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SAMARRA SCOUT

SPC Jake Garrison from Charlie Troop, 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment stays vigilant by his M2A3 Cavalry Fighting Vehicle outside Samarra near Ad Dawr Nov. 17.

On the cover

Soldiers from 3rd Squad, 1st Platoon, 9th Engineer Battalion, attached to 1-77 Armor, move tactically from house to house in Samarra Oct. 1.



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April found many of our units moving towards Najaf to confront Muqtada Al-Sadr and his militia. First ID Soldiers joined forces with the 1st Armored Division to quash the uprising.

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Insurgent activity increased in this holy city. Task Force Danger, along with Iraqi forces, responded with Operation Baton Rouge - restoring control.

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Fallujah

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Inset, SGT Pete Heap from Charlie Troop, 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment searches the spiral minaret in the ruins of ancient Samarra near Ad Dawr during a combat security patrol Nov. 17. (Photo by USAF SSG Shane A. Cuomo)

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MESSAGE FROM DANGER SIX

Congratulations to all Task Force Danger Soldiers and family members on a mission very well done.

As we enter the final stages of our contribution to Operation Iraqi Freedom, we are well into the deliberate Relief in Place with the 42nd Infantry Division and preparing for redeployment, reintegration and reconstitution. To that end, we will continue the mission until we cross the finish line at home stations in Germany, Hawaii and communities across the United States.

We have set a new and higher standard in full-spectrum operations, whether conducting intelligence driven combat operations to defeat the insurgency, or conducting stability



MG JOHN R. S. BATISTE

operations to set Iraq up for self-sufficiency and give the people an alternative to the insurgency.

We have done our duty and can take enormous pride in our accomplishments. Our thoughts and prayers will forever be with our fallen comrades and their families. It has been an honor to serve with this incredible team.

God bless you all as we close another chapter in Task Force Danger history. Continue the mission.

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MESSAGE FROM DANGER SEVEN

This may be the final edition of the Operation Iraqi Freedom II Danger Forward Magazine, but will never be my final memory of this great Task Force. I must start by offering my personal thanks and congratulations for the performance of every Soldier and civilian assigned. Your discipline and professionalism has been and will always be the cornerstone of our success.

It has been a very difficult year bringing peace and stability to the country of Iraq. We have experienced many good and bad experiences throughout this tedious year. We have met and defeated the Anti-Iraqi Forces decisively in each battle. We came as inexperienced Soldiers and are leaving as battle-toughened combat veterans. We have showed compassion and respect to millions of good Iraqi people. We have made friends for life in and out of our ranks. We have sowed and cultivated the seeds of liberty and freedom in the country of Iraq.

Not a day in my life will ever go by without thinking of the Task Force Danger Soldiers who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Memorial and Veterans Day now have a special significance to me that will always bring tears to my eyes. I know that there is nothing I can say to their families that will cure their pain, only that they will never die in my heart and I offer my



CSM CORY MCCARTY

humblest condolences.

Many Task Force Danger Soldiers will carry the scars of wounds inflicted by the enemy. Some will never return to our ranks, some will carry memories of the horror of war for the rest of their life. I offer to them, no matter where I am, I will always be there to help.

Now it is time to return home to families, jobs and other duties. I ask that you walk tall, be proud of what you have accomplished and never be ashamed to tell people that you served in Iraq. Your mission now is to take back this experience and use it to train new Soldiers, so when their time comes, they too are disciplined, trained and professional Soldiers. Teach them to recognize the "poised rattlesnake," but also teach them to treat all with dignity and respect. No matter what your duty was here in OIF II, you owe that to our great

Army, and this is my final task to you.

I will end the same way I started; thank you, I am proud to serve with you. No matter what unit you came to OIF II with, you have always lived up to our great division motto: **NO MISSION TOO DIFFICULT - NO SACRIFICE TOO GREAT - DUTY FIRST.**

Go home as heroes because you truly are.

--Danger 7





SPC David C. Dyer



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Top left, CSM Cory McCarty, Task Force Danger and 1st Infantry Division sergeant major, examines an Iraqi anti-aircraft gun.

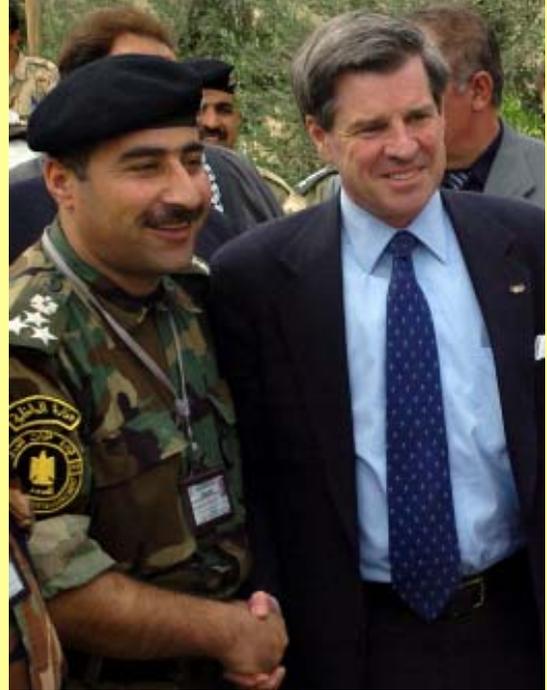
Top right, MG John R.S. Batiste, commander of the 1st Infantry Division and Task Force Danger, was on hand to award Combat Infantryman Badges and Combat Medical Badges to members of the 30th Brigade Combat Team on Forward Operating Base Caldwell Sept. 20.

Below, The division commander, brigade commanders, division sergeant major and brigade sergeants major pose for a group photo in the "D Main Palace" on Forward Operating Base Danger March 15, the day before authority was transferred from the 4th Infantry Division to the 1st ID. (Photo by SPC Sherree Casper)





SPC Sherree Casper



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SPC Joe Alger

Top left, The color guards from 1st Infantry Division units present their unit's colors during the Transfer of Authority Ceremony on Forward Operating Base Danger March 16. The 1st ID took control of the North-central portion of Iraq from the 4th ID.

Top right, Ambassador L. Paul Bremer, right, the top civilian in Iraq at the time, shakes hands with the commander of the Iraqi Border Police March 29 at a border crossing near Iran.

Bottom right, MG Batiste enters a vehicle in his convoy after clearing his weapon following a combat patrol in the Tikrit area May 19. (Photo by SPC David C. Dyer)

Bottom left, LTG Thomas F. Metz, commander of III Corps, U.S. Army, visits with division staff May 19. (Photo by SPC David C. Dyer)

Left, Members of the Iraqi and international news media fire questions at MG Batiste and Governor Hamed Hamood, provisional governor of Salah Ad Din Province, in the Hall of Flags at division headquarters on Forward Operating Base Danger in Tikrit.





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Top left, BG John W. Morgan III, assistant division commander for maneuver, addresses Soldiers and guests at division headquarters on Forward Operating Base Danger in Tikrit Sept. 11 in commemoration of "Patriots Day." Morgan later dedicated a wreath in honor of those lost on that fateful day, and those lost in the subsequent Global War on Terrorism.

Top right, Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld meets with MG Batisse on Forward Operating Base Danger in Tikrit on Christmas Eve.

Right, COL Randal A. Dragon, commander of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, listens to a member of the 4th Infantry Division after a Transfer of Authority Ceremony at Camp Raider (Now Forward Operating Base Dagger) March 15.

Bottom right, CSM Cory McCarty, Task Force Danger and 1st Infantry Division sergeant major, greets Iraqi children in the town of Hawijah while on patrol with members of Task Force 1-27 Aug. 6. (Photo by SPC David C. Dyer)

Bottom left, BG Stephen G. Mundt, assistant division commander for support, speaks with Soldiers in the "BRO Cafe" on Forward Operating Base Speicher near Tikrit May 30. (Photo by SPC David C. Dyer)



SPC Elizabeth Erste





SPC Joe Alger



SGT W. Wayne Marlow

Deployment

Top left, GEN B.B. Bell, United States Army Europe commander, and MG John R.S. Batiste, commander of the 1st Infantry Division, salute during a deployment ceremony in early February at Leighton Barracks in Wurzburg, Germany.

