

# *Soldiers of the Gauntlet*

720<sup>th</sup> Military Police Battalion Newsletter – November 2003

## Photo of the Month



From left to right, PFC Joshua Martinez, PFC Karen Rowley and SPC Joseph Lomas, 411<sup>th</sup> MP Company, wait to be served their Thanksgiving meal in the 4<sup>th</sup> ID dining facility in Tikrit, Iraq, Nov. 27.

## *Soldier Profile*

SPC Abram Umphrey is a medic with the 411<sup>th</sup> MP Company. During Operation Iraqi Freedom, Umphrey has treated soldiers for everything from the flu to gunshot wounds. As a medic, he likes being able to take care of soldiers, and to help them in crisis situations. "I like knowing that soldiers can depend on me," he said. He has also treated Iraqi civilians and EPWs, including a young boy with shrapnel in his leg, and an elderly man who needed an insulin shot for his diabetes. Even though he knows he sometimes is treating the enemy, he said as a medic and human being that is his duty. "As a human, no matter what, when you help somebody, you feel good." Though he has been separated from his wife and family while in Iraq, he said he will have good memories of this experience, and most of all miss the "camaraderie and friendships I've built out here."



SPC Umphrey  
Brunswick, NJ

## Thanksgiving in Iraq

For many 720<sup>th</sup> Military Police Battalion soldiers, November was a month of movement to new locations, and change to new missions.

Though headquarters of the 720<sup>th</sup> MP Battalion, and the 411<sup>th</sup> and 401<sup>st</sup> MP Companies continue to be based in Tikrit, Iraq, "Soldiers of the Gauntlet" are now working as far north as Kirkuk, as far south as Kirkush, as well as in familiar cities such as Samarra. In these locations they continue to perform a wide variety of missions such as escorting convoys, guarding enemy prisoners of war, providing base security, conducting patrols and raids, gathering information from local citizens and police about weapons caches or enemy leaders, and training Iraqi police in the Transition and Integration Program.

Headquarters personnel in all of the companies continue to perform missions vital to the battalion's success. Every time a soldier operates a vehicle, is reunited with family while on Mid-Tour Rest and Recuperation leave, receives a package or letter, recovers from an illness or injury, drinks a bottle of water or sends an email, it is testimony to the hard work of mechanics, maintenance personnel, administration clerks, medics, supply clerks, communications personnel and all of the other individuals working behind the scenes.

This month, the 411<sup>th</sup> and 401<sup>st</sup> MP Company cooks helped to provide a wonderful Thanksgiving meal that was enjoyed by thousands of 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and "Task Force Ironhorse" soldiers in Tikrit. Though it was difficult to be away from family and friends for this traditional holiday, their work made it possible for many soldiers to enjoy Thanksgiving Day in Iraq.

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## From the Commander's Foxhole

Command Sergeant Major Generali and I are honored to send our greetings and best wishes this holiday season to the Soldiers and Families of the Gauntlet.

America is protected by the best military in the world. What makes our armed forces so great are the men and women in uniform who bravely serve their country. Today we are engaged in a great campaign to defeat global terrorism. Our efforts to liberate Iraq and defend freedom depend on our courage and commitment, our skill and determination. We're encouraged by the progress we have made. Our cause is just, and we will prevail.

This holiday season especially, America is proud of what our soldiers are doing and how their families support them. We pray for total victory against terrorism, and we look forward to the day when we can go home to our friends and our families.

This is a time of conflict and challenge. This is also a season of hope and joy. We continue to pray for peace on Earth, even as we fight so that oppression may end. And we continue to give thanks for what you have done to defend American ideals.

On behalf of all Soldiers of the Gauntlet, CSM Generali and I want to express our deep appreciation to our soldiers and their families for their service and sacrifice. Happy Holidays. May God bless you all, and may God bless the United States of America.

**Lynne, Ryan, Andy and Tyler—I love you all and miss you very much. See you soon, Dad.**



LTC David Poirier dressed for the Holidays in Tikrit.



