

**Monday, January 19, 2004**

## **2nd BCT screens IPS police applicants**

Story and photo by Sgt. Mark S. Rickert, 372nd MPAD

BAGHDAD, Iraq – The auditorium at the Iraqi Forum in central Baghdad was bustling Jan. 10 with applicants hoping to join the ranks of the Iraqi Police Service.

But before they can attend the police academy, candidates must go through a prescreening process.

This is where 1st Armored Division came in: soldiers with the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, ran the Iraqi police recruit prescreening.

This is the second time the soldiers with the 2nd BCT conducted the prescreening.

This time they've tweaked the process through lessons learned and hope for an even higher number of recruits, said leaders responsible for the program.

Their first go-around churned out a remarkable number of police recruits said Maj. Linda H. Sharf, 2nd BCT civil-military affairs officer. Their first attempt at sifting through recruits and finding the most promising candidates produced 86 percent acceptability—one of the highest success rates in the division.

This time, the soldiers are shooting for an even higher success rate, she said.

The battalion credits their success with a tight pre-screening process – involving multiple stations of medical evaluations and job-related questionnaires.

The battalion also required the candidates to bring supporting documents with them to the screening. They must also bring their paperwork to the police academy for the second phase of the screening process.

To make this second recruiting session more successful than the first, the 2nd BCT decided to draw this round of recruits based



**Spc. Carlos Moura, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 35th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Division, checks an applicant's blood pressure and pulse at the Iraqi Forum in central Baghdad Jan 10.**

upon recommendations from their neighborhood advisory councils, Sharf said.

By drawing from a narrow selection of applicants chosen by the neighborhood councils, the unit hopes to reduce potential corruption within the police force.

“By allowing the neighborhood advisory councils to hand-pick these recruits, we think we'll have good quality recruits,” 1st Lt. Derek L. Tureson, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 4th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery.

Neighborhood leader involvement should also bolster the councils' status within their communities and help with the task of choosing the recruits, he said.

“This helps the neighborhood advisory councils establish credibility,” said Tureson. “By their choosing honest recruits, the people will have confidence in the neighborhood advisory councils. It also builds the people's confidence with the police and the government.”

# The Old Ironsides Report *January 19, 2004*

## *News...*

### **Bomber Kills at Least 18 in Baghdad**

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - A suicide bomber blew up a pickup truck packed with 1,000 pounds of explosives outside the headquarters of the U.S.-led coalition Sunday, killing about 20 people and injuring more than 60 - most of them Iraqis.

The attack on a chill, foggy morning in the heart of Baghdad was the deadliest in Iraq since the capture of Saddam Hussein on Dec. 13 near his hometown of Tikrit. The blast occurred a day before the top U.S. civil administrator in Iraq was to meet with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan to ask for the world body's help in rebuilding the country.

### **Bomb Threat Diverts U.S.-Bound Plane**

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) - A Delta Airlines jet traveling from Germany to the United States made an emergency landing Sunday in Ireland because of a bomb threat.

Frankfurt-to-Atlanta flight number 27 landed at Shannon airport in the west of Ireland after crew discovered a note in a toilet suggesting there could be a bomb aboard the plane, said Siobhan Moore, spokeswoman for airport operating company Aer Rianta.

### **Pakistan Questions Nuclear Scientists**

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) - Pakistan has expanded its investigation of the country's premier nuclear weapons laboratory, detaining as many as seven scientists and administrators for questioning, amid allegations that sensitive technology may have spread to countries such as Iran, North Korea and Libya, officials said Sunday.

Also Sunday, Pakistani agents arrested seven al-Qaida suspects and confiscated weapons during an early morning raid in the southern city of Karachi, an intelligence officer said.

### *Chaplain's thought for the day...*

#### **How to Hold a Team Together**

I'm just a plow hand from Arkansas, but I have learned how to hold a team together. How to lift some men up, how to calm down others, until finally they've got one heartbeat together, a team. There's just three things I'd ever say:

If anything goes bad, I did it.

