

Cavalry Greet 10th Mountain at Scania

By Spc. Andy Miller
122nd MPAD

COMBAT SUPPORT CENTER SCANIA, Iraq – Command Support Center (CSC) Scania is typically the last stop for troops heading into Baghdad from Kuwait. Following what is usually a 12-hour convoy, the road weary troops stop there for fuel, food and some rest. After a brief sojourn they start their engines, move out, and more than 100 kilometers later they are in Baghdad.

When the 2nd Brigade Combat Team (BCT) from the 10th Mountain Division stopped at Scania on their journey to Baghdad, they were greeted by an envoy from the 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment of the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division.

The troops wanted to welcome the Mountain Division Soldiers to the First Team, said 2nd Lt. Travis Trammell, a

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Pfc. Elmer Garcia, a medic, and Pfc. Lionel Torres, an infantryman, both with the 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division, clean weapons and prepare to rest at Combat Support Center Scania after a 12-hour convoy from Kuwait. The 2nd Brigade Combat Team of the 10th Mountain Division arrived in Baghdad mid-July to support the 1st Cavalry Division.

Trash Transfer Point Completed in Baghdad

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KARADAH DISTRICT, Baghdad, Iraq- A waste transfer point serving the Karadah district officially opened July 14 as part of a local government and coalition effort to improve the quality of life in Baghdad.

Dumpsters, trash trucks, and other heavy machinery

were also purchased as a part of the project to clean Karadah.

Cleanup efforts in the Karadah district, which is home to more than a million people and the subject of several other coalition projects, have cost nearly a million dollars, according to Lt. Col. Brian Dosa, commander of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team's 8th Engineer Battalion.

"The idea of a transfer point is, rather than have them drive to the landfill everyday, which is very inefficient, they come to a central point and big trucks take it to the landfill," Dosa said.

"The first time I was out here, it was burning, it was stinking. As you can see now, it's not a city park, but it doesn't smell and there's no burning

trash," Dosa said, referring to cleanup efforts of the transfer site itself, for which a local Baghdad contractor was hired.

Security lights were built and local guards were hired to prevent people from dumping illegally on the site, which was once a relatively uninhabited place, a place for people to

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platoon leader with Cobra Company of 2-8 Cav.

"[This mission] is to ease [10th Mountain's] transition into their area of operations," Trammell said. "That's why link-up was conducted [at Scania], where we can plan and conduct a good link-up and move them all the way into [Baghdad International Airport] where they can start occupying their area of operations and doing their mission."

10th Mountain's 2BCT is known as Task Force Commando, a light infantry unit designed for mobility and rapid deployment capability. When elements of the brigade recently returned from deployments to Afghanistan and Africa, the Commandos began transforming into a Brigade Unit of Action (BUA).

The BUA concept is part of an Army-wide reorganization which changes brigade-sized elements into smaller more modular forces capable of deploying without the rest of its parent division.

"A good example of [a BUA] is what we just pulled from the 10th Mountain Division," 1st Sgt. Tracy Davis, 2-8 Cav. said. "It's sort of the same concept where that package of forces now falls under the 1st Cavalry Division."

Though the Commandos won't maintain their traditional organizational structure in Baghdad, it would be a mistake to misjudge them, Capt. John Morning, the Company B commander for 2-8 Cav. said. Morning deployed with the 10th Mountain Division to Afghanistan last year during Operation Enduring Freedom.

"I think than anyone who

considers them rookies is sadly mistaken," Morning said. "Some of these guys have already done two tours in Afghanistan, and now are coming to Iraq. I'd call them probably far from rookies. I think we're probably pretty lucky to have them."

In Scania, the 10th Mountain Commandos were busy fueling their vehicles and cleaning their weapons to prepare for the last leg of their journey to Baghdad. Pointing out his Soldiers, Capt. Christopher Fahrenbach, the Company C commander for 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division, explained how well his troops were prepared for this mission in Baghdad.

"Although we don't have any experience in Iraq, we've got a lot of combat experience," Fahrenbach said. "One-third of my company are combat veterans from Operation Anaconda. Last year the company spent eight months in war in Africa... while the other part of the battalion and what was left of the brigade was training the Afghan Army. There is a tremendous amount of combat experience in this brigade and that's what makes



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Staff Sgt. James Mastrodomenico, a section sergeant with the 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division, conducts weapons maintenance during a stop at Combat Support Center Scania in Iraq July 18. Mastrodomenico recently returned from a seven-month deployment to Africa. While in Ranger School he was featured in the Army of One Ranger television advertisement. 2nd Brigade, 10th Mountain Division the right unit for Baghdad."

