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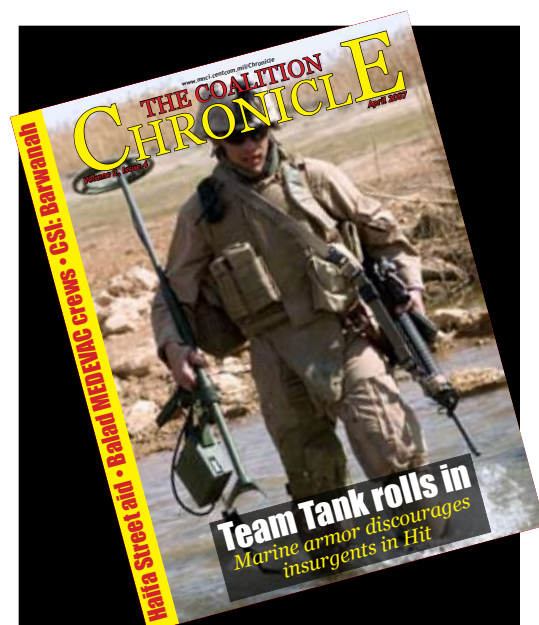
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Up front: Lance Cpl. Dustin Meadows, a combat engineer with Company C, 4th Combat Engineer Battalion, 4th Marine Division, wades through the Euphrates River after searching an island for weapons. Photo by Marine Cpl. Adam Johnson.

On the back: Two Blackhawk helicopters lift off from Saddam Hussein's former parade ground Photo by Army Sgt. 1st Class Clinton Wood.

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COMMANDER'S VOICE

Over the past month, the impact of the surge of U.S. forces has begun to be felt even though we are only 40 percent complete. The surge of both Iraqi and U.S. forces into Baghdad is part of Fardh al-Qanoon, aimed at increasing stability in the Iraqi capital. I have seen each of the new units go through their initial phases of integration. The surge began with 2nd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, followed by 4th Brigade, 1st Infantry Division earlier this month. The 3rd Infantry Division's headquarters is being established at Camp Victory. The division's 2nd Brigade and 4th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division will soon deploy.

As new units arrive, it is important to address leadership and counter-insurgency. Leaders must set an enduring and positive example for their Soldiers. That includes the way you live, train and fight. We must be a moral and ethical compass to our Soldiers, always staying upright and honest. Stay in touch with them, learn about them, and empower them to do their jobs. Also, make sure you study your enemy. By knowing who it is you are fighting, you will better know how to attack them. And when you do attack, be mercilessly aggressive, never giving your enemy a chance to rest. Always be vigilant and attentive. Keep your faculties about you — it will save lives.

We all know how complex the threat we face here is. It is different in some cases. It is also important to stress the importance of the relationships we build with our counterparts, the Iraqi Security Forces. We must mentor and train the Iraqis and ensure they maintain standards. Discipline and professionalism are directly related to the casualties we take. We must always be sure to treat the Iraqis with the dignity and respect they deserve, and show them the same professional courtesy as we do each other. By treating them as equals we will help bolster their confidence as they become increasingly more responsible for providing security to the Iraqi people.

During my visits to 2nd Bde., 82nd Airborne Div., 2nd Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Bde., 3rd Inf. Div., and others, it was easy to see why security in Baghdad is beginning to improve. We are establishing joint security stations throughout Baghdad in order to protect



Lt. Gen. Ray Odierno
MNC-I Commander

the Iraqi people and make them feel safe and secure in their communities. In a JSS, Iraqi police and soldiers live and work alongside coalition forces. Soldiers in these stations described to me how they are getting to know their Iraqi counterparts, and we're building up mutual trust through their constant contact. Additionally, they are setting an example to their Iraqi counterparts of standards of uniform, conduct, and performance. As coalition soldiers and Iraqi Security Forces patrol daily in these neighborhoods together, they are also getting to know the local population and they are gaining their trust and confidence. This has resulted in an increase in the amount of information and tips that the security forces are receiving from the public, and hence is making our forces more effective at discovering IEDs before they are detonated and at arresting the perpetrators of violence.


Al-Qaeda and other extremist organizations continue to bury IEDs along roads, drive explosive-laden vehicles into markets, strap bombs to themselves, and use chlorine to kill Iraqi civilians and security forces in order to create chaos and undermine the Government of Iraq. They show no concern for human life, be it women or children, Sunni or Shia. We must help protect the populace.

Every week, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and his ministers meet with coalition leadership to discuss the progress of Fardh al-Qanoon and different measures that can be taken to improve security and stability in Baghdad. One of the first issues we discussed with the

Iraqi leadership was how to prevent horrific attacks on Baghdad markets. In order to combat the vehicle-borne IEDs and suicide bombers that have caused the carnage in these markets, we are working with the Iraqi Security Forces to establish "safe markets." A series of checkpoints and barriers now make it extremely difficult for VBIEDs to be driven into these market areas. Thanks to the creativity of our leaders and Soldiers, and the dedication of the Iraqi policemen and soldiers manning the checkpoints, the security in these markets has greatly improved.

Now you can walk the streets in a number of these protected markets and speak to Iraqis who will tell you how much safer they feel. Many Iraqis now live in gated communities, where those entering are checked to ensure they are not carrying explosives.

We are still in the initial stages of Fardh al-Qanoon, but I am cautiously optimistic. The surge will continue over the next few months. By mid-summer we will be able to assess the overall impact. Already, there is evidence that the levels of sectarian violence and extra judicial killings have decreased. We are seeing increasing willingness of the Iraqi people to work closely with the Iraqi Security Forces to eradicate the extremists who are seeking to create chaos in this country. What is important is to create irreversible momentum so that the Iraqi people take control of their future.

Recently, I escorted our incoming CENTCOM commander, Navy Admiral William Fallon, to Ramadi, Irbil, Baghdad, Kut and Basra. He was incredibly impressed by all of you. As we toured units across the country, it was obvious how well-trained, professional and dedicated you are to helping the Iraqi people create better lives for themselves. Everywhere we went, we saw motivated Soldiers and Marines proud to carry out their duties and eager to make a difference. We are not immersed in an easy situation here in Iraq, but that has not dampened your resolve or lowered your spirits. Our service does not come without sacrifice. Every day the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines of Multi-National Corps-Iraq put their lives on the line, and some have sacrificed all. They will *never* be forgotten. I am proud to serve with each of you. Keep up the good work. 