*Left:* LTC Poirier inspects an SPG-9 73mm round Nov. 24 at the Provincial Police Headquarters in Tikrit, Nov. 24.

*Right:* LTC Poirier (left), and CSM Generali (right), take part in the 720<sup>th</sup> MP Battalion Combat Patch Ceremony held Nov. 11 in Tikrit.

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## From the Battalion Command Sergeant Major's Foxhole

Soldiers, Family and Friends, the Gauntlet team has accomplished much; from the soldiers enduring arduous conditions in Iraq, to the many families standing behind and supporting their loved ones, to the professional Rear Detachment soldiers sustaining from afar. Thank you. I wish each of you the best, and I hope your holidays are blessed. Undoubtedly it is a difficult time to be separated from family and friends; however, our bond with each other helps us stay focused. Last month I reflected on the Warrior Ethos as it applies to soldiers of the Gauntlet. Recently, our most senior leader, Major General Odierno, the Task Force Iron Horse Commander reminded all soldiers in his charge of the creed we share as soldiers and warriors. The soldier's creed reminds us of our duties, the obligation we have to the people of the

United States, and to each other. It has been said that soldiering has been one of the noblest of professions during the past century. The creed you are about to read is one of the driving factors for this honor, and will see us through the tough times ahead.



*Above:* SPC Kristina Andersen, 401<sup>st</sup> MP Company, provides security from her vehicle's turret near Tikrit, Iraq.  
*Below:* SPC Danny Laakmann, 64<sup>th</sup> MP Company, engages the enemy near Duluiyah, Iraq.



CSM William Generali

### *Soldier's Creed*

I am an American Soldier.

I am a Warrior and a member of a team. I serve the people of the United States and live the Army values.

*I will always place the mission first.*

*I will never accept defeat.*

*I will never quit.*

*I will never leave a fallen comrade.*

I am disciplined, physically and mentally tough, trained and proficient in my warrior tasks and drills.

I always maintain my arms, my equipment, and myself.

I am an expert and I am a professional.

I stand ready to deploy, engage and destroy the enemies of the United States of America in close combat.

I am the guardian of freedom and the American way of life.

I am an American Soldier.

William A. Generali  
CSM, US Army  
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*"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."*

*- Edmund Burke*



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## HHD 720<sup>th</sup> MP Battalion

by 1LT Christopher Church, Commander

Season's greetings from all of us here in Northern Iraq to all of you back home!

As we move into the ninth month here in Iraq we are starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel; however we remain poised to concentrate on the last few months even harder than the first three. Each and every one of us know we must see this thing through right down to our last day in country. I must tell you that your family members make me proud every day with their commitment to bring a better life to the people of Iraq. They have worked so hard supporting the entire battalion throughout Northern Iraq.

Thanksgiving this year was one I am sure none of us will ever forget. The cooks here went well out of their way to prepare a meal fit for a king. Everyone tried to make the best of the situation by keeping an upbeat attitude and, of course, stuffing our faces with a lot of food. Now that Thanksgiving is past and Christmas is quickly approaching, soldiers have started to decorate their offices and sleep areas in order to get a little more into the holiday season. The weather has started to cooperate, getting colder by the day, but I don't think we will see a white Christmas this year. With your continued support through letters, E-mail and phone calls we will make the best of the holiday season.



SGT Bruce Williams, HHD 720<sup>th</sup> MP Battalion (left), and SGT Joel Creamer, 411<sup>th</sup> MP Company (right), install a satellite dish for the new battalion internet café (right) in Tikrit, Iraq.



SPC Tyler Ziegler, HHD 720<sup>th</sup> MP Battalion, passes a confiscated SPG-9 73mm round to an Iraqi Policeman at the Provincial Police Station in Tikrit, Iraq, Nov. 24.

Last month we added some new faces and had to say goodbye to others. We added First Lieutenant Kevin Thompson to the S-6 shop, Captain Don Meeks and Specialist Kristopher Creel to the S-3. We would like to welcome Specialist Saldana back to the trans section. We also had to say goodbye to Captain Larkin Frazier who returned to the states and is saying goodbye to the Army. All of us here wish him and his family all the best in the future.