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-CPT John Morning, Commander, Co. B, 2-8 Cav.

Friday
High: 110
Low: 82

Saturday
High: 110
Low: 82

Sunday
High: 112
Low: 83

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Useful Iraqi Words/Phrases

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A Facility Protection Service officer stands in front of a garbage truck at a new garbage transfer point built to make transportation of solid waste more efficient.

Partnership With Iraqi People Fuels Work Projects

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dump freely.

That type of unregulated dumping had transformed the property on which the transfer point now stands, into a smoking pile of refuse, located within the city limits.

The new equipment will allow the local government to take care of the waste in an efficient manner and get it out of the city to two existing dumps, Dosa said.

An additional landfill, with more modern features, is also under construction as a part of another coalition project, Dosa said.

“We’re focusing on what we consider to be the essential services for the people of Karadah. That’s sewers, water, electricity, and trash. This is just one example of the ongoing work we’re doing in partnership with the Iraqi people.”

Distinguished Guests Make the Rounds



(Left) Gen. John Abizaid, Commander, U. S. Central Command, visits with Maj. Gen. Peter Chiarelli, Commanding General, 1st Cavalry Division, July 22, at 1st Cav. Headquarters in Baghdad, Iraq. Abizaid attended briefings and met with 1st Cav. Soldiers during his visit.

(Below) Brig. Gen. Joseph Smith, (center) commanding general, United States Army Safety Center, greets Col. James McConville (far left), commander, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, during a stop at Camp Cooke July 20. The visit was part of a four-day theater-wide conference where members of the Army aviation brigade commands discussed topics ranging from enemy attacks methods, to how to maintain the 4BCT’s extraordinary operations tempo, currently at seven times the norm.

By Spc. Michelle Newbold, 1st Cavalry Division Public Affairs



By Cpl. Benjamin Cossel, 122nd MPAD

Today in History July 23

► From historychannel.com
1937 Les Miserables, the first radio drama produced by Orson Welles and the fledgling Mercury Theater, debuts on this day. The show ran for half an hour on Fridays from July until September of that year. A year later, the theater group introduced a regular show, Mercury Theater on the Air, a dramatic anthology featuring Orson Welles and John Houseman. Welles' radio efforts established his reputation as a "boy wonder" well before the release of his groundbreaking film Citizen Kane in 1941.

1964 Shortly after being shoved into the top spot in the White House, U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson began pushing an ambitious slate of social initiatives through the legislative chain. Along with watching over the passage of a landmark civil rights bill, Johnson marshaled the government's forces in a so-called "War on Poverty." Though it had been U.S. President John F. Kennedy's brainchild, Johnson transformed the War on Poverty into one of his pet projects.

ICD Equal Opportunity Office presents:

**A Talent Show & Sports Day
Saturday, July 24**

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 9 am: Volleyball Tourney (6-person teams)
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Mikey, a dromedary camel, uses his long neck to his advantage in gathering feed from visitors at the Topsey Exotic Ranch, north of Copperas Cove, Texas, on Monday. The facility features more than 50 species of animals, many of which are rare and endangered.

AP



New Killeen Airport Boasts 1st Escalator in City's History

By Killeen Daily Herald

KILLEEN, Texas- Airline passengers looking for a smooth ride at the new Killeen-Fort Hood Regional Airport may never have to leave the terminal.

The city's first escalator will be ready for take-off when the airport opens Aug. 2.

Airport Expansion Committee member and longtime Killeen resident Tommy Joe Mills said the escalator is one of many firsts the new airport will bring to the city.

Mills said the airport, with all of its state-of-the-art equipment and conveniences, will mean more than people have imagined.

While the new escalators may be a sign that Killeen is rising in prominence, Mills said the high-tech conveyers also have a more practical significance.

"It means you can get upstairs."



Killeen Daily Herald

Kim Perry, a baggage handler for SkyWest Airlines, uses the new escalator at the Killeen-Fort Hood Regional Airport on Wednesday. It is the first escalator in Killeen history.



Killeen Daily Herald

A young swimmer splashes in a waterfall to cool off in the pool at Carl Levin Park in Harker Heights on Wednesday. With temperatures in the 90s, the pool is a popular place to beat the heat.

