, platoon sergeant, Headquarters platoon, D Trp. .

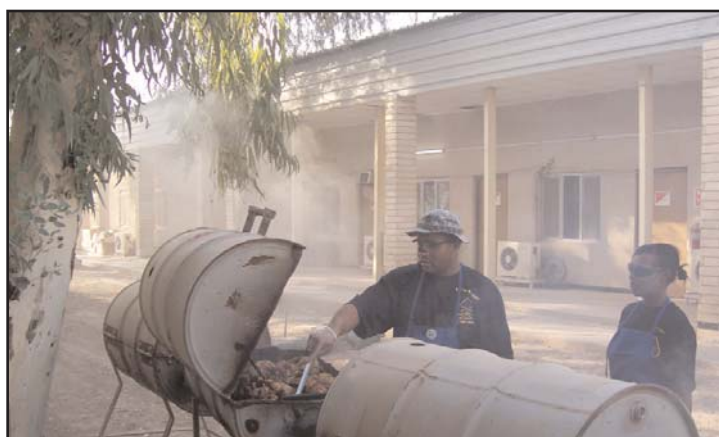
The majority of B Trp. continued to keep the pressure on the enemy throughout the day. They were conducting combat operations in north

Baghdad, leaving a little less than half the Troop to participate in the competition. The B Troop contingent performed admirably in every event they participated in. LTC Winski and CSM Chris Fields brought B Trp. a BBQ lunch in mermite and spent the afternoon with them up north.

The Organizational Day festivities concluded at the Squadron Headquarters as LTC Winski addressed the troop, emphasizing the importance of understanding unit history and celebrating it with events like this.

The Squadron Commander briefly reflected on the unit's World War II lineage as the 601st Tank Destroyer Battalion that was activated in August 1941 and deployed to combat for the first time in August 1942 fighting across North Africa and Europe until August 1945. "Just like us, the 601st formed from scratch and deployed to combat one year later.....and just like us they kicked butt everywhere they went," said LTC Winski.

CSM Fields and LTC Winski closed the day by passing the coveted "Commanders Cup" traveling trophy to C Co. who will carry it with pride 'till next August.



SFC Vashon Rogers and SPC O'shea Epps, Troop D, 1-61 CAV. 506th RCT, cooks "Currahee style" during the celebration of the two year anniversary of 1-61 CAV Organizational Day Aug. 16. (Courtesy photo by SSG Lisa Washington, D Troop, 1-61 CAV)



SPC Noah Sidonio, C Company, 1-61CAV, 506th RCT leads the pack during the two-mile team run wearing full combat equipment during the Iron Warrior competition on Aug. 16. (Courtesy photo by CPT Jason Lucero, HHT, 1-61 CAV)

2-506th Baghdad Security

Story by SFC Laurence Lang
Command Information Chief MNC- Iraq

The night is calm in Al Dora. The heat from the day prior still hangs in the air, but is slowly cooling off.

It is still a couple of hours before sunrise and Soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment serving with 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, pass around jokes, clearing their minds of anything that may be going on around them.

They patiently wait for the Iraqi National Policemen to gather their equipment and mount their vehicles.

The night sky is still upon them. "Let's go," the platoon sergeant says. "Get it on." They put their gear and game face on. The jokes and stories go away and seriousness takes over.

The Currahee Soldiers, along side the INP, move into the area. They cordon it off and, on foot, move through the muhallahs, searching every home, looking for weapons, caches, ammunition and explosives.

Since August 7, during Operation Together Forward, the Currahee Soldiers and INPs worked at least 12-hour days as the security in Baghdad heightened, clearing and searching each home in Al Dora.

The homes in Dora, all 4,284, were completely cleared early Friday morning. They detained 24 people, registered 339 weapons and confiscated 71 weapons.

"Our main focus was to remove all illegal weapons from Al Dora to reduce sectarian violence and improve security," said 2LT Thomas B. Cotton, platoon leader, 1st platoon, B Company, 2nd Bn., 506th Inf. Regt.

2LT Cotton said three to five people a day were dying in Dora alone due to sectarian violence; three to five too many. Many homes within the area were abandoned because of the fear of sectarian violence, he said.

In one home, during a search on Thursday, there was blood on the floor with ammunition casings covering the ground. Pictures were scattered throughout the home as if the family raided their home for essentials and left it abandoned.

done.

While searching another home, national police found a manual on how to perform a Jihad. An interpreter said to him, "We need not to shed each others blood. We are human beings, and I respect humans."

In each

home, Iraqis are allowed one AK-47 and two magazines for protection. Currahee troops registered each weapon kept in the Iraqi homes for accountability and security reasons.

The national police were the main push in the operation, 2LT Cotton said. The U.S. troops were simply there to provide guidance, advice and support to the INPs.

2LT Cotton said giving the national police the lead in the operation, basically gives them on-the-job training because "by working with us, they learn from us."

The INPs were very professional throughout the operation, he said. They are well trained and thorough.

Throughout the operation, the Iraqi local nationals reacted well to the presence of U.S. troops and national police, giving security forces much needed "face time" with the local nationals, said SPC Patrick A. Blanchard, 203 Gunner, 2nd Bn., 506th Inf. Regt.