If anything goes semi-good, then we did it.

If anything goes real good, then you did it.

That's all it takes to get people to win football games for you.

Bear Bryant

Another way to talk about team building is to remember our Army values: Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless-Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage. That is what we are about building a team, which lives our Army Values.

## *And in other news...*

### **'Friends' Too Sexy for Chinese Television**

BEIJING (AP) -- The hit American sitcom "Friends" may prove too risque for Chinese television.

All television in China is government-controlled, and China Central Television had planned to begin airing "Friends" this year. Staff are trying to edit out the sex talk, but "we will face many problems in translation and abridgment," said Qin Mingxin of CCTV's entertainment unit in an article on the Web site of the Communist Party's People's Daily.

"I had thought the play focused on friendship, but after a careful preview I found each episode had something to do with sex," Qin said. "The attitudes of the six close-knit young friends in the play cannot be generally accepted by Chinese audiences yet."

"Friends" is already popular in China, as counterfeit DVDs of various seasons are available on the country's streets alongside fake Hollywood movies.

"Friends" has been running on the U.S. network NBC since 1994. The 2003-04 season is to be its last.

### **Firefighters Blast Coworker's Porn Career**

KEYES, Calif. (AP) -- A firefighter moonlighting as a porn star for a little extra cash has caused a stir in this small rural town, officials said.

Seventeen firefighters in Keyes, a town of less than 5,000 in the middle of the Central Valley's dairy country, walked off their jobs to protest Alexa Jones' other career, which they said she discussed while on the job with her husband, Assistant Chief Roger Jones.

Capt. Herb Collier, one of the 17 who dropped their gear and resigned earlier this week, said that not only did the couple bring the topic up in the station, but Roger Jones also fired a cadet who got curious and checked out Alexa's site - without paying.

Collier said the firefighters also are upset with their chief, Eddie Jones - Roger's father and Alexa's father-in-law - because he will not discipline his son.

"We feel pretty strongly that there needs to be a separation between the pornography and the fire service," Collier said.

Alexa Jones's site, which opens with a picture of her in a very revealing schoolgirl outfit but does not mention her job as a firefighter, promotes X-rated material, in which she stars under the pseudonym Chantel Lace.

Her husband added: "It's called freedom of expression, and speech also. It's not illegal."

The Keyes station responds to fires, medical calls and other emergencies in town and in the surrounding rural area. Only eight firefighters are left in Keyes, but nearby stations have pledged to help out.

#### **SAFETY TIP**

**DON'T LET YOUR DRIVER'S  
LICENSE BECOME YOUR DEATH  
CERTIFICATE**

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As of: Sunday, January 18, 2004 7:33:51 AM

Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
00:00			M*A*S*H : - LAST LAUGH		CNN SUNDAY	00:00
00:30			THE MARY TYLER MOORE SHOW : - HI THERE, SPORTS FANS			00:30
01:00			FAMILY TIES : - FOOL FOR LOVE		MEET THE PRESS	01:00
01:30	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - SEC (WOMEN'S): AUBURN @ VANDERBILT		THE COSBY SHOW : - IT COMES AND IT GOES			01:30
02:00		FOX NFL SUNDAY	CHIPS : - CRACK-UP	FOX NFL SUNDAY	TIM RUSSERT	02:00
02:45		NFL - NFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME: CAROLINA PANTHERS @ PHILADELPHIA EAGLES		NFL - NFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME: CAROLINA PANTHERS @ PHILADELPHIA EAGLES		02:45
03:00			ROCKET POWER : - TWISTER'S CUZ		FOX REPORT	03:00
03:30	PGA TOUR - SONY OPEN: FINAL ROUND		THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS : - CHIN UP/ DOG'S DAY AFTERNOON			03:30
04:00			THE SIMPSONS : - WEEKEND AT BURNSIE'S		THIS WEEK	04:00
04:30			THE COSBY SHOW : - PLAY IT AGAIN VANESSA			04:30
05:00			BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER : - POTENTIAL		DATELINE INTERNATIONAL	05:00
06:00	NFL PRIMETIME	HEADLINE NEWS	LAW & ORDER : - SWEEP AWAY: A VERY SPECIAL EPISODE	HEADLINE NEWS	60 MINUTES	06:00
06:30	SPORTSCENTER	AMERICA'S BLACK FORUM		JUDGE JUDY		06:30
07:00		MEET THE PRESS	CRITICAL RESCUE : - FIRESTORM	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	CNN PRESENTS	07:00
07:25				GUIDING LIGHT		07:25
08:00	NFL PRIMETIME	HEADLINE NEWS	AMERICAN CHOPPER		LARRY KING LIVE	08:00
08:13				GENERAL HOSPITAL		08:13
08:30	NFL FILMS PRESENTS - POSTSEASON POTPOURRI	ESPNEWS				08:30
09:00	SPORTSCENTER	SESAME STREET	THE MIGHTY	ZOOBOOMAFOO : - SAND CREATURES	AT LARGE WITH GERALDO RIVERA	09:00
09:30				DIGIMON: DIGITAL MONSTERS (TV-7): - BIYOMON GETS FIREPOWER		09:30
10:00		DORA: THE EXPLORER : - THE HAPPY OLD TROLL		OUR FRIEND MARTIN	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	10:00
10:30	ESPNEWS	WHEEL OF FORTUNE				10:30
11:00	NFL PRIMETIME	THE DR. PHIL SHOW	ROCKET POWER : - TWISTER'S CUZ	JEOPARDY!	BELTWAY BOYS	11:00
11:30	FIA SPORTSCAR CHAMPIONSHIP - OSCHERSLEBEN		THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS : - CHIN UP/ DOG'S DAY AFTERNOON	HEADLINE NEWS	FOX NEWS WATCH	11:30
11:46		THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW				11:46
12:00			THE SIMPSONS : - WEEKEND AT BURNSIE'S	ESPNEWS	BULLS & BEARS	12:00
12:30	MOTORCYCLE RACING - 2004 THQ SUPERCROSS GP (250CC) ANAHEIM		THE COSBY SHOW : - PLAY IT AGAIN VANESSA	HEADLINE NEWS	AFNEWS ON ASSIGNMENT	12:30
12:35		GUIDING LIGHT				12:35
13:00			BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER : - POTENTIAL	60 MINUTES	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	13:00
13:17		GENERAL HOSPITAL				13:17
13:30	SPORTSCENTER					13:30
14:00		HEADLINE NEWS	LAW & ORDER : - SWEEP AWAY: A VERY SPECIAL EPISODE	NYPD BLUE : - LAUGHLIN ALL THE WAY TO THE CLINK	DATELINE NBC	14:00
14:30		JUDGE JUDY				14:30
15:00	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - ACC (WOMEN'S): DUKE @ VIRGINIA	TODAY	CRITICAL RESCUE : - FIRESTORM	WITHOUT A TRACE : - BETWEEN THE CRACKS	GOOD MORNING AMERICA	15:00
16:00			AMERICAN CHOPPER	HEADLINE NEWS		16:00
16:30				TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO		16:30
17:00	SPORTSCENTER	ZOOBOOMAFOO : - SAND CREATURES	THE MIGHTY		HEADLINE NEWS	17:00
17:30		DIGIMON: DIGITAL MONSTERS (TV-7): - BIYOMON GETS FIREPOWER		THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN	CHANNEL ONE	17:30
17:45					ABC WORLD NEWS THIS MORNING	17:45
18:00		OUR FRIEND MARTIN			THE EARLY SHOW	18:00
18:30	NFL PRIMETIME			ACCESS HOLLYWOOD		18:30
19:00	SPORTSCENTER	JEOPARDY!	ROCKET POWER : - TWISTER'S CUZ	TELL THEM WILLIE BOY IS HERE		19:00
19:30		HEADLINE NEWS	THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS : - CHIN UP/ DOG'S DAY AFTERNOON			19:30
20:00		ESPNEWS	THE SIMPSONS : - WEEKEND AT BURNSIE'S		FOX NEWS LIVE	20:00
20:30	AUSTRALIAN OPEN TENNIS - EARLY ROUND COVERAGE DAY 1	HEADLINE NEWS	THE COSBY SHOW : - PLAY IT AGAIN VANESSA			20:30
20:45				MARNIE		20:45
21:00		60 MINUTES	BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER : - POTENTIAL		DATELINE NBC	21:00
22:00		NYPD BLUE : - LAUGHLIN ALL THE WAY TO THE CLINK	LAW & ORDER : - SWEEP AWAY: A VERY SPECIAL EPISODE		FOX NEWS LIVE	22:00
23:00		WITHOUT A TRACE : - BETWEEN THE CRACKS	CRITICAL RESCUE : - FIRESTORM	ESPNEWS	HEADLINE NEWS	23:00
23:30				HEADLINE NEWS	INSIDE POLITICS	23:30