Top right, Helicopter mechanics apply their touch during offloading operations in Kuwait City in February.

Bottom, First Infantry Division Soldiers leave for Iraq from the Nuremberg airport in early February. Seeing them off are MG John R.S. Batiste, 1st ID commander, and the division's senior enlisted Soldier, CSM Cory McCarty. (Photo by SGT W. Wayne Marlow)

Task Force Danger...

February, 2004

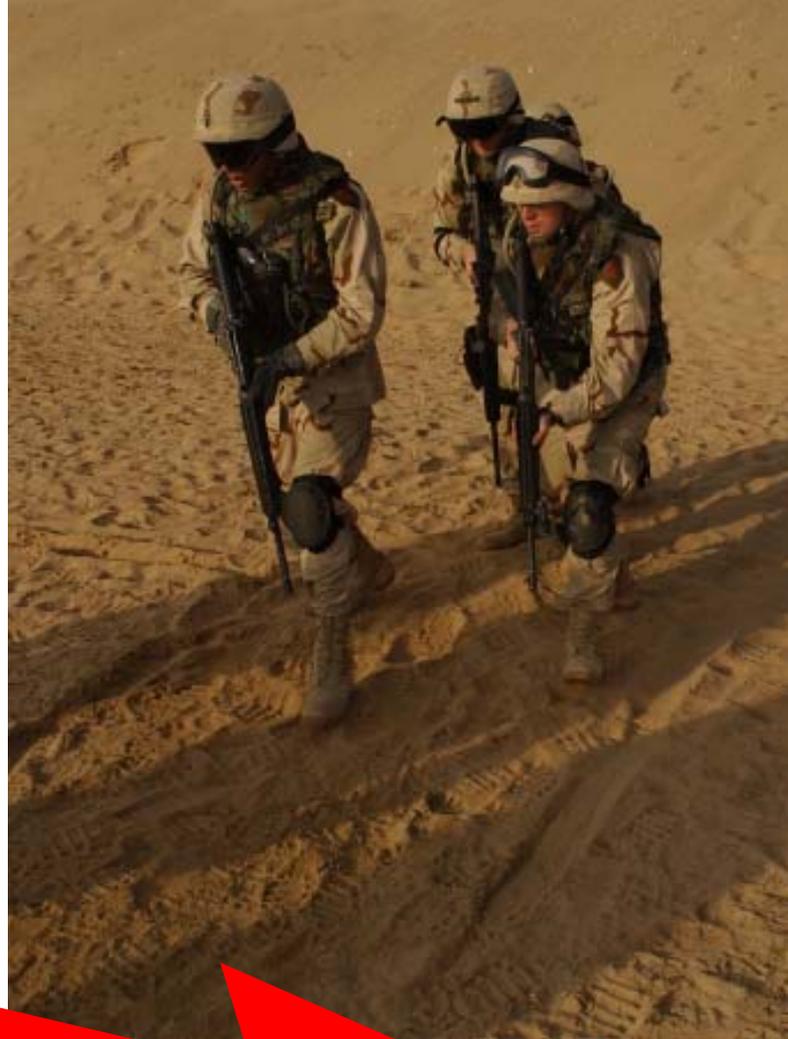




SGT Sean Kimmons



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SPC Joe Alger

...by the month

Above, An Iraqi worker welds a piece of metal outside the government building in Kirkuk.

Top left, The face of SGT Wesley Brown, missile shop NCOIC with Bravo Company, 225th Forward Support Battalion, reflects off an Improved Target Acquisition System while he cleans its viewfinder Feb. 26. Brown is in charge of repairing the ITAS systems of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division.

Below, SPC Marcus Carver, 105mm Howitzer gunner, and SSG Manuel Guevararuz, 105mm Howitzer chief of section, both with Alpha Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Field Artillery, show their patriotism with a U.S. flag hanging behind them as they wait for the convoy into Iraq from Camp Virginia, Kuwait Feb. 3. (Photo by SGT Sean Kimmons)

Above, First Infantry Division Soldiers from the 4th Battalion, 3rd Air Defense Artillery Regiment train on Camp Udari, Kuwait Feb. 14 prior to entering Iraq for their year-long deployment.

Below, COL Lloyd Miles, commander of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, attached to Task Force Danger, with help from CSM Jerry Taylor, the BCT sergeant major, uncases the brigade's colors during a transfer of authority ceremony on Kirkuk Air Base Feb. 19. The 2-25th is from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. (Photo by SGT Sean Kimmons)





SPC Brandi Marshall



SSG Klaus Baesu

1st Infantry Division takes the reins

Top of page and below, MG John R.S. Batiste, left, commander of the 1st Infantry Division and Task Force Danger, and CSM Cory McCarty, the task force and division's sergeant major, uncased the "Big Red One's" colors during a transfer of authority ceremony held on Forward Operating Base Danger in Tikrit, Iraq March 16. The 1stID took over from the 4th ID and officially started its yearlong deployment overseeing the North-central region of Iraq. "Together, we will write another chapter in the history of Iraq and the history of the Big Red One," Batiste said to the guests and Soldiers gathered for the ceremony. "We will partner with you to achieve a better Iraq."

Above, U.S. Soldiers and an Iraqi Civil Defense Corps member (now Iraqi Army) stand proudly together as part of the color guard for the transfer of authority ceremony between the 4th Infantry Division and the 1st ID. One of the responsibilities of the 1st ID-led Task Force Danger was to train and equip the new Iraqi Army. During the yearlong deployment, the task force led the way by establishing training sites throughout the North-central region with the main, regional training center at its headquarters in Tikrit. Under Task Force Danger guidance, the new Iraqi Army has emerged into a more cohesive fighting force than the broken Saddam-led army.



SPC Sherree Casper

MARCH



SPC Elizabeth Erste

SSG Paul Poulos of Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment keeps a watchful eye for suspicious activity during a sweep of the company's sector on March 23.



SPC Elizabeth Erste

SPC Andrew J. Legare, a Soldier attached to 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, guards an Iraqi during a hotel raid in Tikrit March 16.

Graffiti covers the face of Saddam on this wall located on Kirkuk Air Base. (Photo by SGT Sean Kimmons)

SGT Sean Kimmons

SGT Jonathan Nightengale, standing, and SPC Edgar Cuevas, both of the Scout Platoon, 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, pull security during a house raid in a neighborhood of Tikrit March 16.

SPC Elizabeth Erste





SGT Sean Kimmons



SPC Elizabeth Erste

Above, SGT Arlequin, a mortar squad Soldier from Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion 108th Infantry Regiment, signals another Soldier while setting up the direction of fire for a 60mm mortar tube during a patrol near Ad Dujayl April 30.

Left, Soldiers from Bravo Company, TF 1-21 Infantry form a human ladder in search of weapons caches April 14 in Kirkuk.

Below, Soldiers from the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division investigate a brush fire caused by a 107 mm rocket explosion near the airfield on Kirkuk Air Base. (Photo by SGT Sean Kimmons)

April





SPC Elizabeth Erste

Above, SPC Byrnes of Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry Regiment applies camouflage in preparation for a night patrol in Ad Dujayl April 30.

Top right, PFC John Koepeke from Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Field Artillery Regiment mans an M2 .50 caliber machine gun while pulling security during a convoy from Kirkuk Airbase to Forward Operating Base Dibbis April 7.

Right, CPL Joshua Richards from Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment provides security during a hasty checkpoint in Tikrit April 10.

