

Cav medics rush to aid local man

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BAGHDAD — In between the long, daily tasks associated with patrolling the dangerous areas north of Baghdad, U.S. troops of have added another way to accomplish their mission of protecting the people of Iraq by saving lives along the Baghdad-Mosul highway.

“Our joint security station sits right on top of one of the busiest roads in all of Iraq,” said Capt. Johnathan Westbrook, commander for Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, attached to 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division. “The locals call it the Baghdad-Mosul Highway.”

As with all major highways, wrecks and other accidents sometimes occur. The medics at JSS Mushada, here, led by the battalion physician’s assistant, Capt. Leon Richardson, from San Antonio, Texas, have provided assistance to several Iraqi’s these past months.”

During a promotion ceremony, Oct. 17, the Americans received a call about an Iraqi man who had severely injured his hand while repairing his generator. Within two minutes of receiving the call, Richardson and his medics were treating him in their trailer aid station.

By working quickly, the medics were able to assess and stabilize him, call in a medical helicopter, load him into a waiting vehicle and to move him to the helicopter landing zone in only twenty minutes.

Despite the busy, rush hour

traffic along the Baghdad-Mosul Highway, the Soldiers cordoned off a 500 meter stretch of road and prepared a hasty landing zone for the helicopters.

Once loaded on the helicopter, the victim was evacuated to the U.S. hospital in Balad, Iraq, some 40 miles north. The Soldiers also arranged for his uninjured son accompanying him for support.

“I cannot think of a better way to welcome ourselves to the neighborhood than this” said 1st Lt. Joseph Laber, the company fire support officer from Killeen, Texas.

Since the battalion began operations in the Tarmiyah area, just north of Baghdad, on Sept. 1,

2009, the U.S. troops have treated nine Iraqis injured due to vehicle accidents. Five of them required medical evacuation by helicopter. One involved a two-year-old boy who was brought in for second degree burns sustained when his father accidentally knocked over a propane tank which then exploded and burned both of them.

During the month of September, five other injured Iraqis were brought to JSS Mushada aid station by the Iraqi Police also stationed there. They were injured when their vehicle blew a tire on the Baghdad-to-Mosul highway and rolled five times before coming to a stop.

The medics treated all the

victims, three of which had serious injuries. Those with the most serious injuries were stabilized and evacuated to a nearby hospital; the other two were treated and released.

“This kind of an event in the U.S. would be a major trauma case for any hospital E.R., with multiple doctors and a dozen nurses. Capt. Richardson and his crew of four handled all this trauma with only basic equipment, in a small trailer,” said Lt. Col. Scott Jackson, the battalion commander.

“As ‘Doc’ Richardson told me later, he looked up at one point to see his enlisted medics totally in control and treating the other trauma patient.



Photo by 1st Lt. Aaron Guenther

Soldiers of Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, attached to 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division rush an injured Iraqi male to awaiting U.S. helicopters, Oct. 17.

Engineers construct new control center

Photos by Spc. Howard Alperin, MND-B PAO



BAGHDAD – Spc. Paul Ring (forefront), an electrician and Pfc. Chris McCrea assigned to the 1434th Company, attached to the 101st Engineer Battalion, 225th Engineer Brigade, nail in paneling on the inside of the landing control building for helicopter operations of the Multi-National Division—Baghdad command pad, here, Oct. 19.



Staff Sgt. Joseph Pigeon, project supervisor, assigned to the 1434th Company, attached to the 101st Engineer Battalion, 225th Engineer Brigade, uses a chop saw to cut pieces of wood that make up the railing of a deck, here, Oct. 19. The deck will be used as a waiting area for people getting ready to leave on helicopter flights from the Multi-National Division—Baghdad command helicopter pad.



Spc. Jonathan Klump (left), a carpenter, from Sterling, Mich., and Spc. Brian Long (right), an electrician, from Benzonia, Mich., use a chalk line tool to mark a piece of plywood, Oct. 19.