CSM's CORNER

How many times have you heard this: "Standards and discipline!"

How many times — for you older Soldiers — have you wanted to choke the life out of those who have spoken of the importance of these but never lifted a finger in an overt example of either? How many times have we heard it and then witnessed the physical example or interpretation of it in the form of young corporals and sergeants ordering Soldiers to do flutter kicks, push-ups and the like for minor infractions? How often do we witness young leaders defaulting to brute force and ignorance when the reinforcement does not fit, nor have a darned thing to do with the offense. How many times have you attempted to correct someone senior in grade and been blown off? And we wonder why young corporals and sergeants don't make on-the-spot corrections.

I want to talk to you about discipline, because without it, standards don't mean a darn thing. Most if not all our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines know what the standard is. They just lack the intestinal fortitude to hold themselves accountable.

I believe there are two kinds of discipline. One is that which compels us to do the right thing. It manifests itself in the form of moral courage which we call upon when it comes to facing fear and danger. It's that which we stand on when it comes to making an on-the-spot correction. It is that intangible thing we use to hold ourselves and our troopers accountable as we go about our duties day after day, that thing which we stand on as our youth say our checking is a question of trust. It has nothing and everything to do with trust. I don't care if a trooper trusts me — his mother and father or her husband did. It's their trust I must live up to, so when it comes to checking and enforcing, it may be about trust in one sense. In another it's about having the discipline and courage necessary to do all that must be done to posture our youth for success and one more chance at a tomorrow. That means we as leaders check everything. It's called intestinal fortitude. Discipline has nothing in common with abuse.

There's another form of discipline, Maj. Gen. John Schofield's. He said it like this: "The discipline which makes the Soldiers of a free country reliable in battle is not to be gained by harsh or tyrannical treatment. On the contrary, such treatment is far more likely to destroy than to make an army. It is possible to impart instruction and to give commands in such a manner and such a tone of voice to inspire in the Soldier no feeling but an intense desire to obey, while the opposite manner and tone of voice cannot fail to excite strong resentment and a desire to disobey."

I think Schofield was talking about leadership by example. I think he was talking about inspiring those we lead in word and deed daily. I think Schofield was talking about being an example of what is right at all times and in doing so ensuring our



**Command Sgt. Maj.
Neil Ciotola
MNC-I Command
Sergeant Major**

***It takes
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Soldiers, no matter how thoroughly scrutinized, will always be right no matter where they are committed. The manifestation of all this is viewed as well-disciplined troops.

I think he was talking about treating our youngsters like they are the sons and daughters of America, like they are the gift we profess them to be. He wasn't talking about coddling anyone; he was saying we can be as tough on them as conditions dictate so long as we lead by example. I think Schofield expected — as should every service member — that we maintain our footing squarely on the moral high ground.

It takes discipline to willingly subordinate oneself to those senior in grade or position. It takes discipline to recognize that which we possess the capacity to change and that which we must hold ourselves and others to. It takes perspective — born of experience, education and discipline — to realize we cannot pick and choose what we will or won't do. It takes discipline to live up to the expectations of our respective services, our youth and our country.

It takes discipline to commit oneself to combat day after day. It takes discipline to treat those who may be complicit with the enemy with dignity and respect. It takes discipline to treat one, who a moment ago was trying to kill you or your troops, with all the rights afforded him. It takes an army led by competent,


disciplined professionals to win the fight we are engaged in. It takes tremendous discipline to hold oneself accountable in and outside the wire every day. It takes discipline to commit oneself to gaining an appreciation for why you cannot delineate between what you hold yourself or your troopers to, in or outside the wire. It all matters. One failure or crack in the moral armor which coats us will only get wider over time.

Schofield wrote of lifting up our subordinates and treating them as we expect — and by law are required — to be treated. He expected us to be a shining example of what is right with what is most important: our young men and women.

For those of you who do not know who Schofield was, he spoke the now-famous words I used above during an address to the U.S. Military Academy's Corps of Cadets in 1879.

I listen to all manner of people who talk to me about the old versus the new Army. I listen to all manner of people who tell me the Army is not the disciplined institution it was in years past. I listen to them profess or reflect on better times, those who speak of a better time in the history of the American Army. I listen to those with far fewer years than I tell me we are something less than what we were. Ladies and gentlemen, that's a bunch of crap. If you believe this institution we call the U.S. Armed Forces to be less than what it was, then all you need do is search inside yourself for what may be lacking. Maybe it's a dash of discipline.

Leadership, when properly applied, is not about winning a personality contest. It's about winning the hearts and minds of those we lead. It's inspiring those who will take our place. It's about asking yourself this question every darn day: Do your troops want to be like you, or are they laughing at you?

It's all about discipline. There are tough days ahead, but our troops are far more than equal to the task when led well. In my book, Schofield had it right. 

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Tal' Afar citizens not to be deterred

TAL'AFAR — In the wake of a terrorist bombing here March 28, Lt. Col. Malcolm Frost, commander of the 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, reiterated the town's success in not allowing the bombing to become a factor in undermining confidence in the government.

"The enemy has failed in their mission," he said. "They have tried to get us to take our eyes off what is important: 15 months of progress; 15 months of schools, medical clinics, an urban renewal program, a small business center, and an adult literacy program to name a few. Security remains strong, led by the IPs and the strong Tal' Afar leaders, and the people remain united. The enemy has failed to divide the people."

Iraqi civilians continue to team with Iraqi Security Forces and coalition troops to conduct around-the-clock humanitarian assistance missions.

Frost concurred with the cooperative nature of the ongoing recovery operations.

"The IA and IP are working hard together and the city is going back to its normal routine." 




MND-N security discussed at conference

TIKRIT — Security for Iraq's people, borders and oil led detailed discussions during a one-day security leaders' conference held March 14 at Contingency Operating Base Speicher.