Bottom right, Captured ammunition awaits destruction with C-4 explosives in Katan Alkabe April 7. The destruction of ammunition prevents anti-coalition forces from using it for criminal and terrorist acts. (Photo by SGT April Johnson)

Bottom left, A cache of more than 2,200 munitions sits ready for processing April 10. The ordnance was found near Samarra by Charlie Company, 2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry Regiment. (Photo by SPC Brandi Marshall)

Below, Larry Souder, a warehouse specialist with Military Professional Resources, Inc. grabs an improved desert combat boot for a Soldier to try on in Kirkuk April 20.



SGT April Johnson



SSG Klaus Baesu



SGT Sean Kimmons



An Najaf

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Above, A Soldier from Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment provides security during an early morning raid of a suspected Al-Sadr militia training camp and weapons cache outside the holy city of An Najaf April 16.

Right, CPT Patric A. Nichols, operations officer from Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, pulls security April 16 after a patrol was ambushed near An Najaf.





Across the top, A medevac helicopter sweeps in to evacuate a Soldier from Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment who was wounded in an ambush outside the holy city of An Najaf April 16.



Left, SGT Michael Shebelske, a communications specialist, radios in a situation report following an ambush outside the holy city of An Najaf April 16 while SPC Robert R. Link, a mechanic, provides overwatch from the turret. Both are assigned to the 3rd Brigade Combat Team commander's personal security detail.

Below, Soldiers from Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment prepare for an early morning raid of a suspected Al-Sadr militia training camp and weapons cache outside the holy city of An Najaf April 16 while an Apache AH-64 helicopter provides air support.





SPC Sherree Casper



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Above, Soldiers from 2nd Platoon, Alpha Company, 252nd Armor Regiment patrol an area littered with Iraqi ordnance on May 2. The Ohio National Guard Soldiers were stationed on nearby Forward Operating Base Cobra and were assigned to the 30th Brigade Combat Team, a National Guard brigade based in North Carolina and attached to Task Force Danger.

Left, Soldiers from the 2nd Platoon, Alpha Company, 252nd Armor Regiment patrol a marketplace in Jalula May 5.

Below, On May 6, SSG Johnson, 2nd from left, of the 141st Engineer Battalion jackhammers holes into a column of Ramadan Building 14, an old Ba'ath party house that was later demolished with C-4 plastic explosive outside the city of Ad Dujayl. (Photo by SPC Elizabeth Erste)

May





SGT Roland G. Walters

Top left, Two Iraqi Republic Railways inspectors walk along the rail spur on Forward Operating Base Speicher May 24.

Top right, Smoke and dust rises as 20 pounds of C-4 plastic explosive explodes and more than 40 munitions are destroyed May 17.

Right, First Lieutenant Christopher Neyman from the 3rd Brigade Reconnaissance Troop radios the unit's tactical operations center as PFC Earl Fugett provides security May 22 near Baqubah.

Bottom, right, A fuel truck displays an ominous sign as it roars down a highway in North-central Iraq May 4. (Photo by SPC Sherree Casper)

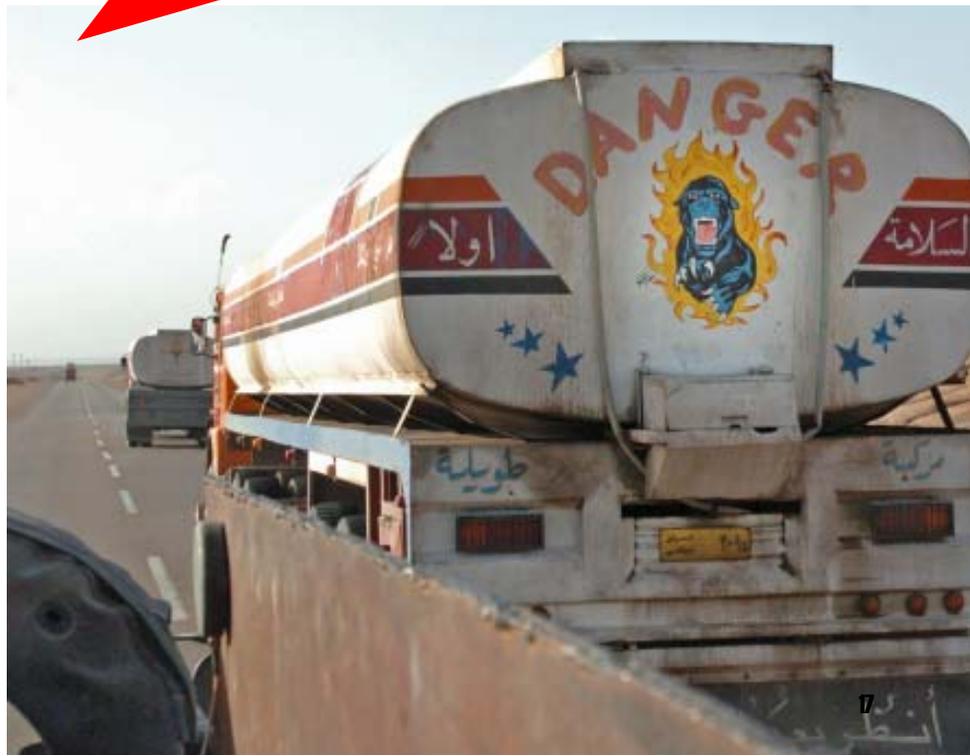
Bottom, left, A cook with Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 150th Armor Regiment ladles out a meal May 2 in a Mobile Kitchen Trailer at Forward Operating Base Rough Rider. (Photo by SPC Sherree Casper)



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SGT Sean Kimmons





SGT Sean Kimmons



SFC Chuck Joseph

June



SGT Kimberly Snow

Top left, SSG James Burciaga, left, a squad leader with Alpha Company, Task Force 1-27, receives motivation from a screaming SSG Hejoon Chung, also a squad leader with Alpha, TF 1-27, in the championship tug-of-war bout against Bravo Company as part of "Wolfhound Day" on FOB McHenry June 14.

Top right, The pilot of a UH 60L Black Hawk helicopter from 2nd Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team flies a transport mission from Babylon to the unit's base of operations on Forward Operating Base Speicher June 17.

Left, SGT George V. Labare from 3rd platoon, Bravo Company, 82nd Engineer Battalion provides overwatch for dismounted troops during a route security sweep on Blue Babe highway in Baqubah June 26. Soldiers from his platoon found and destroyed two anti-tank mines and an improvised explosive device.

Bottom, Twenty-one Task Force 1-14 Soldiers reenlist before heading out of Kirkuk Air Base for their second An Najaf mission June 18. (Photo by SGT Sean Kimmons)





SGT April L. Johnson



Top left, A surface to air missile propellant charger is detonated by Alpha Company, 9th Engineer Battalion during an unexploded ordnance patrol in the town of Bayji June 19.

Top right, SPC Roger Jared from Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment inspects crates on a truck at a Traffic Control Point near Samarra June 23.

Bottom right, Task Force 1-27 Soldiers salute the colors during a Purple Heart and Army Commendation Medal ceremony June 14. (Photo by SGT Sean Kimmons)

Bottom left, A Black Hawk helicopter hovers before take-off outside the door of another Black Hawk June 9 at Forward Operating Base Brassfield-Mora. (Photo by SPC David C. Dyer)

Below, SGT Sean Berry, from 2nd Platoon, Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, accounts for personnel on his Bradley Armored Fighting Vehicle while smoke drifts in the background from an anti-tank mine that disabled another Bradley from the platoon near Samarra June 23. No one was injured in the blast.



SGT Roland G. Walters



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SGT Sean Kimmons

Top left, Members of the 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment carry a stretcher with a patient into the first aid station at Forward Operating Base Brassfield-Mora near Samarra. Pictured from left clock wise are SFC Joseph Marcat ante, SGT Roger Touby, SSG Joseph Gates, and SGT Ronnie Reynolds. The Iraqi patient was injured in a mortar attack outside the base.

Top right, SGM Errol Snyder, the operations sergeant major for Task Force 1-21, helps pull a Humvee during an event during Freedom Fun Day on Kirkuk Air Base July 4.

