

Soldiers of ‘Battle’ Company, 2-37 Armor aid local neighborhoods

By Pfc. Erik Ledrew, 1AD PAO

DIWANIYA, Iraq – Reconnaissance missions are standard for any unit in a combat zone, and the armored crewmembers of B Company, 2nd Battalion, 37th Armor Regiment, Task Force 1st Armored Division, are no exception.

The Soldiers of ‘Battle’ Company, who are attached to the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment along with the rest of 1-37 Armor, recently conducted one such recon mission in the southern Iraqi city of Diwaniya.

‘‘We conducted area reconnaissance of about a third of our total sector in Diwaniya,’’ said Capt. Geoffrey Wright, B Company commander. ‘‘We do this type of thing everyday. Today we concentrated on finding key business locations, key leaders.’’

Their other task was to try to measure of resident’s opinions, he said.

‘‘We learned that there’s a great deal of frustration among them; they’re not satisfied with the public services here,’’ he added. ‘‘Trash, for instance: it’s everywhere and people are upset about that.’’



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Soldiers with ‘Battle’ Company, 2nd Battalion, 37th Armor Regiment, Task Force 1st Armored Division, speak with local Iraqis via an interpreter in one of several neighborhoods they visited while on patrol recently.

Wright said he hopes to assist with some of the community problems in his unit’s sector. If he can find a solution, then he will relay the information to those who can assist the residents in solving the problems.

‘‘We’re going to have to work with (Iraqis) and the civil military officer with 2nd ACR to get support and funding so that we can help these people fix their problems.’’

Wright added that while they were patrolling in the neighborhoods, they also stopped by several schools.

‘‘We stopped by just to make sure (the schools) are secure and to see if they might

be being used as enemy hideouts,’’ he said.

In addition to patrolling these neighborhoods, Battle Co.’s recon mission also included a stop at the community’s Iraqi Police Station to see if there might be any problems Wright’s unit could help out with.

While there, Wright also asked the IPS commanding officer if joint, Soldier-Police patrols in Diwaniya might be something they were interested in.

The Iraqi Police officer’s answer: ‘‘Yes.’’

‘‘We’ll go by the police stations, pick up some of the officers there and bring them along when we go out on patrol,’’ Wright said. ‘‘It helps us find our way around the city better; and since the (IPS) only have a limited number of vehicles, it helps them get out and work with their people. It’s a benefit for both sides.’’

Wright’s goal of reaching out and helping Iraqis while on patrol is to win their support.

‘‘We’re trying to win the people over in support of a future Iraq that is free and democratic and teach them to have faith in the system,’’ he said.



Capt. Geoffrey Wright, commander of B Company, 2-37 Armor, talks with the commanding officer (background) of the Iraqi Police force through an interpreter. The two discussed possible solutions to any issues the IPS may be having in Diwaniyah.



Quote of the Day...

Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.

Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)



Tennessee natives assigned to Task Force 1st Armored Division pose with Tennessee Sen. Bill Frist, Senate Majority Leader. Frist, along with Utah Senator Bob Bennett and Nevada Senator John Ensign, ate lunch with TF 1AD Soldiers from their respective states June 5 at the Bob Hope Dining Facility at Baghdad International Airport. (Photo by Sgt. Shauna McRoberts, 1AD PAO)

Oddly Enough...

Brooklyn Cheese Artist Makes Bed of Ham

NEW YORK (AP) -- An artist best known for decorative cheese has broadened his palette, or palate, to ham.

Cosimo Cavallaro, 41, is the son of Italian immigrants. He once repainted a New York hotel room in melted mozzarella, and now he has covered a bed in processed ham.

"I feel like I am back in my mother's deli," the artist said Thursday.

His installation in a street-level gallery space of the Roger Smith Hotel in midtown Manhattan involved slicing 312 pounds of ham and tossing the meat on top of a four-poster bed.

The installation, which took 3 1/2 hours, will be kept in the air-conditioned room for two days.

Chaplain's Thought for the Day...

Growing Through Adversity

Malcolm Muggeridge, in *Homemade*, July, 1990; summed up life's greatest lesson with these words; "Contrary to what might be expected, I look back on experiences that at the time seemed especially desolating and painful with particular satisfaction. Indeed, I can say with complete truthfulness that everything I have learned in my 75 years in this world, everything that has truly enhanced and enlightened my experience, has been through affliction and not through happiness"

Today in History...

(Historynet.com)

1498

Christopher Columbus leaves on his third voyage of exploration.

1546

The Peace of Ardes ends the war between England and France.

1654

Louis XIV is crowned King of France.

1712

The Pennsylvania Assembly bans the importation of slaves.

1767

Daniel Boone sights present-day Kentucky.

