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Scenes from Iraq



Sunset over the Tigris River and valley near Balad.

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Two views of the Jabal Hamrin Ridge northeast of Tikrit.



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Fields in a valley near Tikrit.



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A flock of sheep east of the Jabal Hamrin Ridge (above), and a palm grove in Ad-Duluiyah (right).



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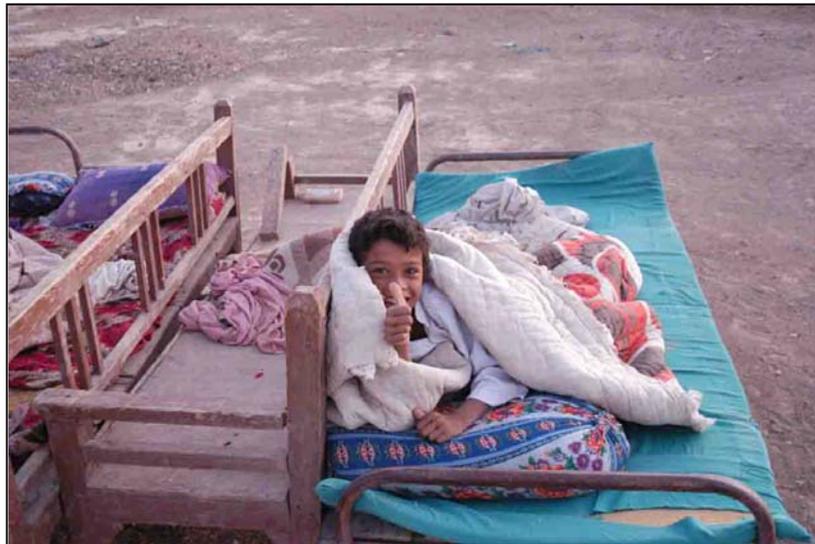
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Raids

Sometimes we find the enemy, sometimes weapons, and sometimes...



...a family sleeping outside in their yard to beat the heat, with one boy who wanted to stay in bed, one who wanted to shake SGT Cruz's hand...



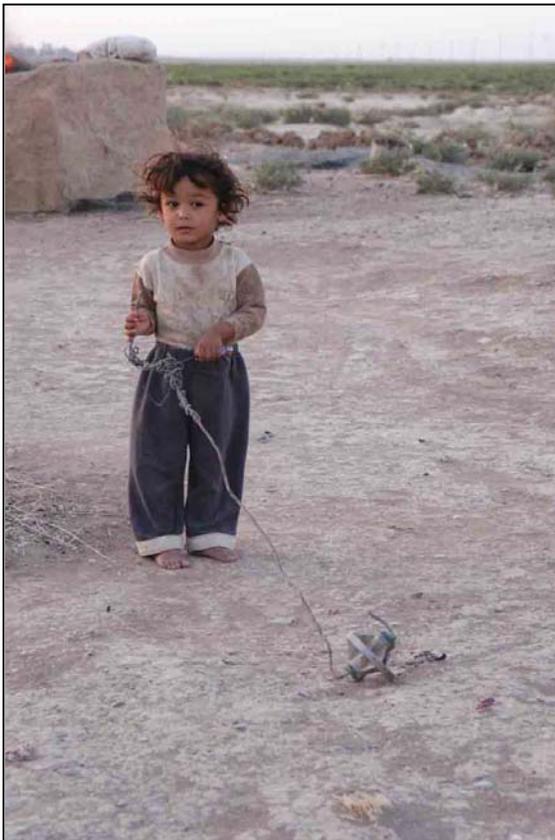
411th MPs search the family's farm in the pre-dawn darkness.



Sometimes we find...