Bottom, Members of Charlie Company, 2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry Regiment search a residence in a village south of Samarra July 27. The New York National Guard unit was attached to Task Force 1-26 in support of Task Force Danger. (Photo by SFC Chuck Joseph)

July





SGT Kimberly Snow

Above, Soldiers from the 82nd Engineer Battalion pound through a door during the raid of a suspected vehicle-borne improvised explosive device manufacturer in Khan Bani Saad near Baqubah July 27.

Top right, CPT George Rodriguez, commander of Charlie Company, 2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry Regiment, climbs to high "ground" to observe the scene of an explosion in Al-Ma'ejeel July 31.

Bottom right, A 1st Infantry Division Soldier on Forward Operating Base Danger watches a fireworks display during the "Freedom Day Celebration" July 4. (Photo by SFC Chuck Joseph)

Bottom left, A Black Hawk crew chief provides security during a July 9 flight. (Photo by SGT Sean Kimmons)



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SGT Roland G. Walters



SFC Chuck Joseph



SGT April Johnson

August

Above, COL Randal Dragon, commander of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, salutes CPT Robbie Johnson, an operations officer from 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, during a ceremony in which troops were awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge Aug. 31.

Bottom left, SSG Chris Golde, a squad leader with Alpha Company, Task Force 1-21, patrols at sunset within the displaced Kurdish camp in northwest Kirkuk. (Photo by SGT Sean Kimmons)

Above center, CPL Joseph Halley from Headquarters Company,

Above center (continued), 2nd Battalion, 63rd Armor Regiment pulls security in Baqubah Aug. 4 while his unit searches for evidence of a rocket-propelled grenade attack near Forward Operating Base Warhorse.

Top right, An Iraqi worker pushes dirt with a bulldozer while members of 2nd Platoon, Alpha Company, 9th Engineer Battalion watch for ammunition.

Bottom right, A Soldier from 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment uses a stick to measure the depth of a hole left by the destruction of an improvised explosive device in Dawoodia Aug. 20. (Photo by SGT Roland G. Walters)





CPT L. Paula Sydenstricker



SFC Chuck Joseph

Above, On Aug. 31, 2LT Brian Buzinski and 2LT Brian Weightman wait to receive Combat Infantryman Badges while CPT Peter Kolby receives his from CPT Todd Grissom. All are members of 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment.

Right, CSM John W. Fortune, Task Force 1-77 command sergeant major, reaches for one of 14 Purple Hearts that were awarded during a ceremony held at Logistical Support Area Anaconda Aug. 21.

Bottom, On the morning of Aug. 29, Soldiers of Charlie Battery, 1st Battalion, 6th Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team run toward their Bradley Fighting Vehicle as another Bradley keeps watch for any suspicious activity during a weapons cache sweep in Baqubah. (Photo by SPC Elizabeth Erste)





SGT James B. Smith Jr.



Submitted photo



SGT James B. Smith Jr.

Across top, A controlled explosion fills the sky of Forward Operating Base Remagen during a media day event Sept. 9. (This sequence of photos took less than half a second.) (Photos by SGT Roland G. Walters)

Top left, SSG Tom Caldwell from Charlie Company, 141st Engineer Battalion pulls security on a road near Baqubah Sept. 24. The 141st "Trailblazers" search for improvised explosive devices along Iraq's highways.

Top right, Sponge Bob waits for a flight in an Army medevac helicopter on Forward Operating Base Speicher.

Bottom right, Members of the 2nd Battalion, 63rd Armor Regiment convoy through Khalis in M113 Armored Personnel Carriers Sept. 11. (Photo by SGT James B. Smith Jr.)

Bottom left, A Humvee travels along a road in the Kirkuk area Sept. 1. (Photo by SGT Sean Kimmons)

Left, SSG Thomas McKean from Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 63rd Armor Regiment pulls security from the hatch of an M113 Armored Personnel Carrier Sept. 11.

September





SPC Brandi Marshall

Top left, SGT Mikey Fernandez looks over the shoulder and down the line of sight of PFC Shawn Engel while pulling security in Basra Sept. 7. Both are from Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division.

Right, A Soldier from the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division inspects a 60 mm mortar round along a road near Kirkuk Sept. 6.

Bottom right, SGT Larry Dishaw, SGT Jos Glover, PFC Jared Kramer, and SPC John Smith from Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment pull security during a raid in Tikrit Sept. 3. (Photo by SGT James B. Smith Jr.)

Bottom left, An Iraqi National Guard (now Iraqi Army) soldier from the ING Bomb Disposal Company is prompted by CPT Scott Kozak, a civil affairs officer from Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 9th Engineer Battalion, Sept. 9 at Forward Operating Base Remagen. (Photo by SGT Roland G. Walters)



SGT Sean Kimmons



Samarra



SSG Klaus Baesu

Two Soldiers from Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division scale a wall as they conduct search and attack operations Oct. 1 during Operation Baton Rouge, a major offensive against anti-Iraqi forces in Samarra.



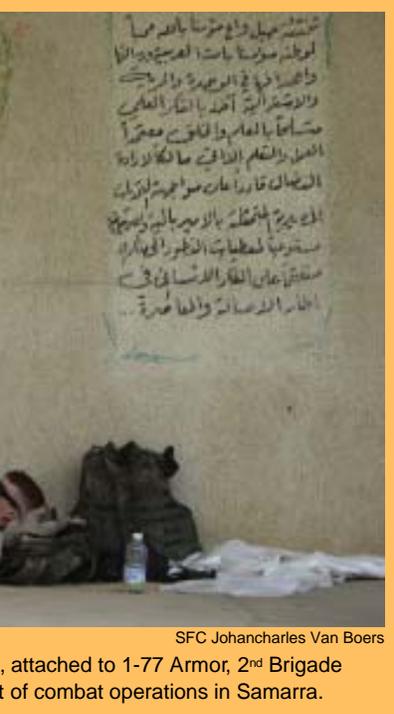
A Soldier from 3rd Squad, 1st Platoon, 9th Engineer Battalion Combat Team, catches up on sleep Oct. 2 after a long night.

Background photo, A Soldier from Bravo Troop, 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment checks equipment on his M2A3 Cavalry Fighting Vehicle while guarding a blocking position outside of Samarra Oct. 1 during Operation Baton Rouge. The 1-4 CAV conducted the first assaults and then surrounded Samarra to keep anti-Iraqi forces from entering or leaving the town. Baton Rouge consisted of 3,000 soldiers from the 2nd Brigade Combat Team and 1-4 CAV. (Photo by USAF SSG Shane A. Cuomo)



SFC Johancharles Van Boers

Soldiers from 3rd Squad, 1st Platoon, 9th Engineer Battalion, attached to 1-77 Armor, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, along with Iraqi National Guard soldiers, move through the front gate of a house to be searched in Samarra Oct. 1.



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, attached to 1-77 Armor, 2nd Brigade
t of combat operations in Samarra.



SFC Johancharles Van Boers

Soldiers from 3rd Squad, 1st Platoon, 9th Engineer Battalion, attached to 1-77 Armor, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, move in tactical formation along the wall of a house that was being searched in Samarra Oct. 2.

More Samarra action



SSG Klaus Baesu



SGT W. Wayne Marlow



USAF TSGT Lee Harshman

Top left, A Soldier from Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division fires an MK19 grenade launcher Oct. 1 during Operation Baton Rouge, a search and attack operation against anti-Iraqi forces in Samarra. Alpha Company was sent from the Kirkuk area of Task Force Danger.

Top right, A U.S. Soldier provides cover fire for members of Iraq's 36th Commando Battalion while they enter the Golden Mosque in Samarra Oct. 1. The holy site was used as a stronghold by anti-Iraqi forces until the coalition reclaimed the site and the city during Operation Baton Rouge.

Left, A Soldier from Charlie Company, 2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry Regiment, a New York National Guard unit, points toward the Golden Mosque in Samarra Oct. 2 as he shouts out to his fellow Soldiers during operations to retake the city. The 2-108th was attached to Task Force Danger throughout the deployment.