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Nephew Plays Big Role in Wedding

By AP

GRAND FORKS, N.D.- Seven-month-old Caleb Gowan had some big shoes to fill.

The baby boy was the best man at his uncle's wedding.

Jeremy Gowan was to be the best man at his brother's wedding, but when he was called to duty in Iraq earlier this month, the bride and groom had to find a stand-in.

Josh Gowan and his bride, Tami Osowski, decided Jeremy's son, Caleb, could do the job.

An American flag waving on the front lawn was the only clue that something was missing at Saturday's wedding in Oslo, Minn.

Caleb, who can sit and is starting to crawl, was carried up the aisle and spent the ceremony in the arms of groomsman Chris Gowan. His blonde hair was neatly parted and his pint-size tuxedo altered to fit perfectly. Caleb's shoes didn't fit, though, so his bare feet showed from the cuffs of his tuxedo trousers.

The bride and groom were told that while a witness to a wedding must be at least 16 years old, there was no law that would prevent Caleb from taking his father's place in the ceremony.

"No one else could replace (Jeremy)," Osowski said. "The only other person we wanted there was Caleb. It's his son. It's part of him."

Today in Cav

History

July 23



1950 - First combat of the Korean War for Cavalry troopers (1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, in front of Yongdong, reported it had destroyed three enemy T34 tanks with 3.5-inch rocket launchers in its first use of that weapon. The enemy was closing with the 1st Cavalry Division for the battle for Yongdong. The enemy made his first penetration southwest of Yongdong, establishing a roadblock a mile and a half behind the 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry, at the same time other units heavily engaged the 1st Battalion northwest of Yongdong in frontal attack). Elements of the 1st Battalion of the 5th Cavalry were called in to assist both the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the 8th along the seven-mile gap to absorb some of the pressure.

Killeen Boxers Excel at Invitational

By Killeen Daily Herald

DALLAS — The Killeen-based J&T Boxing Club had five of its athletes winning their respected weight classes at the 6th Annual National Invitational Black Gloves Championship last weekend.

Named the event's Most Outstanding Athlete, standout Marcus Johnson won the 178-pound title with 5-0 wins over Eric Fields in the semifinals and Michael Walters in the finals.

Johnson will by making his professional debut on Sept. 4 on a card presented by HBO.

Luis Garcia won the Open division by way of a walkover in the finals.

Felipe Montes took care of Louisiana's Ladez Jones in the 125-pound Division.

Titus McCane captured the heavyweight division with a 4-1 win over Dallas native Quantus Graves.

"I was especially excited about Titus because Quantus is ranked No. 7 in the U.S.," J&T owner and coach James Johnson said. "Not only that, he (Titus) beat Quantus in his own backyard. The tournament was held in the facility where he trains."

On the girls side, Lakia Johnson posted a 5-0 decision over Arkansas native Angel Thomas to win the 132-pound Intermediate female division.

"We're just trying to make Killeen proud," coach Johnson said. "I was extremely impressed and proud of our guys the way they conducted themselves at the tournament. There were over 300 competitors at this event and it just keeps getting better and better each year."



scores as of July 22
8 p.m. PDT

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Minnesota 7
Tampa Bay 5

Baltimore 8
Boston 3

Game 2
Boston 4
Baltimore 0

Chicago 3
Cleveland 0

Kansas City 13
Detroit 7

New York 1
Toronto 0

Anaheim 11
Texas 1

Oakland
@ Seattle

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Chicago 13
Cincinnati 2

Atlanta 2
Pittsburgh 1

Florida 10
Philadelphia 8

Montreal 4
New York 1

St. Louis 4
Milwaukee 0

Houston 10
Arizona 3

San Diego 9
San Francisco 4

Los Angeles 4
Colorado 2

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7 p.m.	Jeopardy!/ Headline News	Access Hollywood 7:30 p.m.	SportsCenter	The Wild Thornberrys/ Spongebob Squarepants
8 p.m.	ESPNNews/ Headline News	The Wedding Planner	Baseball Tonight	The Simpsons/ Happy Days
9 p.m.	The Simpsons/ Malcolm in the Middle		ESPN Great Outdoor Games	The Dead Zone
10 p.m.	The Apprentice	The Tiger Woods Story	ESPN Great Outdoor Games	Boston Public