*Today in history...* Jan. 19, 1966

## INDIRA GANDHI LEADS INDIA:

(HISTORYCHANNEL.COM) Following the death of Indian Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri, Indira Gandhi becomes head of the Congress Party and thus prime minister of India. She was India's first female head of government and by the time of her assassination in 1984 was one of its most controversial.

Gandhi was the daughter of Jawaharlal Nehru, the first prime minister of the independent Republic of India. She became a national political figure in 1955, when she was elected to the executive body of the Congress Party. In 1959, she served as president of the party and in 1964 was appointed to an important post in Lal Bahadur Shastri's ruling government. Soon after becoming prime minister, Gandhi was challenged by the right wing of the Congress Party, and in the 1967 election she won only a narrow victory and thus had to rule with a deputy prime minister. In 1971, she won a resounding reelection victory over the opposition and became the undisputed leader of India. That year, she ordered India's invasion of Pakistan in support of the creation of Bangladesh, which won her greater popularity and led her New Congress Party to a landslide victory in national elections in 1972.

During the next few years, she presided over increasing civil unrest brought on by food shortages, inflation, and regional disputes. Her administration was criticized for its strong-arm tactics in dealing with these problems. Meanwhile, charges by the Socialist Party that she had defrauded the 1971 election led to a national scandal. In 1975, the High Court in Allahabad convicted her of a minor election infraction and banned her from politics for six years. In response, she declared a state of emergency throughout India, imprisoned thousands of political opponents, and restricted personal freedoms in the country. Among several unpopular programs during this period was the forced sterilization of men and women as a means of controlling population growth.

In 1977, long-postponed national elections were held, and Gandhi and her party were swept from office. The next year, Gandhi's supporters broke from the Congress Party and formed the Congress (I) Party, with the "I" standing for "Indira." Later in 1978, she was briefly imprisoned for official corruption. Soon after the ruling Janata Party fell apart, the Congress (I) Party, with Indira as its head, won a spectacular election victory in 1980, and Gandhi was again prime minister.

In the early 1980s, several regional states intensified their call for greater autonomy from New Delhi, and the Sikh secessionist movement in Punjab resorted to violence and terrorism. In 1984, the Sikh leaders set up base in their sacred Golden Temple in Amritsar. Gandhi responded by sending the Indian army in, and hundreds of Sikhs were killed in the government assault. In retaliation, Sikh members of Gandhi's own bodyguard gunned her down on the grounds of her home on October 31, 1984. She was succeeded by her son, Rajiv Gandhi.



	<b>PATRIOTS</b>	<b>24</b>		<b>PANTHERS</b>	<b>14</b>
	<b>COLTS</b>	<b>14</b>		<b>EAGLES</b>	<b>3</b>