In closing, I would like to extend my gratitude to all of you back home for your continued support throughout the holiday season. With your love and support we will continue to support the rest throughout Iraq. – **“VANGUARD!”**

Hello everyone of the Vanguard Family! I would begin by saying Happy Holidays to all of you back home!! As well ditto to what our commander has previously stated. I also want all of you to know that time and distance may be set before us during the joyous period but, your love and support are the fuel that makes us stay committed to accomplish our mission here in Iraq. There is nothing that will replace being with family, but the soldiers truly appreciate all that you have done and continue to do to make our days brighter. We look forward to our reunion in the springtime, and we wish you all a Merry X-mas and a Happy New Year!



- 1SG James Thompson, Vanguard 7

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## 411<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company

by CPT Omar Lomas, Commander

Greetings Family Members and Friends of the 411<sup>th</sup> MP Company,

The month of November has certainly been a whirlwind of activity! We had a major mission change this past month that caused the company to send two platoons to the town of Kirkush. First and Second platoons packed up their equipment and departed on 14 November 2003 to conduct a static site security mission. This is a “high visibility” mission and these two platoons have managed to receive numerous accolades in their brief stay. They have certainly made this company proud. The First Sergeant and I have been very busy supporting those two platoons in Kirkush while keeping our operations going steady here in Tikrit. This mission change has certainly caused the month of November to slip through our fingers very quickly.

This month would not have been complete without the wonderful Thanksgiving meal that our DFAC personnel put together. SFC Smith and her food service personnel spent over 17 hours preparing a fantastic feast at our dining facility. With the help of the other battalion cooks, our DFAC section was able to prepare a Thanksgiving dinner for over 5000 soldiers and contract civilians. The menu was just phenomenal; it included: Turkey, Roast Beef, Ham, Cornish Hen, Corn on the Cob, Green Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Candied Yams, Cranberry Sauce, Egg Salad, Potato Salad, Shrimp Cocktail, Pumpkin Pie, Pecan Pie, Assorted Salads, Vegetables, and drinks. As you can see, it was truly a feast!! All the soldiers ate till their hearts’ content and even went back for seconds. I am very proud of our DFAC soldiers and their efforts in bringing a piece of home to the rest of us here in Iraq. They certainly boosted troop morale and helped us to have a wonderful Thanksgiving Day meal.

Congratulations also go out to PFC Paula Torres who demonstrated what “Speed and Power” is all about. PFC Torres placed second, in her age group, at the First Annual Tikrit Turkey Trot held on Camp Iron Horse on Thanksgiving Day. She was the second finisher of the three-mile race held in the cold Iraqi morning. She too has made us very proud.

These past two months we have had several new Grizzly soldiers arrive in country. These soldiers include: 2LT Kent, SSG Strickland, SSG Holbrook, SPC Brennan, PFC Edgar, PFC Silva, PFC Adams, PFC Anderson, PV2 Charnock, PV2 Wolber, PV2 York, and PV2 Petrie. They are the latest Grizzlies to fill the ranks of the 411<sup>th</sup> MP Company and assist in the efforts of completing our mission in Iraq. All of these soldiers and their families back home are now part of the Grizzly Family, welcome!

We have also had to say good-bye to a few of our soldiers. SSG Mount will retire soon and is currently in Kuwait waiting his departure date. SSG Dungan headed off to Fort Hood in order to attend BNCOC and SPC Faustin completed his enlistment in the Army and decided to attend culinary arts school. A big thanks goes out to these soldiers for their service and time here in Iraq.

We now prepare ourselves for what appears to be a busy month of December. Hopefully this month passes us by as quickly as November, thus making our stay here seemingly shorter. We are now on our downhill slide towards Fort Hood, so please continue to keep our soldiers in your prayers and keep the mail coming. I wish you all the happiest of holidays and a very Merry Christmas. SPEED AND POWER!! - CPT Lomas



SSG John Davis, 411<sup>th</sup> MP Company, directs the setup of a checkpoint outside Tikrit, Iraq, Nov. 8.

