

Raids net weapons caches, detains 32

By Spc. Chris McCann
2-10 Mtn. Public Affairs

BAGHDAD - It's the stuff war movies are made of -

breaking in doors, Soldiers moving in, rifles at the ready. But this wasn't a movie.

Soldiers of the 1st Squadron, 89th Cavalry

Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (LI) conducted a nighttime raid on a Baghdad meat-packaging facility sus-

pected of being a terrorist meeting place in the Al Rashid district Jan. 7.

The 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division concurrently assaulted the salt factory next door, also a suspected terrorist planning area. Joining the two U.S. units on the operation were members of the 3rd Battalion, 4th Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division. The two-pronged joint assault netted 32 detainees and more than 20 weapons, including 11 AK-47s, a Kalishnikov assault rifle, two Russian-made carbines, 15 60mm mortar rounds and a submachine gun.

The men detained, some of whom were guards at the building, were held on suspicion that they were allowing the buildings to be used as a terrorist rendezvous point, a suspicion strengthened by the weapons found in the area.

The 1-89 Wolverines

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(Photo by Spc. Chris McCann, 2-10 Mtn. Public Affairs)

Soldiers of the 1st Squadron, 89th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (LI) search the lower level of a meat-packing plant in Baghdad as part of a joint operation with the 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division Jan. 7. The packing plant was a suspected terrorist meeting place.

"Braves" go from creation to deployment in less than a year

By Sgt. 1st Class Nick Conner
15th SB Public Affairs

CAMP TAJI, Iraq- In the beginning, there was dust. There wasn't much else; just an officer, a first sergeant and a piece of paper.

Out of those humble, if not hectic beginnings, a company was born. As with all births, there was yelling, pleading and somewhere down the line, a smack and a cry.

Bravo Company, 15th Brigade Troops Battalion, 15th Sustainment Brigade, 13th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) began as most new Army units do: as a briefing slide. Army modularity restructuring created the need for a main communications hub at the brigade level.

Captain Jason Nunnery, a former division telecommunications officer, found himself in command of something unique. Given less than a year from creation to deployment, it was an opportunity to build

something from the ground up.

"I was excited. [This command opportunity] doesn't happen every day."

The "Braves" also carried to war the new Joint Network Transport Capability system. The first of two units to receive the JNTC, Nunnery worked to prepare his fledgling command to fill the gap left by the Army's departure from signal battalion

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(Photo by Sgt. Jon Cupp, 1-1 Cav. Public Affairs)

Macedonian president visits Taji

The President of Macedonia, Branko Crvenkovski (center), greeted Col. Paul E. Funk II (right), commander, 1st "Ironhorse" Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division and Command Sgt. Maj. Stanley D. Small, the Ironhorse Brigade's senior noncommissioned officer, during a visit to Camp Taji, Iraq Jan 7. A battalion of Crvenkovski's troops currently serve alongside Ironhorse Brigade troops at the base camp. Crvenkovski took the time to talk to his soldiers and present gifts to his troops.

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Meat packing plant full of weapons, not burgers

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staged at Forward Operating Base Falcon, Iraq, with the 1-18, then rolled out under cover

of darkness.

"It was our first joint operation," said Lt. Col. Mark Suich, a native of Greenville, Penn., and commander of 1-89. "It was a very successful oper-

ation."

Sgt. Jess Thurman of Denver, a team leader with Troop C, 1-89, said the Soldiers seemed glad to put their skills to use.

"It's not often we get to do this," Thurman said. "It's fun to do our job as infantrymen and take down the 'bad guys.'"

The factory was locked up for the night, and Soldiers stormed the building methodically, breaking down doors and clearing each room despite the fact that they had been awake and working for many hours leading up to the raid.

"It's been a long day," said Thurman, "But everyone kept their heads up and kept their motivation."

Pfc. William Salser, an infantryman with Troop C and a native of Calumet City, Ill., enjoyed the mission.

"This mission rocked!" he said. "We got to enter and clear a building. My buddy and I got to kick a door down. It really increased my motivation hearing the word 'Breach!'"

1st Lt. Andy Kimes, a platoon leader with the troop and a native of Fostoria, Ohio, said he was pleased by the Soldiers' teamwork, which they've trained on extensively.

"I enjoyed it because it's a

pay off of all the training," he said. "Seeing it all come together was great."

Troop C's lead scout, Staff Sgt. Myles Page, a native of Birmingham, Ala., also was pleased by the execution of the mission.

"The motivation the entire platoon had upon entering the objective was high," he said. "Everyone was pumped about such a large-scale operation. All the drills we'd completed and the skills we've acquired gave us the will to accomplish the mission."

The raid netted 32 people who were detained for questioning. Six of those were kept in custody for further questioning; the others were released.

In addition to the men detained in the operation, Soldiers found money and bonds from various countries in one of the buildings and a cache of 15 mortar rounds nearby.

Spc. Christopher Ray, a native of Waveland, Miss., and a cook with 1-89, guarded and searched the detainees. He summed up the mission in a single sentence.

"We were expecting weapons and bad guys," Ray said. "We found what we were looking for."



(Photo by Spc. Chris McCann, 2-10 Mtn. Public Affairs)

Soldiers of the 2nd BCT, 10th Mtn. Div. and the Iraqi army search a warehouse at a meat-packing plant in Baghdad. The plant was a suspected AIF meeting place.



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Observe the situation and surrounding environment. What are the Risks? How can I reduce them?

Plan. Develop your plan to reduce the risks and decide how to best implement the plan.

Proceed with Safety. Supervise continuously and Constantly look for ways to improve.