Their cooperation was much needed to help secure the area, he said. The national police need the support and trust from the local nationals to take their mission to another level; to have complete control and trust of their communities.

"The national police need to demonstrate to these people they are an impartial enforcer of public security," said 2LT Cotton. "The people will trust the police."

The national police and Currahee troops will continue to maintain a presence in the area, keeping sectarian violence to a minimum.



A Medic with the 2nd Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, treats a young Iraqi girl with burns on her face in Al Dora, during Operation Together Forward where U.S. troops and Iraqi National Police cleared all 4,284 homes in Dora. They detained 24 people, registered 339 weapons and confiscated 71 weapons. (U.S. Army photo by SPC James P. Hunter, MNC-I PAO)

11 AUGUST 1969 — THUA THIEN PROVINCE COUNTEROFFENSIVE PHASE V, VIETNAM

On the 11th of August, the Currahees of the 1st BN 506th INF were heavily involved in patrols to keep NVA and VC rocket and mortar teams away from the new fire bases being constructed in the A Shau valley. Operation Montgomery Rendezvous turned out to be a 2 ½ month long operation which resulted in the Currahees claiming 323 enemy KIA, along with 39 crew served weapons and 144 individual weapons being captured.



4-320th FA Completes Several Projects in July

Story by SGT Tanasha Stachelczyk

Several beautification projects and improvements in Zafaraniya and the area outside of FOB Loyalty were completed by 4th Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment, 506th Regimental Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division around July 31.

The projects included five playgrounds, two soccer fields, one soccer park and a sewing co-op.

CPT Shelia Matthews is the civil military operations officer for 4-320th FA and handles all of the CERP projects in the battalions' area of operations.

"I have the best job. I get to interact with local leaders and people in these neighborhoods," said CPT Matthews.

"I have seen such an improvement with the Neighborhood Advisory Council members. I participate in weekly meetings with local leaders to discuss long term and short term projects and in the beginning we would have to provide the agenda for these meetings. Now they already have an agenda waiting," said CPT Raymond Johnson, commander A Battery 4-320th FA.

Together they have cleaned up these areas dramatically but they still need our help, said CPT Johnson.

CPT Johnson's interaction with the leaders takes place at the weekly meetings, but his battery spends the majority of their time patrolling the neighborhoods and interacting with the local people. When they are out, the Soldiers not only ask security questions, but also questions pertaining to the beautifications of the neighborhood.

In these meetings the council members propose projects after the meetings I would go to CPT Matthews. Then, she would decide if we were able to do them, said CPT Johnson.

The difference between the soccer field and soccer park is not only the size but that the soccer park comes with changing rooms and bleachers, said CPT Matthews.

The sewing co-op was the least

expensive project and probably the most beneficial of them all. The items provided for this project were five sewing machines and materials.

One of the Sindabold NAC members, a woman, opened up her home to the women so they could come there and work using the equipment without having to pay. They are able to sew and make items and sell them. By doing this they are able to draw an income for themselves and their family.

Not only are projects being brought up by battery commanders but also Soldiers.

The Quick Reaction Force element in G Company, 4-320th FA which is their support company, patrol the area right outside FOB Loyalty, came up with their own beautification project.

SSG Christian Walters, QRF platoon sergeant, G Co. spends a lot of time in the neighborhood outside of the FOB and states the locals are very receptive to him and his Soldiers.

"We patrol the area frequently and they have something like a neighborhood watch set up. They inform us if there has been anything suspicious going on," said SSG Walters.

The Soldiers and SSG Walters had wanted to do something nice for the children in the neighborhood. They had noticed an area that had been a soccer field but it was not level so every time it rained, it would flood and the children would have to wait weeks before they could play, said SSG Walters.



CPT Shelia Matthews civil military operations officer for 4th Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment, 506th Regimental Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division cuts the ribbon at the sewing co-op opening.

"We didn't know how projects worked, so we were going to get together and donate money so we could have one built," said SSG Walters.

When he approached CPT Matthews she told the Soldiers they didn't have to pay for anything. He gave her the coordinates to the area and with that information the local contractors began the project. Walters would have liked to be present when the project was completed, but he was home on leave. He believes now when he goes to the neighborhood the children have a better understanding of why he and his Soldiers are there.

"Many people in this area are just above middle class. It looks like prior to the war they were doing okay for themselves and during the war you could tell they lost stuff. But they take care of what they have. They are really good about trash and keeping the area clean," said SSG Walters.

"I know we are trying to win the heart and minds of the people, but I think the adults are set in their ways and beliefs and the children are the future," he added.

506th RCT has spent approximately 2 million dollars on projects since coming to east Baghdad and will continue to help in the building of a new and improved city.

506th RCT Works with Local Contactors in Adhamiyah

Story by PFC Paul David Ondik

Soldiers from the 4th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 506th Regimental Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division assisted in improving quality of life in the impoverished Adhamiyah section of east Baghdad.

Troops met with community leaders and local contractors at the areas District Council headquarters August 31.

LTC Christopher Hall, commander, 4th BSTB, met with Sheik Hassan, DC chairman. The two discussed a variety of topics, but chief among them was increasing the consistent availability of electricity to local citizens. For projects to make it from the drawing board to the homes and businesses of the people, they first have to navigate an intricate web of contacts. In order to work on this problem Soldiers coordinated with local leaders, civilian contractors, and the Iraqi Ministry of Electricity.