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by CPT Jennifer Knight, Commander



CPT Jennifer Knight

Hello to all the families, spouses, and friends of the soldiers of the 401<sup>st</sup> Military Police Company.

I would like to introduce myself. I am CPT Jennifer Knight, Commander of the 401<sup>st</sup> Military Police Company as of 15 November 2003. I have been with the 720<sup>th</sup> Military Police Battalion since the beginning of the deployment to Iraq. I first served as the battalion adjutant and then in the battalion operations cell. It is an honor to command such a fine unit full of motivated and professional soldiers, NCOs and officers. I am looking forward to meeting all the spouses and families upon our return.

Since the last letter, we have quickly moved into the holiday season. Thanksgiving was a success here in Tikrit thanks to the company's cooks, SFC Schoen, SGT Tucker, SPC Grounds, SPC Velasquez, SPC Wilson, PFC Smith, and PFC Och. There was a fantastic spread in the mess hall. It rivaled home but obviously was without family and friends. However, many of the platoons had the opportunity to eat and spend some downtime together on Thanksgiving.

As we get closer to Christmas, I would like to thank the 401<sup>st</sup> Military Police Company Family Readiness Group and other families such as the Neely's of Huntsville, Texas, for their generosity in donating stockings, Christmas trees, decorations and ornaments. They have certainly helped to make the season brighter and make our surroundings more cheerful.

I urge all family members to become involved with the Family Readiness Group. It is a great forum for information and friendships. Mrs. Donna Ferguson is currently heading the group and is actively seeking interest from family members. Please contact the rear detachment NCOIC, SSG Sitton, for Mrs. Ferguson's contact information. The FRG is currently running fundraisers as well as preparing and planning for our return to Fort Hood. They can use your help!

By the time you read this message, I am sure we have already hit the double digits in the days counting down to redeployment. There are no dates published for redeployment yet although we are looking at some time in March. I know everyone is looking forward to redeployment but in the meantime, we still have missions to complete and work to do. So when you have the change to speak to your loved ones, remind them to keep their heads in the game!

I bid farewell and thanks to the following personnel who recently departed to either PCS or ETS: SPC Tyler, SPC Gacek, and SGT Perez. I would especially like to thank the outgoing commander, CPT Blair for making my transition a smooth one. I also would like to thank LT Bishop for his help in the weeks following my change of command. Best of luck to everyone in all of their future endeavors! Enjoy your holiday season. Before you all know it, we will be home again!



CPL Jesse Deets (left), and SPC Joshua Thompson (right), both with the 401<sup>st</sup> MP Company, stand guard beside their vehicle while on a mission in a city north of Tikrit, Iraq, Nov. 9.

“Always First!” - CPT Jennifer J. Knight

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## 64<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company

by CPT Juan Nava, Commander

The past month has been one of the most challenging for the Guardians. Many of you by now have learned of the significant gun battle in which two squads of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon “Wolfpack” found themselves in Samarra, Iraq. I would like first and foremost to mention that our soldiers performed magnificently. All the reports that I have received ranging from soldiers to generals indicate that the courage and tenacity with which your soldiers fought and survived was nothing short of exemplary. Together they continue to face many challenges as they still support the 3<sup>rd</sup> BCT in Samarra. Their toughness and regard for each other complements their training and tactical prowess. When it was reported to me that even after the serious injuries he suffered, one of the principal concerns of SGT Stowe was how his “buddies” were doing. I was moved, but not surprised. It is another great example of their mutual respect and regard as together we execute



Downtown Samarra. The “Golden Mosque” in the distance (far right) was the scene of heavy fighting during the Nov. 30 battle.

our duties with an eye at accomplishing our ultimate objective of boarding that plane home. We are all very proud of the performance of these great soldiers and all of the Guardians who face these terrors every day unflinching.

