

Teaching Iraqi Army first responders

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CAMP TAJI, Iraq — The two Iraqi Soldiers struggle and sweat as they attempt to lift their fallen comrade suffering from an exposed abdominal wound.

Keeping a watchful eye on the proceedings are medics from the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, observing to see if they utilize the proper techniques.

Eventually the wounded is bandaged and carried to safety in quick time; successfully completing their first aid training.

This was the scenario for the medics as they taught Soldiers from the Iraqi Army 34th Armored Brigade necessary first aid procedures, here, Oct. 12, to prepare them in the event of real life injuries.

The training helps sustain the brigade's proficiency with first aid basics, said Sgt. 1st Class James Neel, from Camp Lejeune, N.C., the medical noncommissioned officer in charge.

“The training has been outstanding. A few of them are having this taught to them the first time out here, but they are catching on quickly,” Neel said. “They should be able to use the skills if they ever come across a casualty.”

Neel said they taught the Iraqi's the two phases of care the U.S. Army uses, which are care under fire and field care.

“Care under fire is when they're under effective hostile fire and have to utilize certain

medical procedures during that time,” Neel said. “First and foremost is a tourniquet because massive hemorrhages are the biggest killer on the battlefield.”

The Iraqi's then transitioned to tactical field care, which taught them how to dress wounds, make a splint and care for abdominal wounds.

“Very much the basics of first aid,” Neel said.

Having U.S. Army assistance makes a difference overall, Neel added.

“If we mentor them, then they learn how to do it right,”

Neel said. “Hopefully the next time I see them training it will be more hands-on based with lane training, instead of classroom instruction and power point slides.”

The guidance from Neel was appreciated by Col. Ali Hussein Sameer, training manager, 34th IA Armor Bde., who said first aid training is always a key to successful soldiering.

“Medical training is important for them because it gives them a guarantee to save their fellow warriors lives,” Sameer said. “This will make them successful in war because medical

units are so important.”

Sameer said many of those training are skilled medics, but not all involved had received extensive first aid courses.

“After this I hope they will all be qualified to do their job as medics,” Sameer said.

Having the U.S. Army to assist is a benefit that Sameer said he is pleased to use.

“The U.S. Army has given us a lot of advanced information in addition to the medical expertise we already have,” Sameer said. “We have gained a lot from their medics and Soldiers.”



Photo by Sgt. Alun Thomas

Staff Sgt. Matthew Kolakowski (center), from Lakewood, Wis., the brigade's surgeon noncommissioned officer in charge, 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, displays how to correctly wrap a bandage on an abdominal wound to Soldiers from the 34th Iraqi Army Armored Brigade during basic first aid training, Oct. 12.

Soldiers teach IA medical procedures

Photos by Pfc. Adam Halleck
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CAMP TAJI, Iraq- Naples, Fla. native, Sgt. John Juhnke (right), a combat medic with 1st Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, watches as soldiers from the 37th Brigade, 9th Iraqi Army Division practice the proper application of a tourniquet, here, Oct. 10.



Naples, Fla. Native, Sgt. John Juhnke (right), a combat medic, applies a tourniquet to Sgt. 1st Class Ward Wright, during medical training, Oct. 10.



An Iraqi Army soldier assigned to the 37th Brigade, 9th Iraqi Army Division takes notes during medical procedures training, Oct. 10. The medical training is one of many classes the Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division conduct in the week long Tiger Academy held here, north of Baghdad

Mechanic's Corner: Check your vehicle's status

By Spc. Howard Alperin
MND-B PAO

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Driving a vehicle in four-wheel drive when it should have been in two-wheel drive is not the best of circumstances.

As soon as the driver finds out of the mistake, they're left with an awkward feeling that is compounded when they realize the vehicle was driven like that for a long period of time. Usually, the first thoughts are concern for the vehicle and finding out whether damage was done.

If there is damage and problems exist, the vehicle will show certain tendencies.

"MRAPs [Mine-Resistant Ambush-Protected vehicles] come in and they're reporting that they couldn't get over 30 miles per hour, they were having problems stopping, or there's trouble driving on paved roads and the vehicle didn't respond correctly," said Spc. Charles Marshall, a light-wheel mechanic, from Wheeling, W.Va., assigned to quality control,

Headquarters Support Company, Division Special Troops Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division. "They had engaged the transfer case and turned the four-wheel drive on and didn't realize it."

The problem with Soldiers not using the proper drive status for the proper terrain mostly effects the transmission and the transfer case, which changes the range in the gears.

It begins with the vehicle losing power from the transmission to the wheels, but also causes the back of the transmission to become stripped of its grooves, Charles said.

There was one incident in which a transfer case completely fell out because all of its bolts snapped off.

"Excessive torque from the transfer case to the front axle causes unnecessary wear and tear," said Sgt. Michael Clark, quality control and assurance shop foreman, from Arlington, Texas. "It's [four-wheel drive] only made for when you're in rough terrain

or in a rut."

According to Charles, transfer case problems come from neglect.

"They are not checking their settings before they start to drive," emphasized Charles.

It is a problem easily corrected.

"For an MRAP, it's simply flipping a switch, for a humvee, it's by shifting a lever."