1775

The United Colonies change their name to the United States.

1863

Mexico City is captured by French troops.

1903

Professor Pierre Curie reveals the discovery of Polonium.

1914

The first vessel passes through the Panama Canal.

1932

Over 7,000 war veterans march on Washington D.C. demanding their bonus pay for service in WWI.

1942

The Japanese invade Attu and Kiska in the Aleutian Islands.

1968

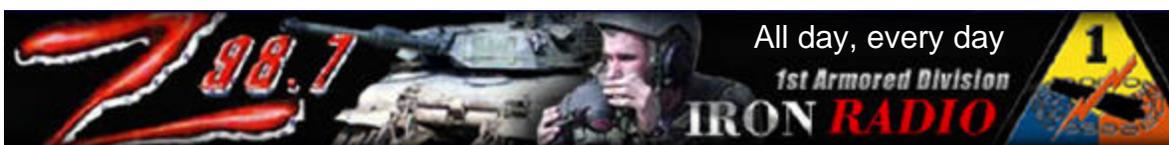
In Operation Swift Saber, U.S. Marines sweep an area 10 miles northwest of Danang in South Vietnam.

1981

Israeli F-16 fighter-bombers bomb and destroy Iraq's only nuclear reactor.

1994

The Organization of African Unity formally admits South Africa as its 53rd member.



For your Information...

Division AER drive continues through June

1st Armored Division Public Affairs Office

Task Force 1st Armored Division is running an Army Emergency Relief campaign through June 25 to heighten Soldiers' awareness of the program.

Through the donations this private nonprofit organization provides assistance to active duty Soldiers, retirees and family members.

"This is the Army's own organization that's sole mission is to help soldiers and their dependents," said Capt. Allison Morgan, TF 1AD AER campaign manager. "It provides assistance ... in emergency or hardship situations."

AER provides assistance for food, rent or utilities; emergency transportation and vehicle repair; funeral expenses; medical and dental expenses; and personal needs when pay is delayed or stolen; as well as gives undergraduate-level education scholarships, based primarily on financial need, to children of soldiers.

Though units around the Army only hold one campaign a year, Soldiers can make donations at any time, noted Morgan.

The goal with the task force's campaign is 100 percent contact – meaning every soldier is given the opportunity to donate. This is done through unit and section campaign representatives. Soldiers can donate via cash check or allotment and 97 cents out of every dollar goes to the funds.

"You don't have to be a contributor to take advantage of the assistance," Morgan said, adding, "(But) even if you never need it you're still helping other Soldiers."

For more information on AER, Soldiers can contact their unit representatives, reference the program's Army Regulation 930-4, or go to www.aerhq.org.