"The leadership in this conference today represents a secure future for the people of northern Iraq. The situations in the northern provinces are diverse and difficult. Together with the dedicated and the brave Iraqi Army, provincial police and border police, we stand as one team and we will succeed in our security mission," said Maj. Gen. Benjamin Mixon, Multi-National Division-North commander.

Iraqi Army division commanders, provincial police chiefs, border point commanders and their coalition teammates focused on coming to a consensus for both short and long term security goals.

"It is essential that the Iraqi provincial security leaders receive support from the government of Iraq. Without this support, they cannot be successful," Mixon said. 




Coalition pressures VBIED network

BAGHDAD — Coalition Soldiers from eight brigade combat teams completed a nine-day sweep through the city to disrupt its vehicle-borne improvised explosive device network March 10.

The operation was designed to attack the terrorist command and control structure.

Over the course of the operation, which began March 2, coalition and Iraqi security forces struck 82 precision targets.


As a result, 24 terrorists were killed, four were wounded and 90 suspected terrorists were detained. Coalition forces also found or captured many weapons caches, including two aircraft bombs, one 500-lb MK-82 bomb, 50 155mm artillery shells, one complete 82mm mortar system with more than 100 rounds, four 122mm rockets, one DSHKA heavy machine gun, six rocket propelled grenades, two RPK light machine guns, 27 AK-47 assault rifles, five bolt action rifles, two shotguns, six pistols and numerous ammunition and other bomb making materials.

The operation included Soldiers from 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division; 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division; 2nd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division; 2nd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division; 2nd Brigade, 10th Mountain Division; 2nd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division; 4th Brigade, 25th Infantry Division; 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division; and other Special Operations forces. 



Airstrike leads to hostage rescue

BAGHDAD — An assessment by coalition forces following an airstrike in Arab Jabour led to the rescue of four Iraqi citizens and the uncovering of a terrorist weapons cache March 4. Four Iraqi citizens were liberated from a building near the site of the airstrike. According to one of the liberated hostages, the terrorists holding them captive fled immediately after the airstrike. All four hostages were treated on-site for various injuries. One of the hostages said he had been held captive for 50 days.

At the site of the airstrike, ground forces also found remnants of an anti-aircraft heavy machine gun, multiple rocket-propelled grenades and grenade launchers. 



Cpl. Lowell B. Williams, an infantryman with Tactical Recovery of Aircraft and Personnel Platoon, Headquarters Company, Reg for anything suspicious during a recent security patrol in Hit.

MARINE ARMOR SHOWS FORCE TO DISCOURAGE TERROR

Story, photos by
Marine Cpl. Adam Johnston
MNF-W PAO

Thirteen Marines and one Navy corpsman stand shoulder-to-shoulder. Upon receiving the command, they spread out on-line and push forward into the palm grove. A police call, one of the Marine Corps' oldest traditions, is underway.

Leaving no stone unturned, the group is vigilant — looking behind every bush and blade of grass for anything unusual. Along the way, they find numerous candy wrappers and other pieces of litter. But rather than police up the garbage, they simply disregard it and keep on walking.

Why? Because on this particular day, picking up trash is the least of their worries. Needless to say, this counterinsurgency battle won't win itself.



imental Combat Team 2, keeps an eye out

ROBUST ACTIVITY

Team Tank, which included Regimental Combat Team 2 Marines from various units, recently conducted a 36-hour operation approximately 10 km north of Hit, Iraq.

"Our objective was to disrupt any insurgent activity in the area," said 1st Lt. Danny James, the executive officer of Company A, 1st Tank Battalion, 1st Marine Division. "We achieved this by keeping the enemy on their heels through a series of offensive operations."

Army Gen. David H. Petraeus,



More than 50 pieces of various-sized ordnance, including these 82mm mortar rounds, were found by Team Tank during a recent operation north of Hit.

the commanding general of Multi-National Force-Iraq, discussed ongoing security operations in Iraq during a press briefing March 8.

"I should point out that although the focus — the priority — clearly is Baghdad, anyone who knows about securing the capital knows that you must also secure its surrounding areas," Petraeus said.

According to James, the same theme rings true for the city of Hit.

Team Tank was comprised of Marines from Mobile Assault Platoon, 4th Reconnaissance Battalion, Tactical Recovery of Aircraft and Personnel Platoon and 4th Combat Engineer Battalion.

"Tanks are limited to what they can do by themselves," James explained. "We can't just blow every house apart and expect to win this fight. That's where the dismount teams come in."

Sgt. Nate W.R. Jones, a combat engineer with Bravo Company, 4th CEB, was one of the dismounts for Team Tank. Using metal detectors, his squad swept along the riverbanks and through the palm groves searching for weapons caches and other illegal paraphernalia.

"Insurgents like to hide weapons by the river because it's easier to move them from one side to the other," Jones said. "Palm groves are also good hiding spots because, unlike the open desert, palm trees can mark the spot for any hidden caches."

As a direct result of the operation, more than 50 pieces of ordnance were uncovered. Though the majority of artillery and mortar rounds found contained no explosives, explosive ordnance disposal



A Team Tank convoy makes its presence known outside of Hit.

was still notified of the situation and brought on-scene to do what they do best.

"The enemy could easily repack the ordnance with (high explosives) and use it against us," Jones said. "Or they could dump it on the side of the road somewhere, using it to lure coalition forces into an IED attack."

In addition to going after the enemy, this operation also gave one corpsman the opportunity for some hands-on experience in a real-life situation.

"After searching this house, one of the guys called me over to look at this kid with a nasty cut over his eye," said Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Michael J. Fuchs, a corpsman with Co. A, 1st Tank Battalion. "It was pretty bad. There was all sorts of puss and nastiness coming from the wound."

Since arriving in-country October 2006, Fuchs hasn't been on many foot patrols. Much to his

dismay, most of the tank operations to date have been without dismounts.

"I cleaned the area, applied some antibiotics and re-dressed the wound," Fuchs said. "I also gave the parents some spare gauze to change the dressing with. If left unattended much longer, an injury like that could cost someone their eye."