The goal of the 506th RCT is that these local managers can achieve almost complete autonomy, able to nominate projects, delegate authority, and execute, without Coalition guidance, said MAJ David Biggins, operations officer, 4th BSTB.

There are three primary obstacles that need to be overcome to in effort to improve the quality electricity for the citizens of Adhamiyah, said LTC Hall. Power generation capacity needs to be improved, the existing network infrastructure needs to be restored, and in some places, new power networks need to be built, said LTC Hall.

"What I want to do with our friends from the MOE is find out what we can do immediately about the electrical power network," said LTC Hall.

One way to relieve operations in desperate need of power is to provide them with small and medium sized generators. It is a viable stop-gap measure that the 4th BSTB uses while the extensive rehabilitation of the entire power grid continues, said MAJ Biggins.

Outside of Hassan's office, the main downstairs area of the DC building is buzzing with activity. Papers are passed, while mixed groups of Iraqis and Soldiers form and disperse. To walk through this area is to run a gauntlet of multiple conversations in English and Arabic, ranging from whispers to shouts.

"Basically this is the operations center where contractors get their marching orders for the day," said CPT Matt Falvo, a projects purchasing officer. "This is the nerve center of it all."

It is CPT Falvo's job to contract local Iraqis to do work improving the community. The large majority of work done in Adhamiyah is done by people from the neighborhood, paid by Coalition forces, which keeps money in the community.

Work in Adhamiyah isn't finished, and probably won't be for a long while. The effects of not only war damage, but decades of disrepair under the Baathist regime had crippled a large part of the areas infrastructure. Great strides have been made, and in a relatively short period of time, a system to accelerate this progress has been instituted. The 506th RCT, by working together with Iraq's leaders, and its people, hope to keep this positive momentum going, towards a brighter future.



CPT Matt Falvo, projects purchasing officer, HHC, 506th RCT, 101st Abn. Div., shakes hands after completing a contract with an Iraqi contractor at the District Council headquarters in the Adhamiyah section of east Baghdad August 31.



LTC Christopher Hall, commander, 4th BSTB, 506th RCT, 101st Abn. Div., and MAJ John Sottnik, civil affairs planner, Co. A, 414th Civil Affairs Battalion, discuss projects with Sheik Hassan, District Council Chairman, in the Adhamiyah section of east Baghdad, August 31.

Joint Effort Provides Humanitarian Aid

Story by 1LT Georgia Bradshaw

A consequence management plan was created to provide humanitarian aid to displaced citizens in Zafaraniya in response to the recent bombing and gas explosions in the area.

Soldiers from 4th Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment and 801st Brigade Support Battalion, 506th Regimental Combat Team set out to accomplish this mission August 14.

Elements from the 506th RCT provided items consisting of rice, beans, cooking oil, canned fish, blankets, vegetables, assorted condiments, cooking utensils and stoves for Iraqis affected by the bomb.

"It was a lot of fun being with the Soldiers and helping the people. We downloaded the humanitarian packets by hand. We formed a chain with the Iraqi soldiers to download the items, which felt like there was a lot of teamwork

which built camaraderie," said SGT Mark Faulkner, a native of Oklahoma City, Okla., team leader, 801st BSB, 506th RCT.

The items were delivered to the Zafaraniya Government Center. The 1st Brigade, 2nd Battalion, 1st Iraqi National Police, neighborhood advisory council and tribal leaders assisted with the download and distribution of the items to the local citizens.

"Coalition forces assisting Iraqi security forces and local government leaders in humanitarian aid help the local citizens to realize our combined presence is one of growth and facilitation of an emerging government for all of Iraq," said SFC Richard Powell, master gunner, 4-320th FA. "The inclusion and participation in this endeavor by all religious and ethnic groups contributes to a more stable and prosperous Iraq."



Soldiers from the 801st BSB and 4-320th FA, 506th RCT, 101st Abn. Div., 1st Bde, 2nd Battalion, 1st INP, NAC, and tribal leaders download Humanitarian Aid items at the Zafaraniya Government Center. (Courtesy photos from 4-320th FA)



Soldiers from the 801st BSB and 4-320th FA, 506th RCT, 101st Abn. Div., 1st Bde, 2nd Battalion, 1st INP, NAC, and tribal leaders download Humanitarian Aid items at the Zafaraniya Government Center. (Courtesy photo from 4-320th FA)

Do you know how much 801st & the FSCs have done in Logistics support?

Distribution:

Combat Logistics Patrols - 738
Miles driven - 88,748
Fuel - Over 3.5 million gallons
Bulk water - 250K gallons
Bottled water - 167K cases
Trans Mng. Rqsts - 486

ASL and Excess Mng.

Materiel Release Orders - 117,259
Materiel Receipts - 82,680
Managed value of ASL -- \$22.3 mil.
Reduced ASL stockage by --\$10.9 mil.