November proved to be another month of moving for the Guardians. The 4<sup>th</sup> Platoon “Warriors” moved from Ishaqi to Samarra East Airfield, Iraq. The Warriors relieved the 1<sup>st</sup> Platoon “Strikers” of the responsibility of conducting the Brigade Central Collection Point for the 3<sup>rd</sup> BCT, 4<sup>th</sup> ID. The Warriors emerge from a very successful relationship supporting 1/8 Infantry Battalion (Mechanized) and continue to support 3<sup>rd</sup> BCT with 3/29 Field Artillery Battalion. The Guardian Headquarters moved with the “Strikers” of 1<sup>st</sup> Platoon to join the 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon “Renegades” at Kirkuk Regional Airbase in northern Iraq. The “Strikers” take on the challenge of re-establishing the Police Academy in Kirkuk. Though the housing situation has proven challenging (tent living – again), there are many standard of living improvements in Kirkuk. The Guardians will continue to make the best of their environment and adapt.

On behalf of the soldiers in the company, I would like to thank the FRG for the wonderful holiday gift that was provided for every soldier. Already distributed, many were eagerly devoured by thankful soldiers. I truly appreciate all the work that went into raising funds, purchasing, packaging, and mailing those gifts. I know the soldiers are very grateful.

On my own behalf, I would like extend best wishes to all of our soldiers and family members. Despite the challenge of separation from family, we will celebrate as best we can together with our thoughts with all of you. Please keep the letters and packages coming. We’ll continue to maximize any resources we have available from phones to e-mail. Finally, we would like to extend our prayers and best wishes to SGT Stowe and his family. We are thankful that SGT Stowe will recover from his injuries and look forward to seeing you when we get home. GUARDIANS!

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*Soldiers of the Gauntlet***Soldiers' Voices****SGT Randall Calderon, Jr. – 401<sup>st</sup> MP Company***To my wife Erica, and my children Bailee, Quinten and Sophia*

“I want to say Happy Thanksgiving to my wife Erica and my children Bailee, Quinten and Sophia. I’m sorry I can’t be home to eat all that good food with you all. Take lots of pictures of Sophia’s first Thanksgiving for me. I love you all with all my heart. I’ll be thinking of you all.

Love,  
Daddy”

**SSG Thomas Duggan – 401<sup>st</sup> MP Company***To my wife Beki, and my father and mother Tom and Hollie*

“Happy Thanksgiving everyone. I will see you soon. I love you Beki. Happy Birthday Mom. I love you guys and will see you very soon!”

**SPC Anthony Adams***To Jennifer, Jeana and Veronica*

“Happy Thanksgiving from Iraq. I wish I could be there to spend it with you. I have a lot to be thankful for having such a beautiful and understanding wife and two adorable and wonderful kids. Most of all I am thankful that you, Jen, have stuck by my side through all these troubled times. Hopefully the worst is behind us now and we can start having a beautiful and adventurous future together forever. Give the kids hugs and kisses for me and let them know they are on my mind and in my prayers everyday. I love you all very much and hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving.”



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**SPC Rachel and Ivan Stephens – 411<sup>th</sup> MP Company**

*To family and friends*

“We love you all and miss you dearly. Sorry we can’t be there for the holidays but you are in our thoughts and prayers every day.”

**PV2 April York**

*To my family*

“I just want to say Happy Thanksgiving to Ernest, my father, Fabida, my mother, and to Daniel, my little brother. I miss you all and love you very much.”



**1LT Kevin Thompson**

*To his wife Sue, and daughter Anna Lee*

“I’m thankful to have such wonderful family. Because of your support, we can all take credit for serving our great country. Merry Christmas – I love you.”



**SGT Bruce Williams III**

*To my daughter Breeshay, and mother Bettye*

“Missing you and wish I were there. Take care and enjoy the holiday as much as possible. I’ll be home soon. Love, Bruce.”



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# *Thanksgiving Preparations*

Right: SPC Trevia Wilson, 401<sup>st</sup> MP Company, prepares slices tomatoes for a salad.

Below: PV2 Katherine Smith, 401<sup>st</sup> MP Company, carries a Turkey to an oven for cooking.