Though he wished he could have gotten there sooner, Fuchs was just glad to do what he could to help.

"It's not like they've got Medicare or a health system over here," Fuchs said. "It's nice to be able to do my part — winning the hearts and minds. This is probably the best thing I've done the entire de-

ployment."

According to James, the Team Tank concept is an old one. But it hasn't been used this tour as much as he would have liked.

Considering its effectiveness,

James hopes to see more units jump on the Team Tank bandwagon in the near future.

"Team-ing up with dismounts is equally

beneficial for both sides involved," James said. "Through the sheer intimidation factor, tanks provide the dismounts with an unparalleled level of security. And on the flip side, the dismounts can do what tanks can't — interact with the locals and do detailed searches. It's a win-win situation for everyone." ©

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CAMP TAJI ESTONIANS CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE

PARTNERS IN FIGHT FOR IRAQI FREEDOM REFLECT ON THEIR OWN STRUGGLES

Story, photo by
Army Spc. Beatrice Florescu-Vila Verde
MNC-I PAO

The Estonian Soldiers of the Estpla 14, part of the Stone Unit attached to 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division celebrated Estonian Independence Day Feb. 24 at Camp Taji.

Soldiers formed up Saturday at 11 a.m. to salute and honor the memory of all those who fought for Estonian independence. Estonia fought many times for its independence and all the fallen heroes were honored and remembered on this day.

The Estonian flag was displayed in formation and on the Estpla 14 command center. The modern flag is white, light blue and dark blue.

"The Estonian soldier has been highly evaluated through history, because of his commitment, vigilance and professionalism. You are serving the Estonian state and you can be proud, as you are the best doing this hard and dangerous work far away from home," said Col. Riho Terras, Estonian NATO mission.

He remembered all the soldiers who have been fighting in different wars through the centuries. He said they gave their lives for the idea and principle of a free and independent Estonia.

Soldiers received awards in recognition of their hard work and commitment, including of coins and T-shirts with the platoon symbols.

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Col. Riho Terras
Estonian NATO mission

A Combat Action Badge was presented to Maj. Artur Lillenuurm, for an IED attack that occurred on patrol Dec. 17 and 18, 2006.

"Good job so far, same way further! It is a pleasure to work with you," said Lt. Rauno Raudsik, platoon leader, Estpla 14, Scouts.

Spc. Anthony Derr, one of two Soldiers with Troop B, 1/7 Cav., working with the Estonians' platoon, was presented a platoon T-shirt by the platoon leader to symbolize his integration in the unit.

The celebration continued with a display of the weaponry and equipment of the Estpla 14 Scouts.

A barbecue was held accompanied by Estonian music. ©

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Far left: A Soldier with Company C, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, provides security as Soldiers search a home in Adhamiya March 3. Photo by Army Sgt. Jeffrey Alexander.

Top right: Iraqi Army Emergency Services Unit soldiers search a car for explosives during Operation Agave L March 4. Photo by Air Force Master Sgt. Andy Dunaway.

Bottom right: A Bradley fighting vehicle from Explosive Ordnance Disposal I travels back to Forward Operating Base Taji after Soldiers in the unit detonated an IED Feb. 19. Photo by Army Sgt. Jeffrey Alexander.



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Iraqi SWAT team members warm up with stretching exercises before room clearing training Feb. 24 near Ad-Diwaniyah, Iraq. Photo by Army Sgt. Rob Summitt.



Top left: An Iraqi Army Soldier in the School of Infantry reassembles his rifle after cleaning it following training March 24 at Camp Yasser on Al Asad Air Base. Photo by Marine Lance Cpl. Michael L. Haas.

Far right: Iraqi Soldiers practice room-clearing procedures during classes conducted by Soldiers from Company C, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, at Forward Operating Base Apache, Feb. 28. Photo by Army Sgt. Jeffrey Alexander.


Near right: Korean soldiers from the Zaytun Division perform the Korean martial art tae kwon do during Operation Green Angel in Sebiran. Photo courtesy of Multi-National Division-Northeast.



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A full-page background image showing a soldier in silhouette, wearing a helmet and headset, looking out at a night scene with bright lights. The image is monochromatic, with a greenish-yellow tint. The soldier is in the foreground, looking towards the right. The background is filled with out-of-focus lights, suggesting a night operation or a city at night.

Spc. Lance Demeter, chinook repairman with 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, provides security from the rear door of his aircraft during a transportation mission Feb. 25. Photo by Army Sgt. Jeffrey Alexander.

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Top left: An Iraqi woman holds her daughter in a medical clinic following a massive truck bomb explosion in a market area in the city of Tal Afar March 29. Photo by Army Sgt. 1st Class Robert C. Brogan.

Top right: A soldier with 2nd Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 5th Iraqi Army Division hands out magazines to Iraqi citizens March 30 in Baqubah. Photo by Air Force Staff Sgt. Stacy L. Pearsall.

Bottom right: Sgt. 1st Class Donald Cartwright discusses tactical procedures with 1st Lt. Travis Bassett during a cordon and search mission March 2 in Adwaniya. Both are the leaders of White Platoon, Troop B, 1st Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade, 25th Infantry Division. Photo by Army Spc. Olanrewaju Akinwunmi.

Bottom left: A pair of Kurdish children play soccer on a playground constructed by Korea's Zaytun Division. Photo courtesy of Multi-National Division-Northeast.



Army Maj. Bruce Rivers, 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division surgeon, listens to a patient's lungs during a medical mission in central Baghdad March 24.

Haifa Hope

1st Cav Soldiers bring medical aid to beleaguered Baghdad neighborhood

Story, photos by
Army Sgt. 1st Class Kap Kim
MND-B PAO

As Haifa Street residents begin coming back out into the streets that were once too dangerous to step into, coalition troops and Iraqi security forces are beginning to lend a much needed hand in many of the basic needs.

So, with hundreds of medical supplies, a few Army medical Soldiers and an Iraqi doctor and nurse on hand, the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, used an elementary school to perform examinations on hundreds of local citizens during a medical mission in the Haifa Street district of Baghdad March 24.