Maintenance:

Cmpl Maint. work orders - 3,947
Special tools added- \$238K
HUMVV upgrades- 1,600+

Combat Service Support

Automation:

Computers systems configured - 152
STAMIS rodeos - 4

Property Book:

Property Book data input - 28,532
PBO change of cmd reviews - 26

Ammunition Management:

Managed ammunition - over \$40 mil.
Rounds issued - 1,602,322
Rounds used during combat - 440,686

Medical:

Dentist Team cared for patients - 536
Improved First Aid Kits -3,550
Distr. Eagle First Resp. bags - 160
Total patients seen - over 6,800
Medical equip. rcvd - 5,683

Finance:

Finance Rodeos - 69
Casual Payments - 30,916 /
\$5,240,360
Check Cashing - 14,267 / \$3,705,348
Fin. Cust. supported office calls -
7,967

Mail:

Incoming mail processed - 176,093
Outgoing mail processed - 33,495



1-61st CAV and 1st Bn., 2nd Bde., 6th IA Div. Capture High Value Terrorist In East Baghdad

Story by MAJ James Lowe

Soldiers of 1st Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment, and the 4th Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment, 506th Regimental Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, and elements of the 2nd Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division, in a precision operation, captured east Baghdad's third highest "most wanted" terrorist in Adhamiyah July 30.

The actions were part of Operation Together Forward, a Multinational Division - Baghdad operation, concentrating on disrupting murders, kidnappings and bombings in Baghdad. The suspect taken into custody is believed to head criminal elements which have conducted deadly road side bombings against Coalition Forces and Iraqi Security Forces, sectarian murders and kidnappings that resulted in murder. He is believed to act as a financier, plan-

ner and director of those criminal activities in east Baghdad.

In a combined mid-morning cordon and search operation, Soldiers from B Troop, 1-61st Cav. Sqdn. discovered the individual at a hospital complex in Adhamiyah. This marks the second high value capture for the Brigade in the last week as 3rd Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment captured a different individual July 25.

"In a thorough search of a building with a lot of people in it, the attention to detail at the Soldier level accounts for this capture. The Soldiers knew who they were looking for and methodically found him," said LTC Brian Winski, commander, 1-61st Cav. Sqdn., who was present at the site for the operation.

The Soldiers detained the suspected terrorist. During the search, 1-61st Cav. Sqdn. Soldiers received

sniper fire. The shot fired did not injure anyone in the operation.

"The key to success was all of the junior officers and noncommissioned officers who were able to make good decisions based on the intent of the operation," said CPT Will Arnold, commander, B Trp, 1-61st Cav. Sqdn.

"This was a combined operation with 1st Bn., 2nd Bde., 6th IA Div. soldiers together with us," said LTC Winski.

All the pieces came together from the 4th Brigade Special Troops Battalion providing quality military intelligence and then to our intelligence officer, CPT Jason Lucero, and his guys cross-referencing the situation on the ground to that data, added LTC Winski.

Neither the suspected terrorist nor any Coalition or Iraqi Soldiers were injured during this operation.

3-67th AR Capture #4 On East Baghdad List

Story by 1LT Georgia Bradshaw

Soldiers of B and D Companies, 3rd Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment, attached to the 506th Regimental Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, captured east Baghdad's fourth highest terrorist leader along with three of his associates Aug. 25 in Al Oubaidy.

The actions were part of Operation Together Forward, a Multi-National Division - Baghdad operation, in order to reduce assassinations, kidnappings, and prevent escalation of sectarian violence in order to restore Baghdad security to Iraqi control.

"We've been looking for the leader of this cell for about four weeks now. We've decided to target him about a week and a half ago," said 1LT Randall Weaver, a native of Susanville, Calif., platoon leader, D Co..

The unit received information that there was a terrorist cell operating in Al Oubaidy. Meanwhile, Soldiers from B and D Companies set up a cordon and knock around two houses in the Al Oubaidy area. The combined patrol reported detaining four local nationals. One of those local nationals fit the description of their target.

"Not a single shot was fired and we accomplished our mission," said LTC Mark Bertolini, a native of Bellerose, N.Y., battalion commander, 3rd Bn., 67th AR.

In a related event, the unit received another tip that a militia military took over the gas station across from FOB Rustamiyah.

Other sources indicated that the deputy of the HVI leader that was captured the day prior was operating at that gas station. Elements from 3rd Bn., 67th AR, were sent to conduct an area reconnaissance in order to gather information for future operations.

Upon arriving at the gas station the Soldiers identified their targets and started moving to detain the local nationals. A vehicle containing their targets attempted to flee the scene.

The Soldiers captured four local nationals. It was later confirmed that the unit had apprehended the deputy of the HVI they caught Aug. 26.

"This is a result of many weeks of hard work by our battalion and brigade staffs and culminated by a precision operation that was executed flawlessly by our Soldiers," said LTC Bertolini.

These captures will disrupt attacks against coalition forces and extra judicial killings against the local nationals in the area. Neither the suspected terrorists nor any Coalition forces were injured during this operation.

3-67th AR Helps Save Local Girl's Life

Story by PFC Paul Ondik

The 3rd Battalion, 67th Armored Regiment, 4th Infantry Division was able to give desperately needed medical attention to a local national who was close to death on June 17 at Forward Operating Base Rustamiyah.

Hiba Mohammed Abdul Ridha was injured by shrapnel during a terrorist mortar attack on her college May 2.

The injury was unable to heal because of a preexisting lupus infection. Ridha's father, Sheik Raheem Shareef Jabratallah, a tribal leader in Fedaliyah contacted the 3-67th AR in a last ditch effort to save his daughter's life.