Bottom, A Soldier from Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division looks through binoculars while using his Humvee for cover during search and attack operations Oct. 1 in Samarra. (Photo by Klaus Baesu)





SGT W. Wayne Marlow

Top left, A Soldier from 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment rolls through the streets of Samarra Oct. 1 in a Bradley Fighting Vehicle shortly after Coalition Forces wrested control of the city from anti-Iraqi forces. The 1-26th Infantry was the 1st ID unit in charge of the Samarra area. Operation Baton Rouge comprised units from throughout the Task Force Danger area.

Top right, On October 5, 2004 a Soldier from the 2nd Brigade Combat Team pulls security at the Golden Mosque in Samarra as brigade leadership meets with the commander of the Iraqi National Guard (now Iraqi Army). The military leadership is concentrating on the re-construction of the city following recent Combat Operations.

Bottom, Members of Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment head out to clear Samarra of insurgents and weapons caches Oct. 5. (Photo by USAF TSGT Lee Harshman)



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October



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Top left, SPC Cody Ford, a .50 cal gunner for the mortar platoon, attempts to destroy enemy rocket-propelled grenade launchers with his M4 rifle while at the abandoned Al Fattah airfield Oct. 7.

Top right, Mortar platoon Soldiers search for potential weapons caches near the town of Bayji Oct. 7. The last time mortar platoon Soldiers had searched this area, they found a 15-foot SA-3 missile.

Left, Soldiers from Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment drive their Bradley Fighting Vehicle on the side of a road near Forward Operating Base Warhorse Oct. 2.

Bottom, A Soldier from the 201st Forward Support Battalion fires a confiscated AK-47 rifle at the Eckhart Range on Forward Operating Base Warhorse in Baqubah Oct. 31. (Photo by SGT Kimberly Snow)





SGT Kimberly Snow



SPC Ismail Turay Jr.

Top left, SPC Fabian Naranjo, an infantryman from 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, attached to the 3rd Brigade Reconnaissance Troop, pulls security during a village assessment in As Sadah Oct. 13.

Top right, A Soldier from the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment shows his fellow Soldiers some ammunition found during a search Oct. 30.

Right, An M2A3 Cavalry Fighting Vehicle from Alpha Troop, 1st Battalion, 4th Cavalry Regiment kicks up a cloud of dust leaving Forward Operating Base MacKenzie for a mission Oct. 30.

Bottom, On October 13, 1LT Karl E. Gregory, platoon leader for 4th platoon, 3rd Brigade Reconnaissance Troop, directs troops during Operation Blue Tiger in As Sadah near Baqubah. The operation, conducted by the 82nd Engineer Battalion, combined elements from the BRT, 16th Georgian Mountain Infantry Battalion and Iraqi Security Forces. It consisted of early morning raids on suspected insurgents followed by a door-to-door assessment of the village. (Photo by SGT Kimberly Snow)



AF Staff Sgt. Shane A. Cuomo



November



USAF SSG Shane A. Cuomo
SPC William Randall, bottom, and SGT Rollin Vickers, both from Charlie Troop, 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, listen to a mission briefing at Forward Operating Base Wilson Nov. 16.

Background photo, SPC Paul Sakala from Charlie Troop, 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment plugs his ears while firing a 120 mm high-explosive mortar round from Forward Operating Base Wilson Nov. 21. The mortar team is responsible for counter-fire and terrain denial when anti-Iraqi forces fire mortars and rockets at FOB Wilson. (Photo by USAF SSG Shane A. Cuomo)



SGT W. Wayne Marlow

Two Soldiers from the 502nd Engineer Company secure the end of a steel cable to anchor a work boat to a dock while they construct a floating bridge over the Tigris River near Tikrit Nov. 1.



SFC Chuck Joseph

First Sergeant David Morgan, left, from Charlie Company, 9th Engineer Battalion, and MAJ Richard Pannel, the battalion's executive officer, dish out Thanksgiving dinner to Soldiers at Forward Operating Base Remagen.



SPC Joe Alger

Soldiers from Bravo Company, Task Force 1-77 cross a ditch while on patrol near Balad Nov. 20.



SFC Chuck Joseph

CPT Roger Cabiness, right, maintenance officer for the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, verifies the vehicle identification number of a new police vehicle before he signs it over to Dr. Ali Hussein, an administrative assistant from Salah Ad Din Province's Joint Coordination Center, Nov. 8 at Forward Operating Base Remagen. Sixty-three new vehicles, some of which were donated by the people of Japan, were given to Iraqi police agencies in North-central Iraq.



Fallujah



SPC James Taylor, right, gives SGT Trevor Bremer instruction on the Long Range Advanced Scout Surveillance System Nov. 8 while scanning into Fallujah during Operation Al-Fajr (New Dawn). Both are cavalry scouts from the 3rd Brigade Reconnaissance Troop. (Photo by SGT Kimberly Snow)



On Nov. 10, 1LT Neil Prakash, a tank platoon leader with Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion, 63rd Armor Regiment, fires an AT-4 shoulder-fired rocket into a building in eastern Fallujah after receiving fire from the site. (Photo by SGT Kimberly Snow)



SGT Omar Torres, an infantryman and sniper with Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion 2nd Infantry Regiment, kills an enemy sniper in a position 1,200 meters into the city with the help of a spotter using the LRASS. (Photo by SGT Kimberly Snow)



SFC Anthony J. Neusch, a scout platoon sergeant with the 3rd Brigade Reconnaissance Troop, pulls security while conducting clearing operations in Fallujah Nov. 15. (Photo by SGT Kimberly Snow)



SGT Cory Johnson, a cavalry scout with the 3rd Brigade Reconnaissance Troop, fires an AT-4 shoulder-fired anti-tank rocket into a building in eastern Fallujah Nov. 10 after receiving sniper fire from that location. (Photo by SGT Kimberly Snow)



Background photo, Soldiers from Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion, 63rd Armor Regiment watch the sun go down as they finish up another day in Fallujah Nov. 5. (Photo by SGT Kimberly Snow)



SSG Bryan Lockwold, assigned to the 82nd Engineer Company, attached to 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, takes aim as he surveys the terrain searching for a sniper around Fallujah Nov. 8. (Photo by SPC Brandi Marshall)

More Fallujah action



SGT Kimberly Snow



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Top left, PFC David L. Gillette, a cavalry scout with the 3rd Brigade Reconnaissance Troop, provides security after taking cover in a house in southern Fallujah when the troops came under enemy fire Nov. 15.

Top right, SSG Jimmy Amyett emerges from a courtyard in the industrial sector in southern Fallujah while conducting clearing operations during Operation Al-Fajr (New Dawn).

Above, SPC Franco Londono, a communications specialist with the 3rd Brigade Reconnaissance Troop, pulls security from a building in southern Fallujah Nov. 10.

Right, SPC Steven K. Menard shoots the lock off a door while conducting clearing operations in southern Fallujah Nov. 17. (Photo by SGT Kimberly Snow)



Left, A Mine Clearing Line Charge explosion shakes the ground of Fallujah during Operation Al-Fajr (New Dawn) action Nov. 13. Operation Al Fajr was a mission coordinated by U.S. and Coalition Forces to search for and detain insurgents who made the city a hostile environment for local civilians.

Below left, SSG Nicholus Danielsen, a cavalry scout with the 3rd Brigade Reconnaissance Troop, probes a suspected mine during clearing operations in southern Fallujah Nov. 17.

Below right, PFC William F. Beardslee peers out into the city from a screen line above the east flank of Fallujah during Operation Al-Fajr (New Dawn) Nov. 9. Beardslee is a cavalry scout assigned to the 3rd Brigade Reconnaissance Troop, stationed at Forward Operating Base Warhorse in Baqubah.

Bottom, SPC Justin A. Oakley, a Soldier attached to Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, pulls security after a firefight with insurgents in Fallujah Nov. 9. (Photo by SPC Brandi Marshall)

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SGT James B. Smith Jr.