Soldiers clean up with help of quartermasters

By Spc. Chris McCann
2-10 Mtn. Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE YUSUFYAH, Iraq - When Soldiers first arrived in Iraq in 2003, they often had to wash their clothes in buckets or plastic bags. Now, main camps have laundry facilities staffed by local nationals or even contracted workers from other countries - but Soldiers on forward operating bases often have to send their laundry back to the camps to get clean clothing, and it can take several days.

Recently, though, the 442nd Quartermaster Company, 541st Combat Service Support Battalion, attached to the 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (LI), brought a laundry-equipped

vehicle to Forward Operating Base Yusufiyah, Iraq to solve the problem of not being able to get socks and uniforms clean in a hurry.

"We are definitely making it easier for these Soldiers here," said Spc. Jeremy Byers, who serves as shower and laundry technician with the company. "It cuts the time to get their laundry back down to less than a day."

The quartermaster company isn't just cleaning laundry, either - they're helping clean the Soldiers, too. In addition to the laundry facilities are providing the base with shower facilities.

"We make sure that the Soldiers get clean clothes and hot showers," said Staff Sgt. Mark Robinson, a native of Kingston, Jamaica, squad leader with the company. "We have had a lot of Soldiers come



(Photo by Sgt. Joseph Caron, 2-10 Mtn.)

Spc. Brandon Reitz, serving with the 442nd Quartermaster Company, sorts bags of laundry at FOB Yusufiyah, Iraq. The company recently moved to the FOB to provide shower and laundry facilities.

up and thank us for being here."

All we are trying to do is make better living conditions," said Robinson.

The 442nd Quartermaster Company arrived at FOB Yusufiyah and set things up in December, providing the facili-

ties that let Soldiers clean up.

"This is my first mission for something like this," said Spc. Hans Haddock of Lancaster, Penn. "We have the capabilities to support 30,000 troops, so we are helping out a lot with the laundry and the showers."

Signal Soldiers first to deploy with new digital communication equipment

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assets.

Planners created the system with a

"moving-forward" Army in mind. The concept integrates mobility and technology. Satellite communication trailers and commercially proven digital routers provide speed and better security features. The

captain pointed out that everything now is digital; nothing is analog.

The new unit, new equipment and new mission missed the last element; new Soldiers. From January to March 2006, B Co. Soldiers spent well over 2000 man-hours learning network security, KU satellites and Joint Network Node systems.

"We had equipment, but didn't know how to use it," laughed the commander.

First Sergeant Robert Knight, the company's telecommunications operations chief, sent every arriving Soldier to training; regardless of their job. With 17 years of signal experience, he realized the benefits cross training affords.

"You've got to cross train", he said. "It gives you piece of mind knowing you have someone to fill in if you need it."

Soldiers of the unit make history every day. Under the 13th SC(E), Nunnery's unit is the first to field and deploy the new JNTC system. A fact neither he nor his first sergeant can mention without a smile.



(Photo by Spc. Karly Cooper, 15th SB Public Affairs)

Sgt. Nicanor Amezquita (left), and Pfc. Robert Floyd check to see if their phone communications equipment is performing properly.

Canadian joins U.S. ranks to create a better life for family

By Sgt. Marcus Butler
4-25 Inf. Public Affairs

KALSU, Iraq - Living in a community lacking job opportunities creates challenges for the average family. Eventually, the choice has to be made to stay or to venture out of the area to improve the situa-



(Photo by Sgt. Marcus Butler, 4- 25 Inf. Public Affairs)

Spc. Terry Foster, 4th BCT (Airborne) 25th Inf. Div. Public Affairs, stands in front of his gun truck prior to leaving the wire on a convoy re-supply mission. The Canadian native, joined the Army after struggling to find the right job.

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Spc. Terry Foster had to make that life-changing decision and chose to join the United States Army.

For the Chilliwack, British Columbia native, the military was not a completely foreign idea.

Foster previously served as an infantryman with Canadian Special Forces for three years before giving it up to pursue other avenues of employment.

"I have quite a few jobs since leaving the Canadian military," he said. "Unfortunately, my wife, Jenny did not like living in the area we were in so we moved to another city."

Foster, Jenny and their son Nicholas packed up and moved to another area where he took on a job with the Corps of Commissioners of Canada where he worked in immigration. Only it didn't last.

After seven months of different jobs, Foster decided it was time for a change.

"I started the application (process) to join the Royal Canadian Mountain Police, which is the main governing police presence in Canada," said Foster. "It was really hard on my family, having to drive so far to see loved ones, so I decided not to join."

That is when Foster decided to leave Canada and join the United States Army.

So instead, Foster became a fuel supply specialist, and after completing basic training and airborne school he reported to Ft. Richardson, Alaska. He considered himself lucky to get Alaska for a first duty station.

"It was a great thing for my family, that I was stationed at Ft. Richardson," Foster said. "My wife's brother lives in Wasilla, Alaska, so that is less than 45 minutes away. We have a lot of good friends throughout the company and post and that makes our lives so much easier."

But it also came with a down side.

Foster was going to be deployed to Iraq as part of the 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division.

He took it in stride though and is now promotable.

"Spc. Foster has always been a hard worker with a good sense of humor," said Sgt. David Tolson, fuel supply specialist and Foster's squad leader. "Now that he is able to be promoted to sergeant, I am confident in handing Foster more duties and responsibilities."

However, Foster knows his biggest responsibility is waiting for him at home.

"My wife is obviously concerned about me being here in Iraq, but the support back home from the family support group and close family and friends are a big help," he said.

The Spartans have been in Iraq for three months so far and Foster, like many Soldiers is looking forward to the journey home. He has a good reason.

Approximately one month ago, Jenny gave birth to a baby girl, Sabrina.

"My time over here has been bitter sweet," Foster said. "I know I have my families support, and I can not wait to go home to them."

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