They brought Ridha directly to the gates of FOB Rustamiyah, said 2LT Joshua Prentice, Battle Captin at the 3-67th AR Tactical Operations Center. Because of lupis-like symoptoms it was determined that the leg was in danger, 2LT Prentice said.

"Six weeks ago she was in class at her college and there was a mortar attack. She recieved a minor injury," said CPT David McCaughrin, fire support officer and Civil Affairs officer in charge for 3-67th AR. "Unable to heal, it was only a matter of time before the wound became gangrenous," CPT McCaughrin said. Gangrene, once started is usually irreversable. In this

case it progressed so fast that her life was in danger.

"The girl definitely would have died," said LTC Mark Bertolini, commander of 3-67th AR. "Certainly in a week or two, and probably within three or four days."

Ridha had several medical problems. Gangrene was one, but liver failure was another, seperate problem, said CPT Michael Curtis, battalion surgeon, 3-67th AR.

"When she arrived, she was unstable, and we were able to stabilize her," said CPT Curtis, a native of Salt Lake City, Utah.

"Here we were able to have our female medics and our female providers care for her," CPT Curtis said.

3-67th AR took pains to accomodate for this patient in a manner sensitive to Iraqi cultural sensitivities. Ridha's condition was assessed at the gate, and it was clear that she was in

need of immediate assistance.

"As it turned out, once we got her in here, it was obvious her leg actually should have been amputated a couple of weeks ago," said LTC Bertolini. "Obviously her family was very grateful for the care."

At this point it was no longer the case that was focused on the loss of a limb, Ridha's



Soldiers from 3- 67 AR and 801st BSB serving with 506 RCT, 101st Abn. Div., bring an Iraqi girl for treatment for a leg infection at FOB Rustamiyah Jun 17.

life was in danger.

3-67th AR made sure that females were tasked to transport her to the aid station, and that only females were in the room where she was cared for, said CPT McCaughrin.

Ridha remained in the care of 3-67th AR for 24 hours. They contacted MAJ Aaron Baker, brigade surgeon, 506th Regimental Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division at which point she was medevaced to 10th CASH and then sent to Medical City Hospital for further treatment.

"We remained culturally sensitive, and when we do that it shows the local Iraqis that we care about their well-being," said LTC Bertolini. Giving this type of aid demonstrates to the local populace that the the Army is willing to provide scarce rescources to help them, LTC Bertolini said.

Jabratallah is a good friend of LTC Bertolini's, as well as an extremely influential member of the community, CPT McCaughrin said.

"He has been a big part of our security here," said LTC Bertolini. "One story like this carries a long way. It wouldn't suprise me if a couple of thousand people hear about this in the next few days."

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During the middle part of August, the Currahees of 3-506 INF began to hear rumors of a move north to link back up with the 101st, and by 16 August, preparations for the reunion with the 101st were well under way. (The 3-506 had been operating virtually autonomously for the last few months.) Connexes were packed, the clubs dismantled, and the units readied for the journey to link back up with the 101st. Transportation would be by air, land, and sea - Soldiers and vehicles would fly to Phu Bai in C-130 transports; connexes would arrive by LST (Landing Ship, Tank).



Troops Assess Gas Station In Ramadi

Story and photos by PFC Paul Ondik

On the morning of July 14, B Company, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 506th Regimental Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division worked with Company 2, 3rd Battalion, 1st Brigade, 1st Iraqi Army Division and Marine Civil Affairs, to assess a gas station near Observation Post Trotter in Ramadi.

"First we're going to do a quick, cursory, sweep of the gas station," said 2LT Jason Jones, platoon leader, 1st platoon, B Company. "Then we'll move to engage the customers."

The gas station itself is just across the road from OP Trotter. One of the company's most important missions is to keep the road secure. The unique challenge posed by the gas station was evident from the long line of cars and Iraqi locals waiting outside of them in the shade that stretched down the road.

"Our job on this route is to look down the road. That's kind of hard when you got a line of cars running down it," said 1LT Tom Sheep, the B Company fire support officer. "They'll wait all day sometimes. They'll wait days and days in a row sometimes," 1LT Sheep said. "That is one of the things we want to do today is find out if we can improve the lines."



SPC Billy Underwood, infantryman, B Company, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 506th Regimental Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, and 2LT Jason Jones, his platoon leader, check the results of explosives tests during an operation in Ramadi July 14.

While part of the unit spoke with the gas station owner and workers, Jones led a squad from 1st Platoon down the line of cars. Accompanying them was an Iraqi Army squad.

"As far as our company, this is the first or second time we've used the IA. We're going to start using them a little more," said 2LT Jones.

"Other companies have used them a lot more, on raids," 2LT Jones said.

On this mission, there was also a light Quick Reaction Force in support back at OP Trotter.

This mission fulfilled a dual role. It increased security around OP Trotter, and allowed troops to help improve essential services for local Iraqis.

"A lot of the problems in our backyard are water pumps, electricity, and gas," said 1LT Sheep.



Checking around a corner, 2LT Jason Jones, a platoon leader, B Company, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 506th Regimental Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, maintains security during a gas station assessment in Ramadi July 14.