"It's really good that they are doing this," said a

man who brought his daughter to the clinic. "With the security plan working now, we can come out again."

According to Maj. Bruce Rivers, 2nd Brigade's surgeon, there hasn't been a medical mission such as this in the Karkh District in a long time. Due to the violence there during the last two years, most of the hospitals and clinics were closed. So many of the people there have had to do with out.

"The goal of this medical mission was to improve on the confidence of the Iraqi people of their medical system," he said. "What I envisioned was both the Iraqi doctors and ISF medical personnel being here."

Within a five-hour period, the team saw more than 230 patients, mostly women and children, according to Rivers.

"We treated anything from high blood pressure



Sgt. 1st Class Rich Wright, 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division Civil Affairs, hands off medical supplies to other Soldiers before the mission.



Army Pfc. Roxxanne Nissen, Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division medic, shows a smaller patient where Rivers wants to look.

and diabetes to respiratory infections and urinary tract infections," he said.

Yet there were many cases with which the medical team could not help.

"There were people we could not help," he said. "Their problems were beyond the scope of what we can do."

He said his plan is to work with the National Iraqi Assistance Center and other organizations to seek further care for the people they could not help.

With hundreds of people waiting in line, a team of medics from Troop B, 4th Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment, worked with interpreters to screen patients.

Spc. Marc Allen, a 4/9 Cav. medic, personally screened more than 100 patients before sending them to one of the rooms inside the makeshift exam area.

Capt. Christopher Dawson, Troop B commander, said missions like this are extremely important

because it should be used as a model for future operations.

"The bottom line is that we are (eventually) going away," he said. "We are here supplementing what the (ISF) will plan in the future."

According to Dawson, the medical mission wasn't designed to treat everyone. It was to treat those who could be treated. For the rest, it was supposed to get them by until they could seek proper medical attention.


His troop, along with the local Iraqi National Police, provides security to the hundreds of residents who came to seek medical attention.

"We've been doing a few hu-

manitarian missions with the security being better," Dawson said. "And in the past couple of months, it's gotten better ... they are thirsting for security here. We started the constant presence — day-to-day you can see the little

stuff, but that little stuff adds up."

According to Capt. Gene Palka, 4/9 Cav.'s operations officer, the medical mission went well. In the future, Rivers said he hopes that hospitals and clinics will eventually start opening up in that area because the people there really need the medical attention.

"The people really like us being there," he said. "Every time we go, we get a really warm reception." 

"In the past couple months, it's gotten better ... they are thirsting for security here."

**Army Capt. Christopher Dawson
commander, Troop B, 4/9 Cav.**

CSI: Barwanah

Marines use investigative techniques to fight insurgency

Story, photos by
Marine Staff Sgt. T.G. Kessler
MNF-W PAO

Marines are using crime scene investigation techniques to help combat insurgents in ongoing operations in Iraq.

Though not like the popular television shows, crime scene investigation is being used to uncover possible insurgents in the Barwanah area and put them behind bars.

According to Staff Sgt. James Breslin, a Marine with the sensitive site exploitation team with Battalion Landing Team 2/4, he and his fellow Marines can process a crime scene using modern evidence collecting procedures to help uncover possible weapons and the people who've used them.

If a house or a vehicle is searched and weapons or explosives are found, Breslin and his Marines go over the area with a fine-tooth comb, collecting all evidence of possible insurgent activity.

"If (the insurgents) are making a new kind of IED that means there is a new bad guy in town and we're looking for stuff that coincides with that IED," said Breslin. "Certain components of an IED specify a certain type of maker or cell. If we find that (material) in someone's house, then we have enough evidence to



Cpl. Lucas Shook, a sensitive site exploitation Marine with Battalion Landing Team 2/4, searches an Iraqi.

hold them," Breslin added.

Since the evidence he and his Marines collect is used to prosecute criminals in Iraqi courts, it is imperative the evidence collected is done so properly. As a result of their investigations, possible insurgents can be jailed from a few years to life, he explained.

From the beginning of operations, the SSE team has processed roughly 50 different scenes involving possible insurgents.

Most notably was a case where four men were found placing an IED. As a result of the SSE's work, two of the men were given the death penalty, one received a life sentence, and the other received several years in prison.

Insurgents are smart about what they are doing and they make sure not to leave fingerprints or DNA, it just means the team will have to dig deeper to find the evidence they need.

"A good example is when we first got here. We found a car suspected of being a sniper-car. We did the SSE on that vehicle—we got the fingerprints, we got the pictures and recreated the crime scene and sent the information off. It was then decided it was indeed a sniper vehicle," said Breslin.

Breslin explained many infantry units conduct SSE on their own from within the unit. Though the units

are capable of doing the job, a dedicated SSE team allows the unit to do its job without getting bogged down in the extremely thorough searches and lengthy paperwork involved in the investigation process.

"All the units have to do is a hasty search, turn the objective over to us to do the more thorough search, the paperwork and the stuff that can be a pain for them to do," said Breslin. They have to do the cordon, the search and provide security. Then try to do SSE at the same time—a lot of times the manpower isn't there. We can alleviate a lot of headaches for the units out there.

For Sgt. Rodolfo Pena, platoon sergeant for the SSE team, the most rewarding part of his job is being able to find and take away the bad guys that might be operating in the area.

Using what he has been taught to gather evidence against possible insurgents, Pena likes knowing what he does can take dangerous people off of the streets and keep weapons from being used against coalition


forces operating in the area.

"We get to take away all of the weapons and munitions that harm us and take the (possible insurgent) into custody. I think that makes it safer for us and the Iraqi people around here. That's the most rewarding part of my job," said Pena, a San Jose, Calif., native.

There is no normal day for the team. Some days they will patrol on their own or will attach themselves to one of the units operating in the area, explained Pena.

One thing is certain, however: the days can tend to be very long.

Leaving in the morning and coming back to the camp sometimes after midnight is just part of the job for Pena and his fellow Marines.

"It comes with the job. Whenever we're needed, we go and we don't mind. My Marines don't mind the hours," said Pena. "We've been pulled out of here at night and don't come home until the next morning, but we don't mind." 