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Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
0:00	FRENCH OPEN TENNIS - MEN'S FINALS (JIP)	SPORTSCENTER		ESPNEWS	TIM RUSSERT	0:00
0:30				ESPNEWS		0:30
1:00		HEADLINE NEWS	THE WILD THORNBERRYS (TVY): - FORGET ME NOT	SESAME STREET	FOX REPORT	1:00
1:30		SEINFELD (TV14): - THE CONVERSION	SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (TVY): - DYING FOR PIE / IMITATION KRABS			1:30
2:00		ESPNEWS	THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - BART GETS FAMOUS	DORA THE EXPLORER (TVY): - SAVE THE PUPPIES	THIS WEEK	2:00
2:30		NBA HANGTIME	HAPPY DAYS (TVG): - THE DEADLY DARES	NBA HANGTIME		2:30
3:00	AFL - DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS: COLORADO CRUSH VS NEW ORLEANS VOODOO	NBA - FINALS GM 1: DETROIT PISTONS @ LOS ANGELES LAKERS	AVERAGE JOE: HAWAII (TV14): - HAWAII PREMIERE	NBA - FINALS GM 1: DETROIT PISTONS @ LOS ANGELES LAKERS	DATeline INTERNATIONAL	3:00
4:00			LAW & ORDER: SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT (TV14): - INHERITANCE		60 MINUTES	4:00
5:00			MONSTER GARAGE (TVPG): - DEMOLITION-DERBY CAR		CNN PRESENTS	5:00
5:30		AMERICA'S BLACK FORUM		JUDGE JUDY (TVPG):		5:30
6:00	ESPNEWS	HEADLINE NEWS	THE NEW DETECTIVES (TV14): - FATAL ABDUCTIONS	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	LARRY KING LIVE	6:00
6:25				GUIDING LIGHT (TV14):		6:25
6:30	BASEBALL TONIGHT	ESPNEWS				6:30
7:00		SESAME STREET	VICE VERSA		CNN SUNDAY NIGHT	7:00
7:13				GENERAL HOSPITAL (TV14):		7:13
7:30	SPORTSCENTER					7:30
8:00		DORA THE EXPLORER (TVY): - SAVE THE PUPPIES		LILO & STITCH: THE ANIMATED SERIES (TVG): - YAARP	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	8:00
8:30		WHEEL OF FORTUNE (TVG):		DIGIMON: DIGITAL MONSTERS (TVY7): - NO QUESTIONS, PLEASE		8:30
9:00	PGA TOUR - THE MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT: FINAL ROUND (JIP)	THE DR. PHIL SHOW (TVPG):	THE WILD THORNBERRYS (TVY): - FORGET ME NOT	I SPY (TVY): - A THING THAT FLOATS/SEASHELLS BY THE SEASHORE	BELTWAY BOYS	9:00
9:30			SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (TVY): - DYING FOR PIE / IMITATION KRABS	EVEN STEVENS (TVG): - WILD CHILD	FOX NEWS WATCH	9:30
9:46		THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW (TVPG):				9:46
10:00			THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - BART GETS FAMOUS	JEOPARDY! (TVG):	BULLS & BEARS	10:00
10:30			HAPPY DAYS (TVG): - THE DEADLY DARES	HEADLINE NEWS	CAVUTO ON BUSINESS	10:30
10:35		GUIDING LIGHT (TV14):				10:35
11:00			AVERAGE JOE: HAWAII (TV14): - HAWAII PREMIERE	ESPNEWS	DATeline NBC	11:00
11:17		GENERAL HOSPITAL (TV14):				11:17
11:30				PACIFIC REPORT		11:30
12:00	SPORTSCENTER	HEADLINE NEWS	LAW & ORDER: SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT (TV14): - INHERITANCE	60 MINUTES		12:00
12:30		JUDGE JUDY (TVPG):				12:30
13:00		TODAY	MONSTER GARAGE (TVPG): - DEMOLITION-DERBY CAR	COLD CASE (TV14): - THE RUNNER	GOOD MORNING AMERICA	13:00
13:30	NBA - FINALS GM 1: DETROIT PISTONS @ LOS ANGELES LAKERS					13:30
14:00			THE NEW DETECTIVES (TV14): - FATAL ABDUCTIONS	WITHOUT A TRACE (TVPG): - THE SOURCE		14:00
15:00		LILO & STITCH: THE ANIMATED SERIES (TVG): - YAARP	VICE VERSA	PACIFIC REPORT	HEADLINE NEWS	15:00
15:30	NBA FINALS LATE NIGHT	DIGIMON: DIGITAL MONSTERS (TVY7): - NO QUESTIONS, PLEASE		TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO (TVPG):	ABC WORLD NEWS THIS MORNING	15:30
16:00	MOTO GP - ITALIAN GRAND PRIX	I SPY (TVY): - A THING THAT FLOATS/SEASHELLS BY THE SEASHORE			THE EARLY SHOW	16:00
16:30		EVEN STEVENS (TVG): - WILD CHILD		THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN (TVPG):		16:30
17:00	SPORTSCENTER	JEOPARDY! (TVG):	THE WILD THORNBERRYS (TVY): - FORGET ME NOT			17:00
17:30		HEADLINE NEWS	SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (TVY): - DYING FOR PIE / IMITATION KRABS	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD		17:30
18:00		ESPNEWS	THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - BART GETS FAMOUS	SHOT IN THE HEART	DATeline NBC	18:00
18:30	MLB - SEATTLE MARINERS @ CHICAGO WHITE SOX	HEADLINE NEWS	HAPPY DAYS (TVG): - THE DEADLY DARES			18:30
19:00		60 MINUTES	AVERAGE JOE: HAWAII (TV14): - HAWAII PREMIERE			19:00
19:45				WHAT THE DEAF MAN HEARD		19:45
20:00		COLD CASE (TV14): - THE RUNNER	LAW & ORDER: SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT (TV14): - INHERITANCE		FOX NEWS LIVE	20:00
21:00		WITHOUT A TRACE (TVPG): - THE SOURCE	MONSTER GARAGE (TVPG): - DEMOLITION-DERBY CAR		HEADLINE NEWS	21:00
21:30	THE HOT LIST			CINEMA SECRETS (TVPG): - AMAZING CREATURES	INSIDE POLITICS	21:30
22:00	THE HOT LIST	HEADLINE NEWS	THE NEW DETECTIVES (TV14): - FATAL ABDUCTIONS	ESPNEWS: THE HOT LIST		22:00
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23:00	AROUND THE HORN		VICE VERSA	TODAY	LESTER HOLT LIVE	23:00
23:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION	THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN (TVPG):				23:30