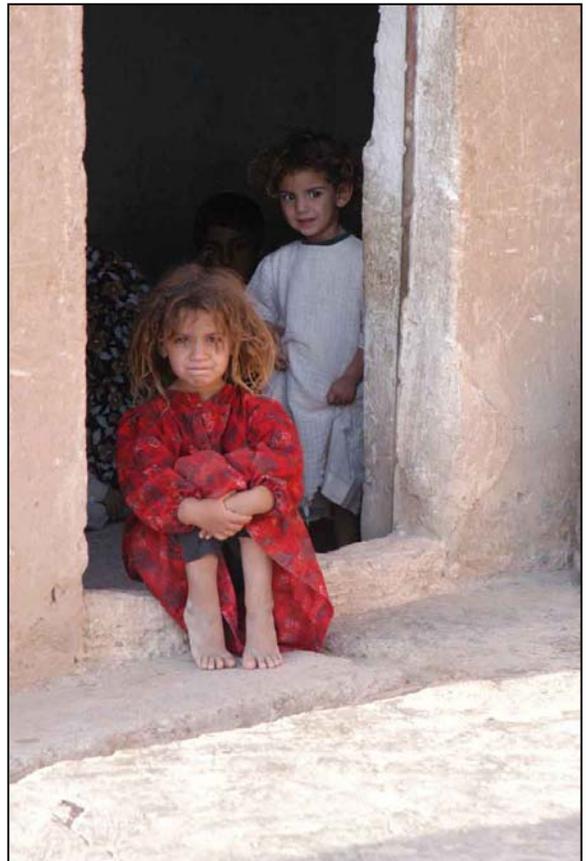
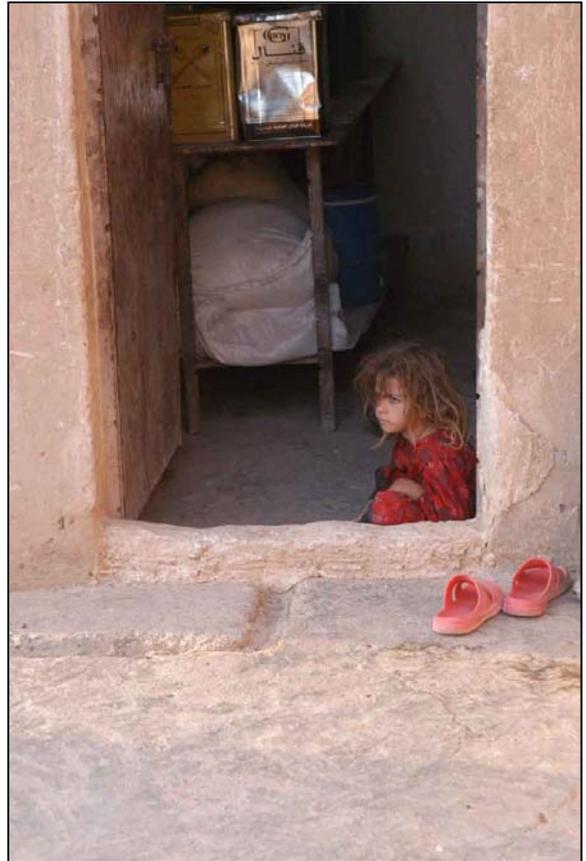
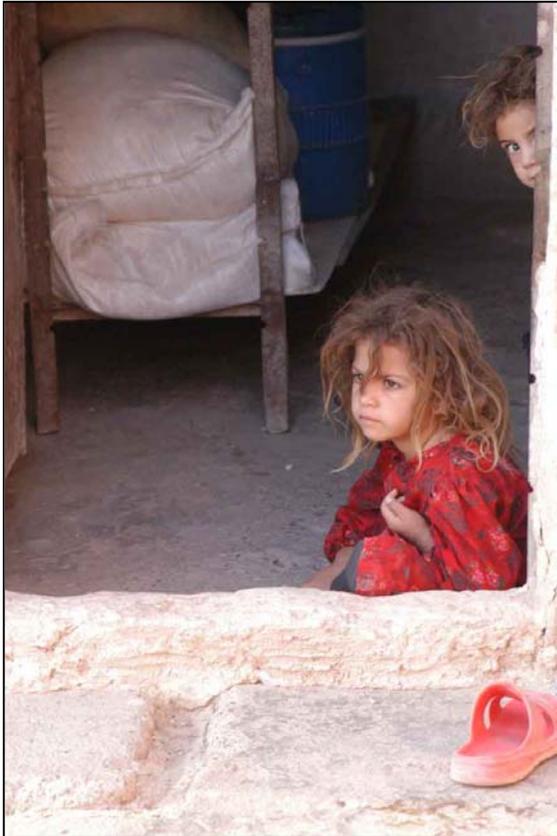


...and one little boy who wanted to say hello to SGT Cruz and SPC Locurto and SSG Mount before getting dressed to play with a toy...



Sometimes we find...

...or two little girls who didn't want to leave the shelter of a doorway...



SGM Wilson and Iraqi Police officers speak with a man during a raid. The two girls were watching the conversation.

Sometimes we find...



...and one little girl who didn't want to leave the shelter of her box in the yard.



411th and 401st MPs discover a cache of Rocket Propelled Grenades (RPGs) in a neighboring farm close to the little girl's house.