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Marines with the sensitive site exploitation team, Battalion Landing Team 2/4, search a vehicle at a checkpoint in Barwanah.





Sgt. Nichole Edgerton, a flight medic with Company C, 2nd Battalion, 135th Aviation Regiment, cleans a litter after moving a patient from FOB Warhorse to a hospital in Balad.

THE GOLDEN HOUR

**Balad MEDEVAC crew gives
patients a fighting chance**

Story, photos by
Army Staff Sgt. Lorin T. Smith
36th CAB PAO

Saving lives one breath and one heartbeat at a time is the mission statement for the medics, crew chiefs and pilots of Company C, 2nd Battalion, 135th Aviation Regiment, 36th Combat Aviation Brigade. The 88 Soldiers of call sign "Cutter MEDEVAC" risk their own lives to help American Soldiers, coalition forces, Iraqi police, civilians and even insurgents in and around Balad get the medical care they could never receive otherwise.

In what is referred to as the "Golden Hour," the Cutter crews do their best to move a patient from the combat zone to a hospital bed in 60 minutes or less.

The medical evacuation Soldiers said the real heroes are the men and women who are in contact with the enemy every day, but the more than 1,500 patients they have moved to hospitals throughout Iraqi might think differently.

Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne said the reason that Soldiers in Iraq have the highest survivability rates of any American war is because of the MEDEVAC helicopter crews. Soldiers wounded in Iraq have a 90 percent chance of surviving, which is 10 points higher than in the 1991 Persian Gulf War, according to www.military.com.

This does not come as a surprise to Sgt. Nichole Edgerton, a flight medic in Co. C who has almost everything at her fingertips in a HH-60 helicopter that a hospital surgical room would have. One example is a defibrillating monitoring machine, which displays a patient's heart rate. If the patient goes into cardiac arrest, she can use the machine to get the heart back to its normal rate while in flight. The medics also have a giant "A Bag" packed full of medical supplies including tourniquets, field dressings, syringes and a variety of medications used in trauma cases.

Co. C is located across the runway from the rest of the brigade near the Balad hospital. The unit's compound provides most of the amenities of a small post. Hidden inside the T-walls is a coffee shop designed like the "Central Perk" from the television show Friends. Named "Original Java", this café is replete with University of Nebraska gear displayed alongside disabled .50-caliber machine guns and AK-47s.

Across from the coffeehouse is a gym and the unit's own dining facility. Cooks from 2nd Bn., 135th Avn. Regt., bring a variety of foods

from the larger DFACs around the base to the compound so MEDEVAC Soldiers can eat and still be able to run to their aircraft if a call comes to move out. The unit has constructed a ready room where the on-call crew can watch movies or play video games. There is also a crew sleeping room.

"They provide us the best so we can be our best," said Pfc. Benjamin Mattox, flight surgeon.

The unit has flown more than 1,000 MEDEVAC missions in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 06-08.

The MEDEVAC mission can be one of the most dangerous missions a pilot experiences while serving in Iraq. The crews have less than 10 minutes from receiving a MEDEVAC call to get the helicopter off the ground.

Recently, the company showed what it could do with that "Golden Hour."

A calm and collected voice echoed three words over the radio - "MEDEVAC, MEDEVAC, MEDEVAC."

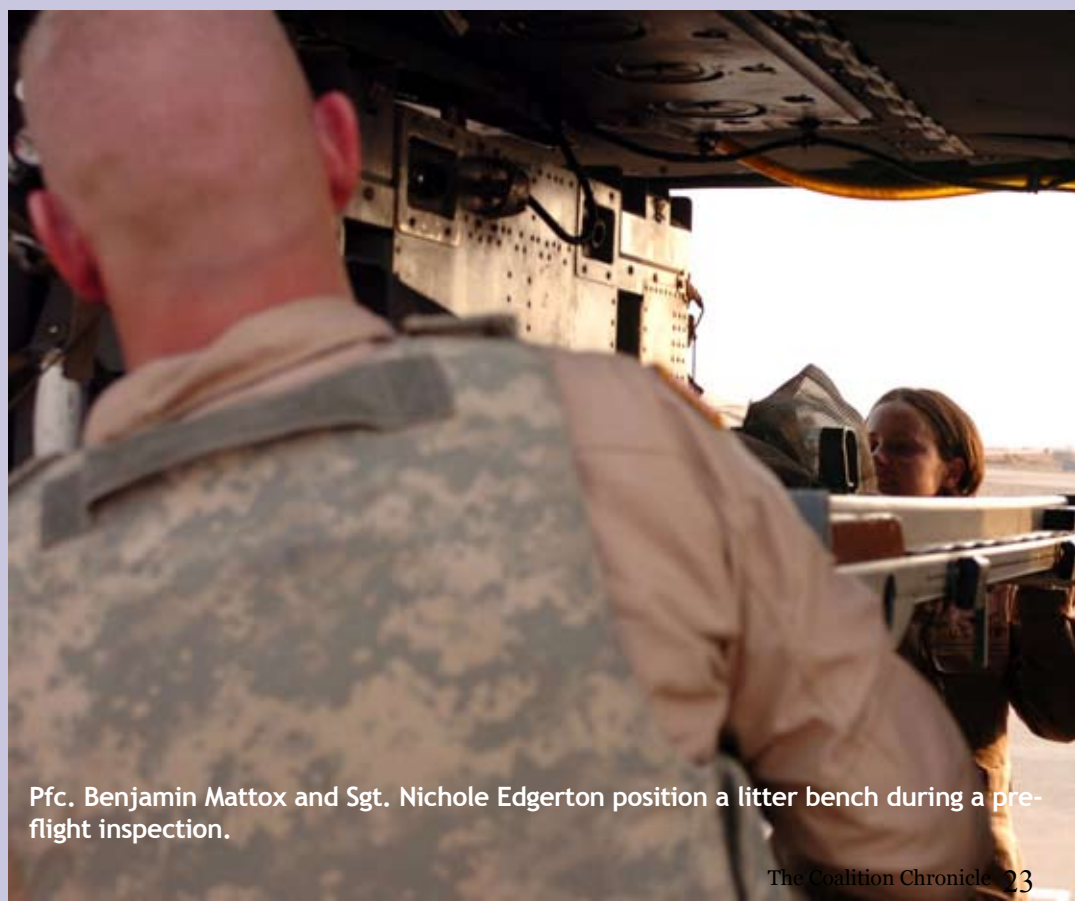
Edgerton and the rest of the group dropped their game controllers, books and computer mice

when it came. Chief Warrant Officer William Jepsen, pilot, and Edgerton headed to the flight operations office to find the location and condition of the

wounded they would be evacuating. They learned an Iraqi policeman was shot in the shoulder, and had been treated by medics at Forward Operating Base Warhorse outside Baghdad.