Three P's for Peace campaign in Yusifiyah

By Spc. Ruth McClary
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BAGHDAD — Throughout this most recent deployment to Iraq, the families and employers of West Virginia National Guard Soldiers have been making contributions toward a huge campaign to help the less advantaged in Iraq.

School supplies to include back packs, stickers, glue, tape, pens, paper and pencils have been pouring in since Soldiers of the 150th Armored Reconnaissance Squadron, 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team requested aid when they arrived, here, in May.

With the first of many deliveries, the Soldiers began distributing supplies collected during the "Three P's for Peace" campaign to children in Yusifiyah, south of Baghdad, Oct. 15.

The campaign got its name when the squadron's executive officer, Maj. Chris Selvey, and members of his church wanted to focus on the essential items needed for school; pens, paper and pencils.

"When I read that Iraqi kids were not allowed to attend school without supplies, I took it personal and thought, 'What if that were my son,'" said Selvey, a member of Fayetteville Baptist Church in Fayetteville, W. Va.

"Kathy Arritt from my church spearheaded the campaign and took it to another level," said Selvey. "It was incorporated into the vacation Bible school class where kids were asked to bring in a pack of pencils or paper to help Iraqi kids just like them."

The squadron's command sent letters to the squadron's troops asking their family and friends to contribute to the campaign. The squadron's chaplain, Capt. Mike Allen, of Parkersburg, W. Va., stored and



Photo by Spc. Ruth McClary

A box holds literacy kit supplies donated from the United States Agency of International Development for schools in the Yusifiyah region, south of Baghdad. The kit contains grade specific Arabic lesson plans and books for students.

organized the supplies, which filled up several offices and two rail cars, until the Soldiers were able to begin distributing the supplies.

Several of the Soldiers' churches donated supplies. Members of Allen's church, Grace Gospel Baptist, along with members of 2nd Lt. James Coffey, II's church, Teays Valley Missionary Baptist located in Hurricane, W. Va., donated large amounts of supplies.

"My church youth group sent five priority boxes of colored pencils," said Coffey. "Crayons melt so that's why they focused on pencils instead. They sent probably a thousand dollars worth of pencils."

The civil affairs unit attached to the 30th Brigade received several bins of book bags from Humanitarian Assistance, a government sponsored program that distributes supplies to CA teams to cover people's basic needs: food, water and shelter. Water filters, blankets and heaters were also donated from this

fund and will be next in line for the team to distribute.

"We pulled out 150 back packs for the first few drops and we still have several bins of supplies to go," said 1st Lt. Adam Stickley, of Leeton, Mo. "All the back packs are stuffed with school supplies, puzzle books, a soccer ball or a doll."

Literacy kits containing Arabic lesson plans for teachers and booklets for students were donated by the United States Agency of International Development. These kits are grade specific and designed for grades first through third.

Arabic coloring books were also among the items donated from the people of West Virginia.

"We are trying to encourage those who are in school to stay in school," said Stickley. "Most of the classes are cramped with students who don't have reading and writing materials."

"Pre-school is not as accessible as primary school and a lot of the kids from our area

of operations don't make it through to high school. They start to weed out after primary to work on farms," he said.

Students of Paden City Elementary School, W. Va. sent their first shipment of supplies Sept. 11. The students were encouraged to help the children of Iraq become empowered through education while helping create good relationships between the American troops and the Iraqi families they encounter.

"My wife has already asked me to get contact information from our replacements so they can continue to send supplies after we leave," said Allen.

"The Chaplain sent thank you notes to everybody that sent something," said Selvey. "Those who didn't send supplies helped in other ways. The Fayetteville Fire Department donated postage fees to send supplies and we have received thousands and thousands of items; making this campaign a huge success."

On This Day In History

October 23, 1965

1st Cavalry Division launches Operation Silver Bayonet

In action following the clash at the Plei Me Special Forces camp 30 miles southwest of Pleiku earlier in the month, the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) launches Operation Silver Bayonet.