The switches for the gears are delicate though and can be activated without the driver's knowledge. Soldiers need to be careful of accidentally tapping the gear switch, said Sgt. Christopher Kendall, a light-wheeled mechanic, from York, Pa., assigned to quality control. They carry so much gear on their person and in the vehicle, a switch is pressed and no one is aware of it.

The same principle applies to humvees. Mechanics warn to be careful when disengaging the brakes or shifting the humvee from park to drive because the hand is close to the transfer case



Photo by Spc. Howard Alperin

Sgt. Abraham Kay, a motor pool maintenance squad leader, points to the mode panel on the transmission control module inside a Mine-Resistant Ambush-Protected vehicle, here, Oct. 12.

controls and can accidentally put the vehicle into four-wheel drive.

Helping hand for Rashid elementary school

By Spc. Kelly LeCompte
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BAGHDAD — Children at a girl's school in the Rashid district of southern Baghdad, received school supplies from

Iraqi Federal Police during a visit to the school, thanks to efforts from Soldiers of Company A, 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team.

U.S. Soldiers gave new

back packs stuffed with pencils, pencil sharpeners and educational materials to Iraqi police officers of the 2nd Federal Police Division, to hand to the students of al-Imtithal Elementary School.

The Soldiers also gave soccer balls, crayons, coloring books and office supplies to the school's principal, Eman Ibrahim Hussein, to distribute and use later.

"It's a great thing to be able to do this," said one Iraqi police officer. "We need to do more of this. It's win-win for everybody."

Hussein accompanied the group as they visited each classroom.

Children smiled and giggled as the Iraqi police of-

ficers presented each child with the items.

"It was nice to see the Federal Police working with the schools and see the children being comfortable around the Federal Police," said 1st Lt. Troy Smith, from Charlotte, N.C.

"It's important to have that interaction."

The students in each class called out a unanimous thank you as the group left one classroom to go to the next.

Hussein said the students were very happy to receive the gifts, and thanked both Iraqi and American forces as they were leaving.

"They are so happy," she said. "Thank you. You are welcome here any time."



Photo by Spc. Kelly LeCompte

Capt. Ricardo Maldonado, from Topeka, Kan., talks with students after the children received school supplies from U.S. and Iraqi forces, Oct. 12.

On This Day In History

October 16, 1991

Handguns in Texas

On a Wednesday afternoon in Killeen, Texas, George Jo Hennard drives his pickup truck through the plate-glass window of Luby's Cafeteria and begins firing indiscriminately into the crowded restaurant with a semi-automatic pistol. The deranged Hennard killed 22 people and wounded 20, one fatally, before turning the gun on himself.

Present in the restaurant was Suzanna Gratia, who narrowly escaped being shot but whose mother and father were killed. Gratia had her own gun with her that day but had left it locked in her car as required by Texas state law. After recovering from the tragedy, Gratia became a fierce advocate of the right to carry concealed handguns in public places and led a popular movement that resulted in the approval of the Texas Concealed Handgun License Act in 1995. In 1996, she was elected to the Texas House of Representatives as Suzanna Gratia-Hupp and continued to be a vocal proponent of the right to bear arms.

FAMOUS FEATS OF CHUCK NORRIS



DID YOU KNOW?

The Bermuda Triangle used to be the Bermuda Square, until Chuck Norris Roundhouse kicked one of the corners off.

MND-B Pic of the day!



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Alex Licea, 3rd BCT PAO

BAGHDAD – Col. Timothy McGuire (left), commander of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, congratulates a group of Paratroopers during an end of tour award ceremony, Oct. 11, at Joint Security Station Zafaraniya.



Quote For Today

"The years teach much which the days never know."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson —

Iraq 3-Day Weather Report



Today
96° F | 69° F



Tomorrow
87° F | 62° F



Sunday
91° F | 66° F

TRIVIA TIME!!

The country of the world with the most internet users is, of course, the United States with 154 million. Which country is next, with 39 million internet users?

Last Issue's Answer: WILT CHAMBERLAIN

Cav Round-Up radio newscast available

MND-B PAO

BAGHDAD — The Cav Round-Up is a three-minute radio newscast from Baghdad covering military units and events across Multi-National Division — Baghdad.

Today's Cav Round-Up # 177 was produced by SGT Lisa Heise, MND-B Public Affairs Office.

This newscast includes the following stories:

1. Soldiers work with the Sons of Iraq to make sure they have what they need to continue providing support for the area around Taji.

It's these relationships that help the men form a bond and build trust between the Iraqis and Americans.

2. Soldiers of the 82nd Airborne Division and 11th Iraqi Army Division work together and play together as they go into semi-final games

of the Panther Soccer tournament at Combat Outpost Carver, in southern Baghdad.

The teams are a mixture of Iraqi and American Soldiers. All athletes have matching uniforms.

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Trigger's Teasers

The objective of the game is to fill all the blank squares in a game with the correct numbers. There are three very simple constraints to follow: **Every row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order. Every column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order. Every 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9.**

Every Sudoku game begins with a number of squares already filled in, and the difficulty of each game is largely a function of how many squares are filled in. The more squares that are known, the easier it is to figure out which numbers go in the open squares. As you fill in squares correctly, options for the remaining squares are narrowed and it becomes easier to fill them in.

Yesterday's Answers

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

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				9	4	6		



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