4-320th FA Finds Large Cache, Detains Four Terrorists

Story and photos by MAJ James Lowe

In a predawn raid, Soldiers of Battery A, 4th Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment, 506th Regimental Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, seized a large cache of explosives and captured four terrorists in Adhamiyah Aug. 3.

Operation Guinness, a battalion level operation which was part of Operation Together Forward, a Multi-National Division - Baghdad operation, concentrating on disrupting murders, kidnappings and bombings in Baghdad. The suspects detained are believed to have launched bombing attacks against Coalition Forces and Iraqi Security Forces.

At about 3 a.m., Battery A Soldiers cordoned off the neighborhood surrounding the house pointed out by a tip. Four individuals were in the residence and were detained. The Soldiers searched the house and found 130 anti-personnel mines, one anti-tank mine rigged as an impro-

vised-explosive device, one stick of rocket-propelled grenade propellant, an RPG launcher, 25 rounds of .50-caliber ammunition and various other bomb making materials. A U.S. Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal team secured the explosives.

"We received some very specific intelligence that led us to the site. Battery A led by CPT Michael Stewart, executed the mission flawlessly with assistance from the EOD team," said LTC Kevin Milton, commander, 4-320th FA.

Pivotal to the operation was the blending of various skill sets to bring the right forces to the battle.

"Operation Guinness was an excellent example of intelligence driven operations that integrated all available asset. Our leaders integrated military working dogs, human intelligence teams, attack air, Combat Camera and EOD," said MAJ Bruce Coyne, operations officer, who provid-

ed battalion-level coordination at the site of the operation.

"After detailed rehearsals, the battery commander maintained momentum through precise command and control of his assets," MAJ Coyne added.

"We have rehearsed and executed raids like this many times, and we were able to enter and search the target house quickly and smoothly," said CPT Stewart. "Our Soldiers are simply the best in the profession, and we can do this anytime, anywhere."

Neither the suspected terrorists nor any Coalition Soldiers were injured during this operation.

Investigation into this incident by Coalition and Iraqi Security Forces continues.

"This mission was a victory for our unit and the people of Iraq," said MAJ Coyne.



A sack of anti-personnel mines were discovered along with a large weapons cache during an early morning raid by Battery A, 4th Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment, 506th Regimental Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, Multi-National Division – Baghdad, from a home in Adhamiyah August 3. (U.S. Army photo courtesy of 4th Bn., 320th FA Regt., 506th RCT, 101st Abn. Div.)

4-320th FA Helps Rebuild Fire Station

Story by SFC Richard Powell

Baghdad has a fire department that does more than fight fires - it fights terrorism.

Built with the help of 4th Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment, 506th Regimental Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division the department is staffed with Iraqis who are taking charge of their own safety.

New to the emerging government but not new to firefighting, COL Laith Abbas, director for the Iraqi Civil

Defense Headquarters and Control Center, has overseen the building of the Baghdad Fire Department. The "Tomahawks" of 4-320th have provided materials and expertise Laith has provided the motivation and the men.

The result is a "command and control" headquarters much like the American 911 system. Firefighters respond to a number of emergencies, including fires, explosions and terrorists' attacks. The firefighters also take

on extra responsibilities in a combat zone, responding to discoveries of unexploded ordnance. They must ensure proper disposal of these dangerous pieces of artillery and other weapons which did not explode when fired.

By containing fires that may have otherwise spread across the city, their efforts have prevented millions of dollars in damage. Local citizens, including families whose houses have been

4-320th FA and 801st BSB

saved from destruction are praising the firemen for their courage.

Khadim Mansour is one Baghdad resident whose family is grateful.

One hot July afternoon, an electrical fire started in his home in a neighborhood in the eastern part of the city, said Mansour.

The chief of the local fire station, Abbas Asfir Namah, responded with his men. The firefighters charged up the stairs toward the second-story fire and extinguished it in time to save the home.

The battalion has supplied water, phone lines, and security to help the fire department. The 4-320th FA has also installed barriers to improve security at the ICDC compound.

The fire department building has been renovated, with new living space for firefighters and a well system to maintain water. A pit for unexploded mortars has been built outside the station, and the U.S. Army has assisted in helping clear over 10,000 hazardous rounds from the pit.

No fire department would be com-

plete without a truck, and these Baghdad firefighters have a new one to carry water. With a combination of their own bravery and Tomahawk aid, the ICDC will be protecting the residents of Baghdad from both the forces of nature and the forces of terrorism for years to come, said LTC Kevin Milton, commander, 4-320th FA.

In addition to saving houses, these Iraqis provide benefits that are harder to put a price on. Their service has brought confidence, strength, and unity to the community, said Namah.



At a fire in east Baghdad firefighters are able to put out a fire and save the mans home with the new equipment including a fire truck and water which was provided by 4th Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment, 506th Regimental Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division. (Courtesy photo by 4-320th FAR, 4th BCT, 101st Abn. Div.)

Senior NCOs from 801st BSB Speak Out



What is your positive soldier story for deployment?

The most positive Soldier story I have is that we have traveled over 80,000 on the roads of Baghdad and there has not been any loss of life or injury to our Soldiers.

SFC Darrin Harris



What is your positive soldier story for deployment?

I have several mentionable stories and all of them conclude on the same note, the development of Warriors. Since I have been assigned to the 801st BSB, I have witnessed the Soldiers of the "Maintainers" develop, mature, and perform. The Soldiers trained, deployed, and are now executing the Battalion's missions in a combat environment, expertly.