Below right, left to right: SPC Wilson, SGT Dorothy Tucker and PFC Traci Och, 401st MP Company, cut potatoes for a potato salad.



From 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 26, until 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 27, cooks of the 411<sup>th</sup> and 401<sup>st</sup> MP Companies prepared the Thanksgiving Day meal for all 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division soldiers based in Tikrit, Iraq. Throughout the night and into Thanksgiving morning, they prepared turkey, ham, roast beef, salads, vegetables, desserts and other traditional Thanksgiving Day meal courses.

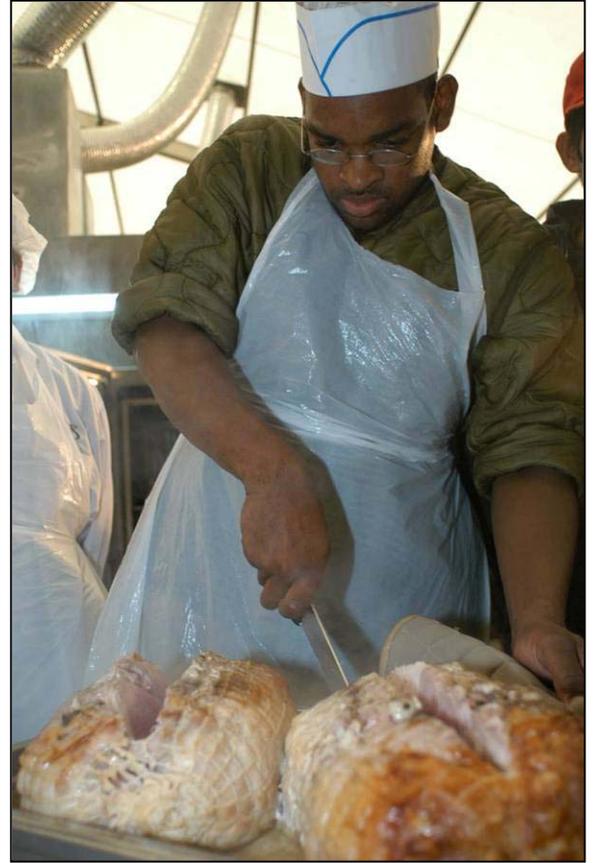
The preparations took place in the main Dining Facility on the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Headquarters Compound in Tikrit.



## Thanksgiving Preparations



SGT Scott Bricker, 411<sup>th</sup> MP Company, tosses a turkey into a basin for cleaning.



SGT Cedrico Diggs, 411<sup>th</sup> MP Company, slices turkeys prior to placing them in the oven.



Turkeys cooking in an oven.



SSG Donald Stewart and SGT Bricker monitor the turkeys being cooked in one of the ovens

*Thanksgiving Preparations*



Left: SGT Diggs dumps macaroni and cheese noodles into a kettle filled with ice.

Right: SFC Roger Schoen, 401<sup>st</sup> MP Company, stirs peppers into a Potato Salad.



Left: SFC Audrey Smith, 411<sup>th</sup> MP Company assists a 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division cook with mashed potatoes.

Right: SPC Jonathan Velazquez, 401<sup>st</sup> MP Company, slices ham.



## Thanksgiving Preparations



401<sup>st</sup> and 411<sup>th</sup> cooks pose for a group photo on Thanksgiving Day morning after their long night of food preparations.



Left: SPC Linsey DeCurtis, 411<sup>th</sup> MP Company fills a baking pan with sponge cake mix.

Above right: PFC Och shows off a cake she decorated.

Below: 401<sup>st</sup> MP Company cooks rest Thanksgiving morning after a long night of cooking.