SPC David C. Dyer

December



Top left, SSG Forrest Bradford, from 1st Battalion, 128th Infantry Regiment of the Wisconsin National Guard, and CPL Daniel Ransir, from 2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry, New York National Guard, inspect a suspected Improvised Explosive Device during a patrol of Ad Dujayl December 21. The 1-128 Infantry replaced the 2-108 Infantry, which redeployed to its home station in New York.

Top right, Guidon bearers from the 1st Battalion, 252nd Armor Regiment stand at parade rest during a transfer of authority ceremony Dec. 27. The 1-252 was deployed with the 30th Brigade Combat Team, a North Carolina National Guard brigade attached to Task Force Danger.

Bottom left, On Dec. 20, 1LT Danville Leadbetter from 3rd Platoon, Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 25th Infantry Regiment leaves a message for Iraqi children at the Bashua Primary School in the Reem Awa area of Kirkuk. Leadbetter is supporting Operation Crayon. Soldiers' spouses, the Waterville Elementary School in Maine, and the Pearl Harbor Elementary School combined efforts to collect supplies for the needy children of Iraq. (Photo by SPC Brandi Marshall)

Bottom right, The sun rises on a new day of bridge building over the Tigris River for the 8th Marine Engineer Support Battalion in As Sindiyah Dec. 14. The bridge was moved from Tikrit. It is the longest bridge of its type in theater. The 8th Marine Engineer Support Battalion is attached to the Army's 512th Engineer Battalion. (Photo by SGT James B. Smith Jr.)





SPC David C. Dyer

Top left, Members of MG John R.S. Batiste's staff take time out from their holiday schedule to pose for a Christmas photo on Christmas Eve.

Top right, LTC Mark R. Warnecke, commander of the 2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry Regiment, a New York National Guard unit, hands the unit colors off to COL Randal Dragon, commander of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, during a transfer of authority ceremony Dec. 26.

Right, Chaplain (LTC) Mike Lembke, division chaplain, sings as a member of the 1st Infantry Division Band plays trumpet during a Christmas Eve service on Forward Operating Base Danger in Tikrit.

Bottom right, PFC Timothy White, a medic with Charlie Company, 82nd Engineer Battalion, pulls security from a rooftop during Operation Backbreaker - an operation to fortify and secure the new Buhriz police station. (Photo by SGT Kimberly Snow)

Bottom left, Soldiers from the 3rd Brigade Combat Team attend a candlelight service at Forward Operating Base Warhorse in Baqubah on Christmas Eve. The service was led by 3rd Brigade Chaplain (MAJ) Chip Huey of Hattiesburg, Mississippi. (SGT Kimberly Snow)



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Shaping of the Iraqi Army

SFC Chuck Joseph



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Above, Iraqi National Guard soldiers take a break from their classes at the ING Training Academy in Tikrit on June 5.

Left, An Iraqi National Guard soldier low crawls during training at Forward Operating Base O'Ryan.

Right, A member of the Iraqi National Guard scans for suspicious activity during a joint patrol with Soldiers of the 82nd Engineer Battalion outside the city of Baqubah, Iraq.



SPC Elizabeth Erste

Below, Iraqi National Guard recruits were "welcomed" by drill sergeants on the first day of inprocessing at the ING Training Academy in Tikrit. (Photo by SGT Roland G. Walters)





SPC Ismail Turay Jr.



SGT Roland G. Walters

An Iraqi National Guard recruit demonstrates Individual Movement Techniques while an ING drill instructor shouts words of encouragement on July 6 at the ING Training Academy in Tikrit, Iraq.



SGT Kimberly Snow

Top left, An Iraqi National Guard soldier is lifted among his peers in Tikrit as they celebrate their graduation from the ING Training Academy's basic course on Sept. 16.

Bottom Left, A group of Iraqi National Guard soldiers celebrate after showcasing some of their skills before a graduation ceremony on Dec. 18. This was the sixth class to graduate from the four-week ING basic training course that is held at the ING Training Academy in Tikrit. (Photo by SGT Roland G. Walters)



SPC Elizabeth Erste

A member of the Iraqi National Guard patrols with Soldiers of the 82nd Engineer Battalion outside the city of Baqubah on Aug. 23.

SSG Raymond L. Wray, an infantryman with 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, instructs Iraqi National Guard soldiers in body search techniques at the ING training facility at Forward Operating Base Normandy on July 11.

Bottom Right, CPT Abdul Samea, an Iraqi National Guard soldier, left, helps LTG Abdul Aziz, commander of the 4th Iraqi Army Division, right, uncuse the division's colors during a ceremony that formally recognized the activation of the 4th Iraqi Army Division. The ceremony was held at the 4th Division's Training Center in Tikrit on Jan. 6. The day also marked the merging of the Iraqi National Guard with the Iraqi Army. (Photo by SGT Roland G. Walters)



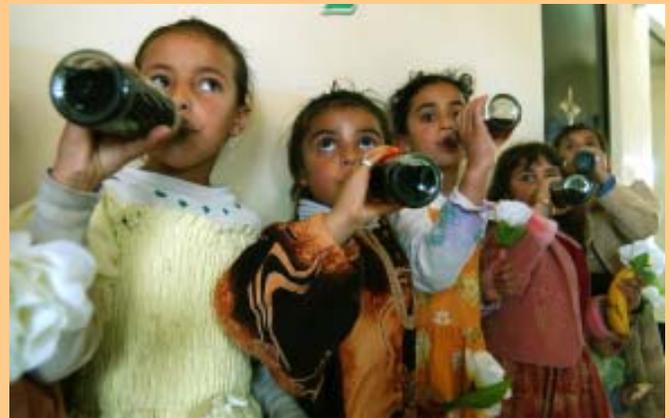


Building a Better Iraq, One Brick at a Time



SGT Roland G. Walters

PFC Daniel L. Gosinski, a medic with Headquarters, Headquarters Troop, 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, checks an Iraqi boy's lymph nodes for swelling in the town of Dawoodia.



SGT Sean Kimmons

Iraqi girls take a break from greeting visitors to the Salihi elementary school dedication on March 3.

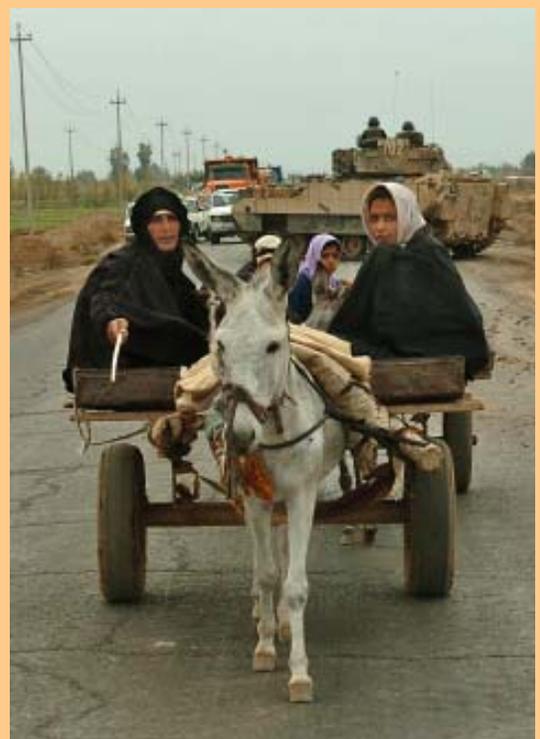


Across top:
Left, A wall displays a message of peace and unity at a Coalition Forces building in Kirkuk.
Right, This mural greets Soldiers in a building at Forward Operating Base Wilson.
 (Photos by SPC David C. Dyer)