MSG Eugene Brown



What do you like best about FOB Rustamiyah?

I like the living conditions for Soldiers, and Friday night seafood dinner.

SFC Cory Bryson



Would you like to say anything to anyone at home?

I would like to send my love and appreciation to my ex-wife, Tracey, who during this deployment gave me the greatest news from home I could have asked for; we will be remarrying upon my return. I love you sweetheart. I would also like to tell my son David congratulations on his recent engagement to his high school sweetheart, to my daughter Erika and youngest son Alex that I love and miss them very much. I am very proud of all three of them.

SFC Jerry Kirby



Tower improvements stop rocket debris

Story by PFC Paul Ondik

The hard work by the 801st Brigade Support Battalion to strengthen defenses at the gates of Forward Operating Base Rustamiyah paid off August 5 when a rocket impacted near the gate with no casualties.

"It was roughly about 60 ft. away where it hit," said CPT Ryan Schwankhart, commander of B Company, 801st Brigade Support Battalion, 506th Regimental Combat Team, 101 Airborne Division.

The improvements on the gate were made over a period beginning on August 1, when the problem was identified, to August 4, when the project was completed. The gate was attacked by a rocket on August 5.

To harden the gate the tower was reinforced with 25 ft. of steel, and with ballistic glass. When the rocket struck 20 meters from the tower on August 5, debris and rocks hit the glass and armor, but the Soldiers inside were kept safe.

"Before, for the Soldiers in there, there was nothing up

there but a piece of plexiglass," said 1SG Brian Pirtle, first sergeant, B Company.

Before these improvements were made it was necessary for guards to remain low in the tower if they wanted to be safe from enemy sniper fire. Now, with the ballistic glass, it is possible for these guards to maintain a maximum field of vision even during times when the enemy threat is high.

The value of these improvements for better security for the FOB is obvious, and after the attack on August 5, the value for the safety of the troops inside was clearly evident.

"A lot of times in a maintenance company, we work behind the scenes," said CPT Schwankhart. After the rocket impacted and word came that the troops inside the tower were uninjured, the troops that worked to make the improvements felt a sense of pride, CPT Schwankhart said. "They were like 'I did that.'"



A Soldier searches through the crater made by a rocket during an unsuccessful attack on a newly reinforced guard tower at Forward Operating Base Rustamiyah August 5. (Courtesy photos)



Team Spirit- The Key to Mission Success

Story by Chaplain (MAJ) James Choi

In his study "The American Soldier" released in 1949, Samuel Stouffer reported on the World War II Soldiers' attitudes about facing battle. Combat infantrymen returning from the war stated their primary motivation in combat was their brothers-in-arms. The study recognized what we all know to be true, strong group ties developed during combat are critical to a unit's success. After a recent research in the same subject, Dr. Leonard Wong, associate research professor at the U.S. Army War College's Strategic Studies Institute said the paper "Why They Fight: Combat Motivation in Iraq" validated the popular belief that unit cohesion is a key issue in motivating Soldiers to fight. The desire of "not letting your buddy down" has been the conventional wisdom as to why Soldiers fight.

It is true that the esprit-de-corps among Soldiers is one of the most

important factors of a unit's success. We Currahees have been accomplishing our missions successfully for the last ten months of our deployment in eastern Baghdad.

With a true sense of unity and shared responsibility, we have written success stories that will be added to our Regiment's storied history.

Soldiers from squad-level on patrol to the Regimental TOC have been working as a team for the same goal -- rebuilding this troubled nation and restore freedom to the people of Iraq. All of us have different tasks to accomplish but we have one focus that is the purpose for our existence here.

As a team, we've been making history in this country. Let's commit ourselves to continue our legacy as we approach the end of our deployment. Let's continue to have pride and confidence in what we are doing

with a sense of purpose. Each one of us is an important member of this great organization - The 506th Regimental Combat Team.

Each one of us is an important link in the chain of mission success. We can maintain a strong team spirit by taking care of each other, encouraging each other, trusting each other, laughing together and overcoming adversity together.

I am glad that the religious activities such as Interfaith Praise Night contributed in building the spirituality, camaraderie, and team spirit among our Soldiers. We can finish our deployment strong if we stay focused and work as a team.

The Scripture says, "Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken." (Ecclesiastes 4:12)



LTC Kevin Milton, commander, 4-320th Field Artillery, served as the featured speaker for the FOB Loyalty Interfaith Praise Night Sept. 10.



Soldiers perform at the Interfaith Praise Night on FOB Rustamiyah Sept. 17.



Safety Guy Speaks...