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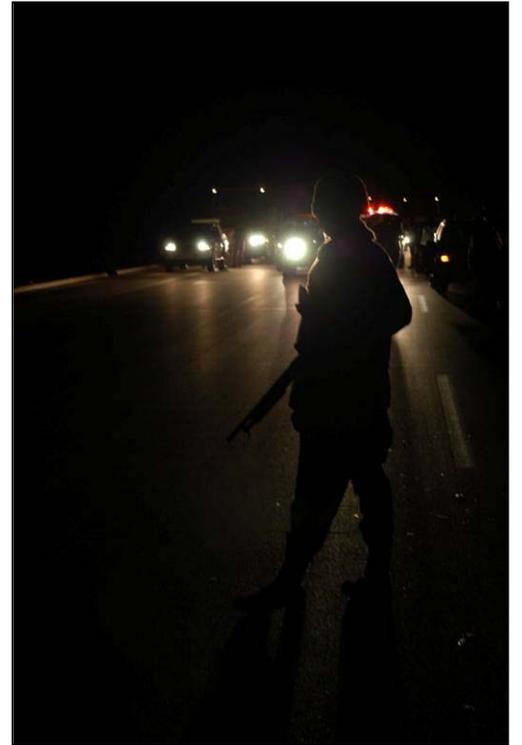
Night Missions



Above: PVT Sean Grady, 64th MP Company at a checkpoint near Duluiyah in July.

Right: SPC James Bacon, 411th MP Company, during a convoy escort mission in western Iraq in April.

Below: SPC David Martin, 64th MP Company, on patrol in Duluiyah in June.



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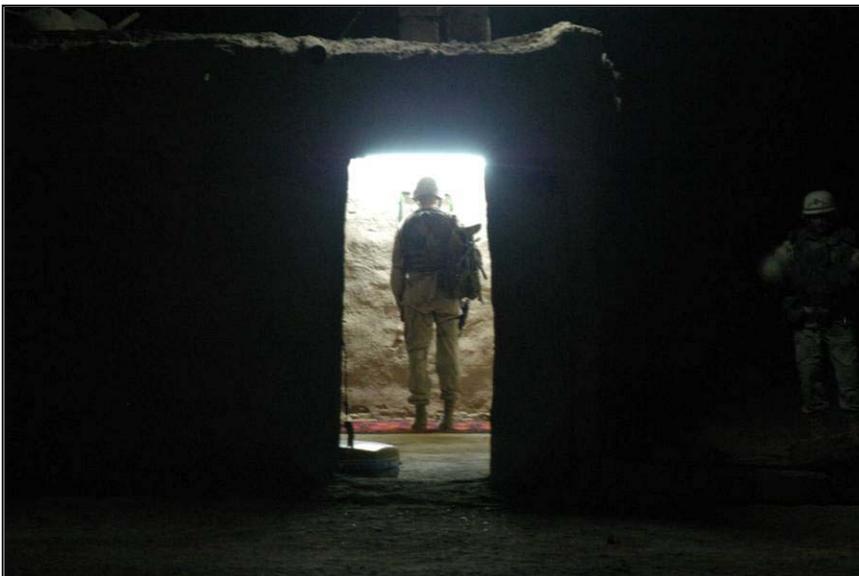
Clockwise from bottom left:

A 411th soldier searches a farmhouse during a raid near Tikrit in September.

64th MP Company soldiers inspect a burning car while on patrol in Samarra in August.

SGT Peter Powers (left), 64th MP Company, looks for hostile forces who had fled into a vacant field near Duluiyah in September.

A flare lights up the sky above SPC Brian Purcell, 64th MP Company, during a patrol in Duluiyah in August.



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Left: A 411th MP Company soldier guards an intersection while on patrol in Tikrit in September.

Above: SPC Rachel Stephens (left), and SPC Joshua Thompson (right), 401st MP Company, stand guard outside a door of a home in northern Iraq in November while the occupants were being questioned inside by other MPs.

Below: 401st MP Company soldiers discuss plans while on a mission in northern Iraq in November.



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Above: Iraqi Police vehicles lead a 401st MP Company vehicle and LTC Poirier's command vehicle (far left) into the sunset while on a raid west of Tikrit in December.

Left: SSG Chad Laws (right), and CPL Jesse Deets (left), 401st MP Company, inspect a home during the raid.

Below: 401st MP Company pause in the desert west of Tikrit while returning from the raid.