Meanwhile, 1st Lt. Cory May,

Edgerton swiftly moved from head to toe, constantly checking the patient's vital signs on the defibrillating monitor.



Pfc. Benjamin Mattox and Sgt. Nichole Edgerton position a litter bench during a pre-flight inspection.



Personnel from Forward Operating Base Warhorse move a patient from an ambulance to a MEDEVAC helicopter from Company C, 2nd Battalion, 135th Aviation Regiment, 36th Combat Aviation Brigade. The patient was transported to a Balad hospital.

pilot, and Mattox sprinted to the helicopter at the same time. They sped through the pre-flight checklist. They were aware that if they delayed, a patient could die. Two minutes passed, and both Jepsen and Edgerton were at the aircraft.

At the third minute, Edgerton checked the oxygen mask and tank; Mattox checked a magazine on his M-4 rifle. All four crew members were in the aircraft, buckled in and ready to fly. In the fourth minute, Jepsen coordinated with Balad Air Base's tower for flight clearance, and May had the Blackhawk in the air. The race to save a life was on.

May flew the aircraft low and fast in the sky, making a beeline for FOB Warhorse. Within 15 minutes, he landed the helicopter, and the Army medics on the ground had a medical Humvee waiting with the police officer on a litter. Edgerton jumped from the aircraft and discussed the patient's wounds with one of the medics.

The situation Edgerton found on the ground was exactly what was

reported to the flight operations cell back at Logistical Support Area Anaconda — an Iraqi male, in his 40s, with a gunshot wound to the shoulder. Mattox and Edgerton helped the FOB Warhorse medics load the man into the helicopter, and Sgt. Edgerton went to work.

The wounded man barely stirred during the flight back to the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Hospital in Balad. Edgerton swiftly moved from head to toe, constantly checking the patient's vital signs on the defibrillating monitor.

She had placed an oxygen mask on the man's mouth to help him breathe. Once the helicopter reached the hospital in Balad, Air Force medical personnel were at the helo pad, ready to rush the police officer into the emergency room.

Edgerton went into the hospital with the patient to inform the medical staff about the casualty's condition. At the same time, Mattox went to the building's entrance to pick up another litter from a pile

of what looked like hundreds. The helicopter must have the same number of litters it left with, so Mattox grabbed one, hoisted it on his shoulder, and briskly walked back to the aircraft to replace the one in use.

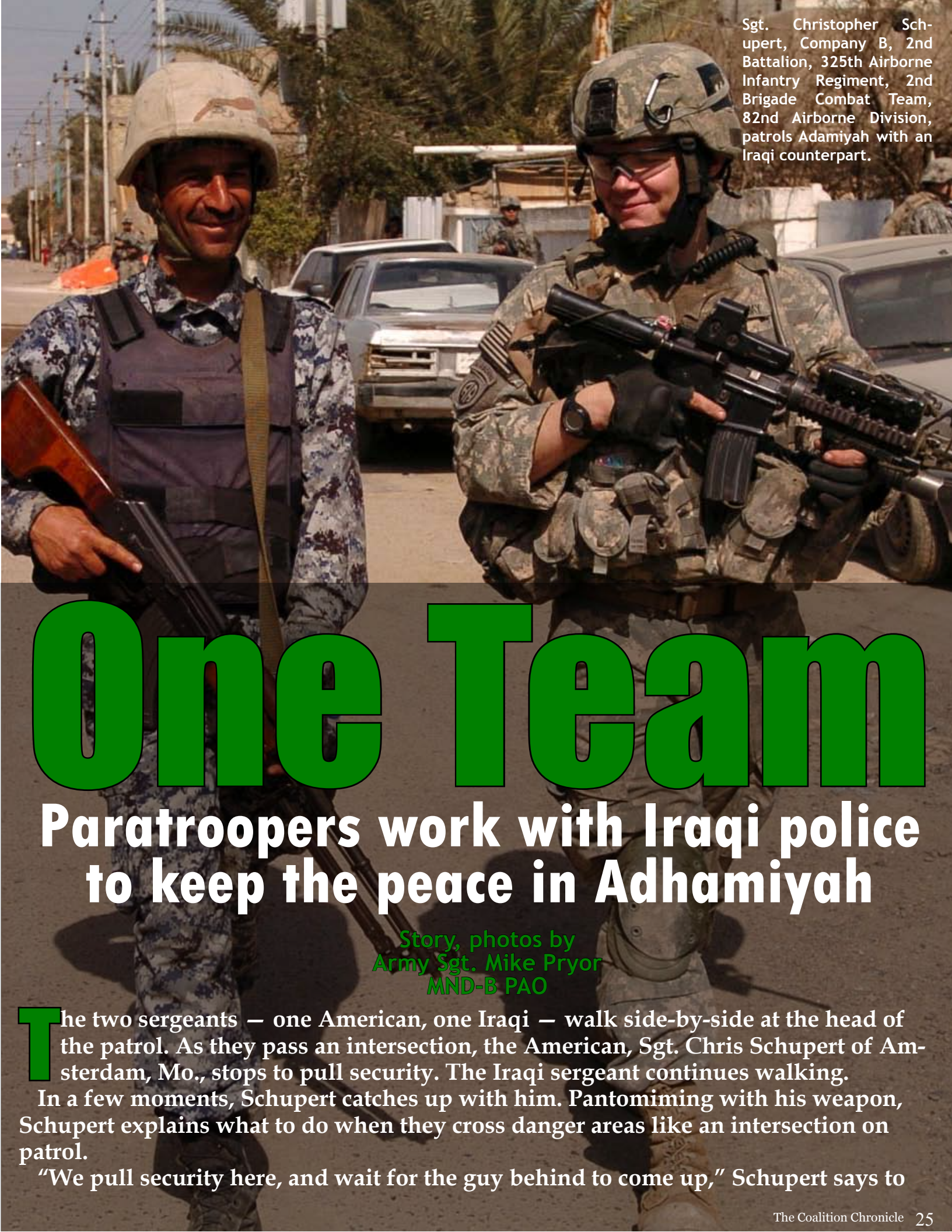
He strapped it in its proper location and stood by the helicopter waiting for Edgerton to return. Minutes later, she was back at the aircraft, and the crew returned to the Co. C compound. The entire mission took 35 minutes, well inside that "Golden Hour."