Story by Rod Lowell
506th RCT Safety

First of all, let me say that you all continue to do great in the area of safety and are setting the example for all soldiers in the theater of operations. You have also set very high standards for all in-bound units. As you get ready to redeploy please don't let your guard down. Be especially careful during your left seat-right seat, and pass on those things that you have made a routine part of your daily operations that have helped ensure the safety of your soldiers and self. The following list is just a reminder of some of the things we can do to greatly reduce risks to our equipment and selves during the upcoming re-deployment phase:

1. **Prepare Risk Assessments** and use them as a safety tool in all load-up and redeployment activities.
2. **Maintain awareness of what is going on around you.** Be aware of moving vehicles to include ATVs and forklifts.
3. **When conducting uploading operations wear all required PPE** to include helmet, eye protection, and gloves.
4. **Use ground guides.**
5. **Do not climb on top of conexes or tricons.**
6. **Maintain a safe distance (always add a buffer zone) between you, the vehicle, and container during crane and flatbed load-ups.**
7. **Drink plenty of water.** You will most likely be uploading in an open area and it will still be hot out.
8. **During load-up operations conducted during hours of darkness, ensure you have adequate lighting and can be seen.** Wear your reflective PT belt or vest, and carry either a flashlight or chem.-lites.
9. **Slow down.** Don't be in a hurry. Do it correctly, in a safe manner the first time. Cutting corners is a good way to get hurt.
10. **Make on the spot corrections when you see someone doing something wrong.** It may save someone from injury or even possible death.
11. **Lead by example and set the tone for safe operations for your team or detail.**
12. **Use the buddy system.**

Once again, congratulations on your overall success during the last 10 months. Let's make our last two months even safer and more successful.



Currahees in Action



Photos of 2nd Battalion 506th Infantry Regiment



2-506 IN BN / A CO / 2nd PLT takes a break with Iraqi soldiers during a house searching operation in Baghdad.



An Iraqi National Policeman and a Soldier with the 2nd Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment climb onto a rooftop during Operation Together Forward. INPs and U.S. troops cleared 4,284 homes in Al Dora. They detained 24 people, registered 339 weapons and confiscated 71 weapons over a five day period.



Currahees in Action



Photos of 3rd Battalion 67th Armored Regiment



SSG Jacques Andrews and SPC Jason Preston of B Company 3-67 AR was directing National Police to their next objective during Operation Hound Dawn, a battalion - level cordon and knock operation, Sept. 12.



SPC Timothy Adams constructs a Jersey barrier cordon in a dangerous section of East Baghdad by cutting off the rings on the barriers to prevent them from being moved by the local populace.



SSG Ernest Miller and SGT Allison Mclean, HHC, 506th RCT conduct a monthly strength roster scrub to ensure 100 percent accountability for all the Soldiers in the 506th RCT, Aug. 15.

Photo of Headquarters
and Headquarters
Company, 506th
Infantry Regiment



SFC Mark West, SFC George Gadberry and LTC Paul Finken, members of the 506th RCT Brigade MiTT Team at the Old Ministry of Defense complex discuss an improvised explosive device that blew up near the compound Sept. 9.



Currahees in Action



CPT David Holstead outgoing commander for Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1st Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment along with the Squadron Commander LTC Brian Winski and incoming Troop commander CPT Jason Lucero during the HHT change of command ceremony.



SPC Justin Hinderliter, a combat medic, rotated out of B Company, 1st Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment, 506th Regimental Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, and now works in the Aid Station at Forward Operating Base Rustamiyah,



Photos of 1st Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment



Soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Troop won their round of the tug of war competition. These Soldiers took part in the celebration of the two year anniversary of 1st Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment, 506th Regimental Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, Organizational Day Aug. 16.



Currahees in Action



SPC Aaron Gulley, a logistical specialist, G Company, 4th Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment, 506th Regimental Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, leans against his humvee during an operation in Zafriniyah July 25. Gulley is a native of Oklahoma City.



SSG Justin Cramer, truck commander, G Company, 4th Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment, 506th Regimental Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, talks to one of his 50 cal. gunners during an operation in Zafriniyah July 25.

Photos of 4th
Battalion, 320th Field
Artillery Regiment



This 4th Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment, 506th Regimental Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, Soldier waits for the command to fire during an artillery calibration test at Forward Operating Base Loyalty Aug. 9.



SPC Khari Lewis, a .50 cal. gunner, G Company, 4th Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment, 506th Regimental Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, takes a sip of water to help alleviate the broiling heat in Zafriniyah July 25.



Currahees in Action



LTC Scott Coy 801st BSB commander waiting for the arrival of generals at the Old Ministry of Defense complex to conduct a battlefield circulations in Adhamiyah Sept. 9



Photos of 801st Brigade Support Battalion



CPT Ryan Schwankhart, commander of B Company, stands in the crater made by a rocket during an unsuccessful attack on a newly reinforced guard tower at FOB Rustamiyah Aug. 5.



Soldiers awaiting the arrival of MG James Thurman and the LTG Peter Chiarelli for circulation in Adhamiya Sept. 9

Photos of 4th Brigade Special Troops Battalion



SPC Patty Armenteras, tactical communications and help desk clerk conducts a system analysis check on a laptop Aug. 15.



Currahees in Action



1LT Jeffrey Eden, distribution platoon leader, E Company, unstraps pallets of water during an operation distributing it to local nationals with the help of the 2nd Bde., IA in Ramadi July 2.

Photos of 1st Battalion,
506th Infantry
Regimental



SPC Rob Bueno, infantryman, B Company takes cover behind a pickup truck in the outer security cordon during a gas station assessment in Ramadi July 14.



1LT Jeffrey Eden, distribution platoon leader, E Company directs a forklift during a water distribution mission in Ramadi July 11.



SFC John Clipp, distribution platoon sergeant, E Company gives water to Iraqi locals after building up fighting positions in Ramadi July 11.