SPC Sherree Casper

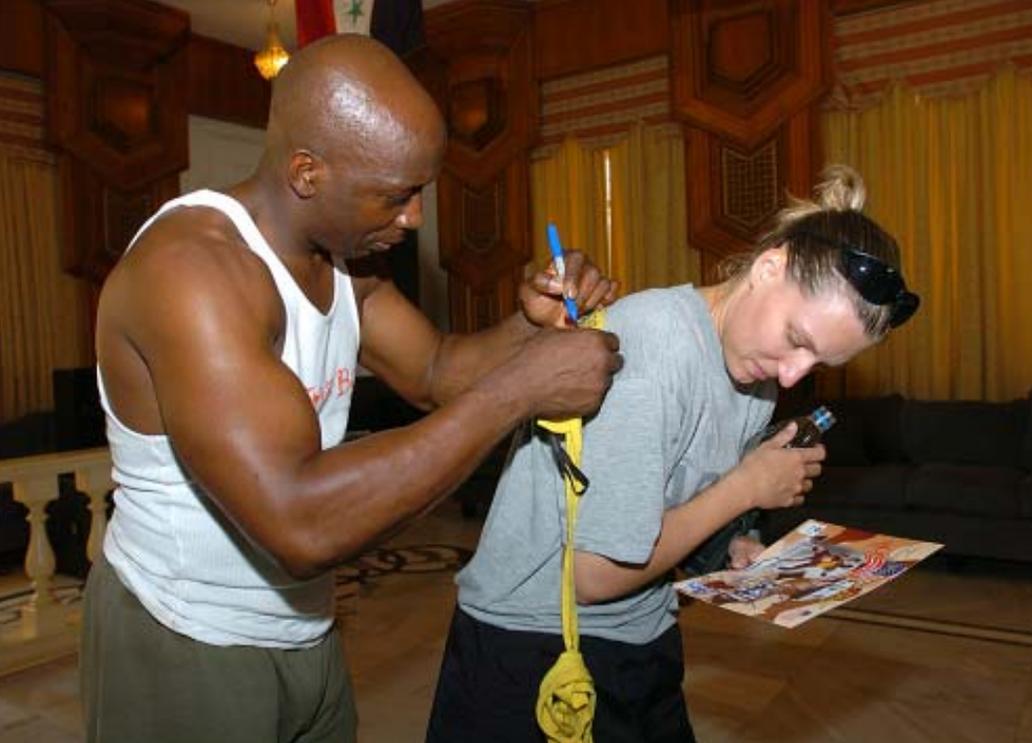
On June 20, 2LT Christopher V. Vanucci, the 216th Engineer Battalion's physician's assistant, tries to make friends with a baby during a school re-opening in Khuzamayah.



SPC Ismail Turay Jr.

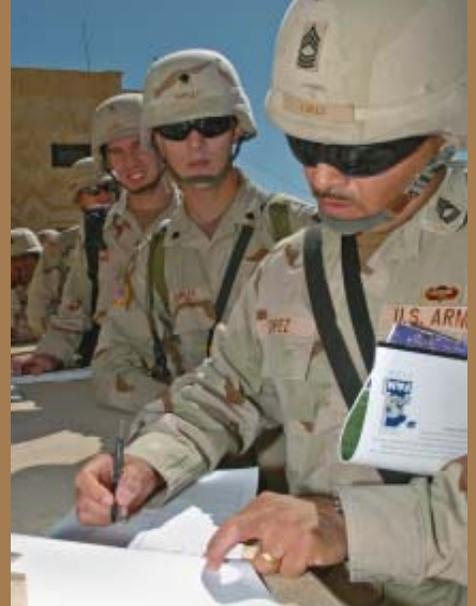
An Iraqi family rides a donkey cart past a traffic control point in Ad Duluiyah on Nov. 6.

Background photo, A rebuilt wall stands in a restored section of historic Babylon. Camp Babylon, the headquarters for Multinational Division South-Central Iraq, was built around the ancient city of Babylon in order to protect one of history's most important archaeological treasures.
 (Photo by SFC Chuck Joseph)



SGT Roland G. Walters

Billy Blanks, creator of Tae Bo, signs his hand wraps for CPT Dawn C. Longwill, a native of Sioux City, Iowa and commander of Charlie Company, 121st Signal Battalion, after one of three Tae Bo workouts at Forward Operating Base Danger on Sept. 27.



SFC Chuck Joseph

MSG Osiel Lopez, an Engineer Brigade Soldier, signs a roster to thank the Dallas Cowboys for souvenirs received from the team Sept 13.

Celebrity



SFC Chuck Joseph

Rey Mysterio, right in mask, the World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc. cruiser weight champion, "lays some smack" for the cameras with PFC John Perales, center in mask, an infantryman from Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, while other Soldiers join in the action.



SPC Joe Alger

Wes Scantlin, guitarist and lead singer for Puddle of Mudd, sings on stage with Soldiers at Forward Operating Base Speicher on Sept. 13.



SGT Roland G. Walters

The Brickfoot band plays for the troops in the "MWR palace" at Forward Operating Base Danger on May 27. The Baltimore-based rock band is participating in their fifth overseas Armed Services Entertainment tour and has been to almost 20 countries in the past three years.

Circle



SPC Sherree Casper

The World Wrestling Entertainment Divas made their way to the ring as they entertained troops at Forward Operating Base Speicher, Tikrit on Dec. 18. The special edition of "Smackdown" was aired in the United States on Dec. 23.

A Soldier's time off

A Soldier, while on pass, relaxes poolside and takes in the view of Lake Dokan at the Ashour Hotel in Dokan, Iraq on May 31.



SGT W. Wayne Marlow

At the BRO Cafe patrons are greeted by this sign and the aroma of a variety of coffee flavors on Forward Operating Base Speicher.

Below, SGT Krystal D. Barnes, a Soldier with Headquarters, Headquarters Detachment, DISCOM (Division Support Command), poses in front of her trophy after winning the Overall Best Female in Forward Operating Base Speicher's first body-building competition on Oct. 30. (Photo by SFC Nancy McMillan)



SFC Nancy McMillan

Aten-man team participates in the 5-ton truck pull during the Commander's Cup competition held at Forward Operating Base Speicher on Nov. 12 in honor of Veterans Day.



CPT L. Paula Sydenstricker

A pair of Soldiers stretch out in front of the Morale Welfare & Recreation palace on May 31 before the Memorial Day run on Forward Operating Base Danger.

Below, SSG Ralph R. Gorbea and SGT Charles M. Vanblarcom, both electricians and construction site supervisors for Forward Operating Base Danger's Mayor's Cell, sit back and listen to the sounds of Sandbox 20 on May 15. (Photo by SFC Chuck Joseph)





ROLL CALL



In memory of Task Force Danger and 1st Brigade Combat Team Soldiers killed while serving in Iraq through January 27, 2005

SSG Christopher E. Cutchall

D Troop, 4th Cavalry
September 29, 2003

2LT Todd J. Bryant

C Company, 1-34 Armor
October 31, 2003

SSG Gary L. Collins

A Company, 1-16 Infantry
November 8, 2003

SSG Mark D. Vasquez

A Company, 1-16 Infantry
November 8, 2003

SPC Josph L. Lister

B Company, 1-34 Armor
November 20, 2003

SPC Thomas J. Sweet II

Service Battery, 1-5 Field Artillery
November 27, 2003

SPC Uday Singh

C Company, 1-34 Armor
December 1, 2003

SGT Ryan C. Young

A Company, 1-16 Infantry
December 2, 2003

SGT Jarrod W. Black

B Company, 1-34 Armor
December 12, 2003

SGT Dennis A. Corral

C Company, 1st Engineer Battalion
January 1, 2004

SFC Gregory B. Hicks

B Troop, 1-9 Cavalry
January 8, 2004

SPC William R. Sturges Jr.