The crew moved back to the flight operations cell to conduct an after action review and debrief what happened.

"He should be okay," Edgerton said. "My favorite part of a mission is the debrief, because that means it's over," she said with an expression of relief on her face.

The mission was over, but the Soldiers knew another could come at any moment.

"This is what we are trained to do and what we do best," Edgerton said. ☺



Sgt. Christopher Schupert, Company B, 2nd Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, patrols Adamiyah with an Iraqi counterpart.

One Team

Paratroopers work with Iraqi police to keep the peace in Adhamiyah

Story, photos by
Army Sgt. Mike Pryor
MND-B PAO

The two sergeants — one American, one Iraqi — walk side-by-side at the head of the patrol. As they pass an intersection, the American, Sgt. Chris Schupert of Amsterdam, Mo., stops to pull security. The Iraqi sergeant continues walking.

In a few moments, Schupert catches up with him. Pantomiming with his weapon, Schupert explains what to do when they cross danger areas like an intersection on patrol.

“We pull security here, and wait for the guy behind to come up,” Schupert says to



Sgt. John Reed, a squad leader with Company B, 2nd Battalion, 325th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, pauses with his Iraqi counterpart before moving out on a joint patrol through Baghdad's Adhamiyah security district.

the Iraqi. The Iraqi Sergeant nods in understanding.

At the next crossing the Iraqi Sergeant moves quickly across the road, pausing on the other side to provide cover until Schupert has crossed. After he's relieved, he falls back into step with Schupert, who gives him a grin and a clap on the back.

Helping Iraqi security forces to make these kinds of small but important improvements is one of the main objectives of combined U.S.-Iraqi patrols. Paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne Division's 2nd Battalion, 325th Parachute Infantry Regiment and Iraqi police officers from the 2nd Battalion, 8th Brigade, 2nd Iraqi National Police Division began conducting joint security patrols in Baghdad's Adhamiyah

security district recently.

"The intention is to start showing these guys how we do patrols, so they can start doing it on their own," said Sgt. 1st Class Jorge Mazuela, a platoon sergeant with Company B, 2/325 PIR.

The White Falcons, based at Fort Bragg, N.C., have been operating in Adhamiyah since early February. They were part of the first wave of

"surge" forces sent into Baghdad to improve the security situation in

Iraq's beleaguered capital. As the troops from Fort Bragg moved into sector, initial clearing operations were mainly done by U.S. forces. But a strong presence by Iraqi security forces is critical to holding areas now under con-

trol and sustaining the momentum provided by the surge.

"On missions, they would pile into trucks, drive to their objectives, hit their targets, and head home. That all changed with the new security plan."

**Army Staff Sgt. Phillip Cooper
squad leader**



Sgt. Christopher Schupert, Company B, 2nd Battalion, 325th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, shares techniques with Sgt. Salaam, a squad leader with the 2nd Battalion, 8th Brigade, 2nd Iraqi National Police Division, during a joint patrol in Baghdad's Adhamiyah security district.

Under the new security plan, called Operation Fardh Al-Qa-noon, the streets of Baghdad are being flooded with Iraqi Army troops, local Baghdad police officers and Iraqi national police. U.S. Forces are conducting combined operations with all three components, but the White Falcons have been conducting the majority of their joint patrols with the national policemen.

In the past, Iraqi national police units functioned like American SWAT teams, said Staff Sgt. Phillip Cooper, a squad leader with Co. B.

"On missions, they would pile into trucks, drive to their objectives, hit their targets, and head home. That all changed with the new security plan," Cooper said. "Now, INP units are being told to patrol the streets on foot."

To help with that transition, they are partnering with experts on dismounted urban operations like the White Falcons.

Pfc. Branigan Kerr, a rifleman with Co. B. said the tactics the

White Falcons have been demonstrating include movement techniques, procedures to maintain 360-degree security, how to identify people who need to be searched, how to stop cars, and what to look for when checking a car for bombs, among other things.

"It works for us, and we're pretty sure it will work for them," Kerr said.

The White Falcons are also giving the INP pointers on how to plan and coordinate their own missions, Mazuela said.

"We want them to have an organized plan that gets passed out to everyone in their element," he said.

The atmosphere before the White Falcons' patrol with police from the 2-8-2 INP was reminiscent of a first day at school. As the paratroopers were paired off with counterparts from the police, there were some awkward, getting-to-know you moments.


But pretty soon the Iraqis and Americans were handling each others' weapons, talking about

their kids and cracking jokes with each other.

Once the squads had been integrated, the patrol moved out. The Iraqis were casual at first, some lighting cigarettes or sitting down to rest on halts. But after coaching by the paratroopers, they gradually adjusted their focus. Soon they were taking the lead, stepping out into the streets to halt traffic at road crossings and searching vehicles while the Americans held back.

"They're catching on fast," Schupert said when it was over.

Before they split up for the day, the paratroopers and police sat down and reviewed how the patrol had gone. They talked about what had gone right, and where there was room for improvement. Then the INP got into pick-ups and drove off, leaving the paratroopers alone.

Real progress would take time and the White Falcons had to be prepared take the time to make it work, Mazuela said. 

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