U.S. troops, in conjunction with South Vietnamese forces, sought to destroy North Vietnamese forces operating in Pleiku Province in II Corps Tactical Zone (the Central Highlands). The operation concluded in November with a week of bitter fighting when fleeing North Vietnamese troops decided to protect an important staging area and supply base in the Ia Drang Valley. It was the bloodiest battle of the war to date. In one engagement, 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry fought a desperate three-day battle at Landing Zone X-Ray with the North Vietnamese 33rd and 66th Regiments; when the fighting was over, 834 Communists lay dead on the battlefield. In an associated engagement, 500 North Vietnamese ambushed another battalion from the 1st Cavalry Division at Landing Zone Albany, wiping out almost an entire company. Reported enemy casualties for Operation Silver Bayonet totaled 1,771. U.S. casualties included 240 killed in action.

MND-B Pic of the day!



Photo by Spc. Jesse Gross, 55th Combat Camera Co.

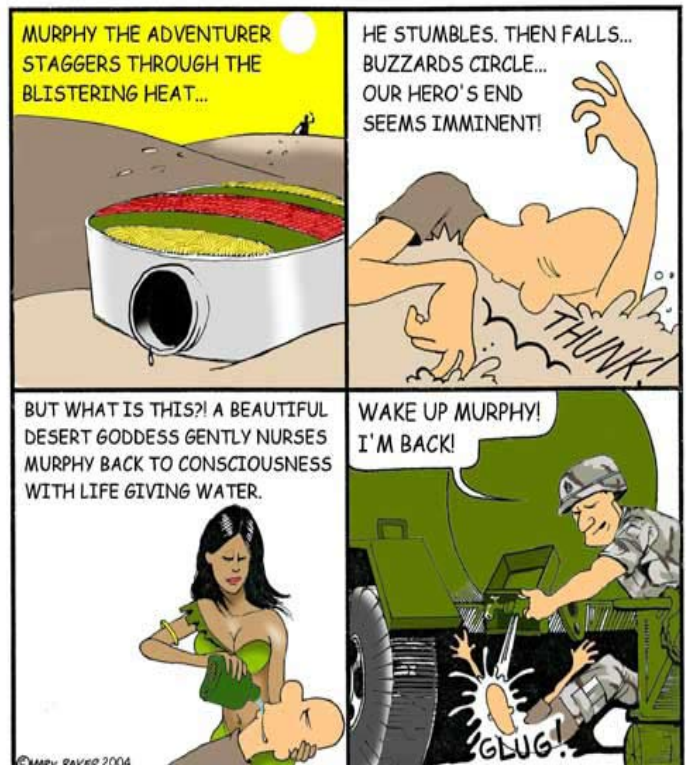
BAGHDAD —A U.S. Paratrooper assigned to Company B, 1st Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, throws a soccer ball to a group of Iraqi children during a combined humanitarian mission, Oct. 16, in the town of Salman Pak, Iraq, 25 miles southeast of Baghdad.

FAMOUS FEATS OF CHUCK NORRIS



DID YOU KNOW?

The last thing you hear before Chuck Norris gives you a roundhouse kick? No one knows because dead men tell no tales.



Quote For Today

"Action without study is fatal. Study without action is futile."

— Mary Beard —

Iraq 3-Day Weather Report



Today
96° F | 69° F



Tomorrow
87° F | 62° F



Sunday
91° F | 66° F

TRIVIA TIME!!

Can you find a word whose spelling contains five vowels in a row? Something a person might do while waiting for a bus, or something a hairdresser might be doing are clues for this word.

Last Issue's Answer: American Professional Football Association

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

This newscast includes the following stories:

1. Get a glimpse of what goes on behind the scenes of a dinner with our Iraqi partners. SGT Nathan Jones, Multi-National Division-Baghdad, PAO.

It takes about 3 days of prep work. We make sure the dinners are nice, everyone eats well and we make a good impression.

2. Soldiers of 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade

Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division prepare the Iraqi Federal Police for their mission in the urban environment through room clearing classes at Joint Security Station Istiqlal. The technique could save your life.

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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

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