B Troop, 1-9 Cavalry
January 24, 2004

SPC Jason K. Chappell

B Troop, 1-9 Cavalry
January 24, 2004

SGT Randy S. Rosenberg

B Troop, 1-9 Cavalry
January 24, 2004

CPT Matthew J. August

B Company, 1st Engineer Battalion
January 27, 2004

SFC James T. Hoffman

B Company, 1st Engineer Battalion
January 27, 2004

SGT Travis A. Moothart

B Company, 1st Engineer Battalion
January 27, 2004

SSG Sean G. Landrus

B Company, 1st Engineer Battalion
January 29, 2004

PFC Nichole M. Frye

415th Civil Affairs Battalion
February 16, 2004

2LT Jeffrey C. Graham

C Company, 1-34 Armor
February 19, 2004

SPC Roger G. Ling

C Company, 1-34 Armor
February 19, 2004

SFC Richard S. Gottfried

HHC, Division Support Command
March 9, 2004

SSG Joe L. Dunigan Jr.

B Company, 1-16 Infantry
March 11, 2004

SPC Christopher K. Hill

B Company, 1-16 Infantry
March 11, 2004

CPT John F. Kurth

B Company, 1-18 Infantry
March 13, 2004

SPC Jason C. Ford

B Company, 1-18 Infantry
March 13, 2004

SPC Jocelyn L. Carrasquillo

HHC, 1-120 Infantry
March 13, 2004

SPC Tracy L. Laramore

B Company, 1-18 Infantry
March 17, 2004

SPC Clint R. Matthews

B Company, 1-18 Infantry
March 19, 2004

PFC Ernest H. Sutphin

B Battery, 2-11 Field Artillery
March 19, 2004

PFC Jason C. Ludlam

HHC, 2-2 Infantry
March 19, 2004

PFC Dustin L. Kreider

B Company, 1-26 Infantry
March 21, 2004

SPC Adam D. Froehlich

C Battery, 1-6 Field Artillery
March 25, 2004

1LT Doyle M. Hufstедler

B Company, 1st Engineer Battalion
March 31, 2004

SPC Sean R. Mitchell

B Company, 1st Engineer Battalion
March 31, 2004

SPC Michael G. Karr Jr.

B Company, 1st Engineer Battalion
March 31, 2004

PFC Cleston C. Raney

B Company, 1st Engineer Battalion
March 31, 2004

PVT Brandon L. Davis

B Company, 1st Engineer Battalion
March 31, 2004

PFC John D. Amos II

C Company, 1-21 Infantry
April 4, 2004

SGT Lee D. Todacheene

HHC, 1-77 Armor
April 6, 2004

SFC Marvin L. Miller

C Troop, 1-4 Cavalry
April 7, 2004

SPC Isaac M. Nieves

A Company, 82nd Engineer Battalion
April 8, 2004

SFC Raymond E. Jones

C Company, 1-7 Field Artillery
April 9, 2004

SSG Toby W. Mallet

C Company, 1-7 Field Artillery
April 9, 2004

SPC Allen J. Vandayburg

C Company, 2-2 Infantry
April 9, 2004

SPC Peter G. Enos

HHC, 1-7 Field Artillery
April 9, 2004

SGT William C. Eckhart

F Troop, 4th Cavalry
April 10, 2004

PFC Nathan P. Brown

C Company, 2-108 Infantry
April 11, 2004

SSG Victor A. Rosaleslomeli

A Company, 2-2 Infantry
April 13, 2004

SGT Christopher Ramirez

B Company, 1-16 Infantry
April 14, 2004

SPC Richard K. Trevithick

C Company, 9th Engineer Battalion
April 14, 2004

SGT Brian M. Wood

A Company, 9th Engineer Battalion
April 16, 2004

SPC Marvin A. Camposiles

HHC, 1-26 Infantry
April 17, 2004

PFC Shawn C. Edwards

B Company, 121st Signal Battalion
April 23, 2004

SPC Martin W. Kondor

A Company, 1-63 Armor
April 29, 2004

SGT Joshua S. Ladd

367th Maintenance Company
April 30, 2004

SPC Trevor A. Win'e

24th Quartermaster Company
May 1, 2004

CPT John E. Tipton

HHC, 1-16 Infantry
May 2, 2004

SSG Todd E. Nunes

A Company, 1-21 Infantry
May 2, 2004

CPT Christopher J. Kenny

F Troop, 4th Cavalry
May 3, 2004

SSG Marvin R. Sprayberry III

HHC, 2-2 Infantry
May 3, 2004

SGT Gregory L. Wahl

F Troop, 4th Cavalry
May 3, 2004

PFC Lyndon A. Marcus

F Troop, 4th Cavalry
May 3, 2004

SPC James J. Holmes

C Company, 141st Engineer Battalion
May 8, 2004

SPC Phillip D. Brown

B Company, 141st Engineer Battalion
May 8, 2004

SPC Marcos O. Nolasco

B Company, 1-33 Field Artillery
May 18, 2004

SSG Joseph P. Garyantes

B Company, 1-63 Armor
May 18, 2004

SPC Michael C. Campbell

Headquarters Troop, 1-4 Cavalry
May 19, 2004

SPC Owen D. Witt

B Troop, 1-4 Cavalry
May 23, 2004

PFC Richard H. Rosas

3-62 Air Defense Artillery, 10th Mt. Div.
May 25, 2004

PFC James P. Lamber t

3-62 Air Defense Artillery, 10th Mt. Div.
May 25, 2004

PFC Jeremiah D. Smith

A Company, 1-34 Armor
May 26, 2004

PFC Marcus J. Johnson

D Battery, 4-3 Air Defense Artillery
June 1, 2004

LCPL Todd J. Bolding

2-4-5 Marine Regiment
June 3, 2004

CPT Humayun S. M. Khan

HHC, 201st Forward Support Bn.
June 8, 2004

PFC Jason N. Lynch

C Company, 1-6 Field Artillery
June 18, 2004

CPL Tommy L. Parker Jr.

2-4-5 Marine Regiment
June 21, 2004

LCPL Deshon E. Otey

2-4-5 Marine Regiment
June 21, 2004

LCPL Pedro Contreras

2-4-5 Marine Regiment
June 21, 2004

LCPL Juan Lopez

2-4-5 Marine Regiment
June 21, 2004

*“...The world will little note nor long remember what we say here,
but it can never forget what they did here.*

*It is rather for us the living, we here be dedicated to the great task remaining before us
—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they here gave the
last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain,
that this nation shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people,
for the people shall not perish from the earth.”*

**--President Abraham Lincoln
From the Gettysburg Address**

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SGT Sean Kimmons

The sun beams down Aug. 24 on a mural of SSGT Todd E. Nunes, a squad leader from Alpha Company, Task Force 1-21, who was killed during an insurgent attack on May 2 in Kirkuk.



SGT Sean Kimmons

Pallbearers from Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division carry the flag-draped casket of SPC Joseph C. Thibodeaux III onto a C-130 aircraft during a ceremony on Kirkuk Air Base Sept. 1.



SPC Sherree Casper

A photo of PFC Shawn C. Edwards, a Soldier from Bravo Company, 121st Signal Battalion who was killed April 23, sits on display at his memorial service April 27 at Forward Operating Base Danger, Tikrit.



SPC David C. Dyer

A group of Soldiers supports each other Nov. 30 at a memorial ceremony for SPC Jeremy E. Christensen, a Soldier from Alpha Troop, 1st Battalion, 4th Cavalry Regiment who was killed Nov. 27.

An honor guard renders a final salute Dec. 6 to SPC Erik W. Hayes, a 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment Soldier killed Nov. 29. (Photo by SPC David C. Dyer)

Members of the honor guard prepare to fire a volley of a 21-gun salute April 15 during a memorial ceremony for SGT William C. Eckhart, an F Troop Soldier from the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, who was killed during action in An Najaf April 10. (Photo by SPC David C. Dyer)



NEVER FORGOTTEN

The American flag waves Nov. 19 behind a memorial to SPC Daniel J. McConnell, a Soldier from Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, who was killed Nov. 16. (Photo by SGT Sean Kimmons)





Soldiers of Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment watch for suspicious activity outside of a Kurdish school in Samarra during a civil affairs assessment of the school Nov. 17. (Photo by SPC Elizabeth Erste)