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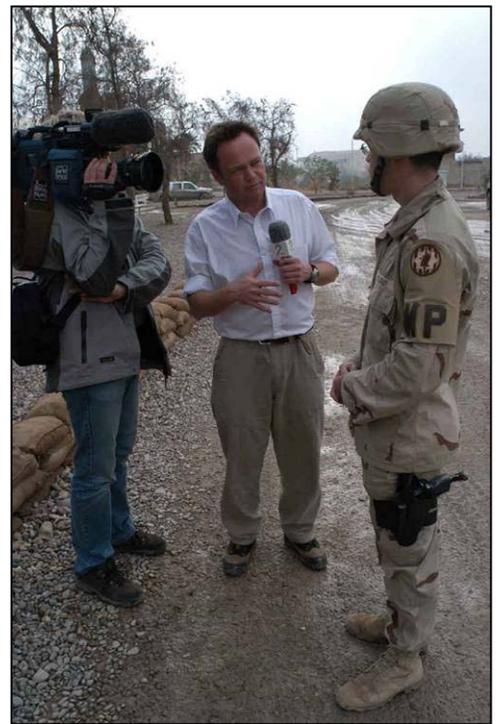
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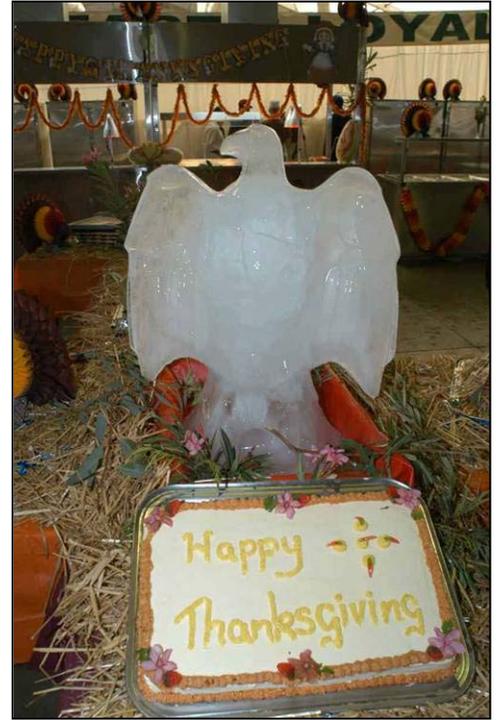
Above: Clouds over the Tigris River on Thanksgiving Day morning in Tikrit, Iraq.

Left: PV2 Rachel Smith (left), and SPC Andrew Fifield (right), HHD 720th MP Battalion, wait in line outside the dining facility for the Thanksgiving Day meal.

Right: 1LT Joshua Gonzalez, 411<sup>th</sup> MP Company, is interviewed by a CNN correspondent before he enters the dining facility.



# Thanksgiving Day



Above left, right and middle:  
Thanksgiving Day decorations in  
the dining facility.

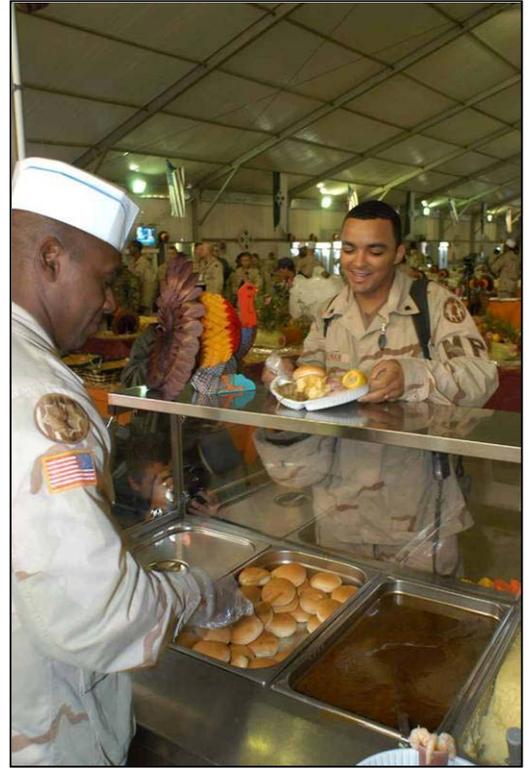
Below: Soldiers fill the dining  
facility for the Thanksgiving day  
meal.



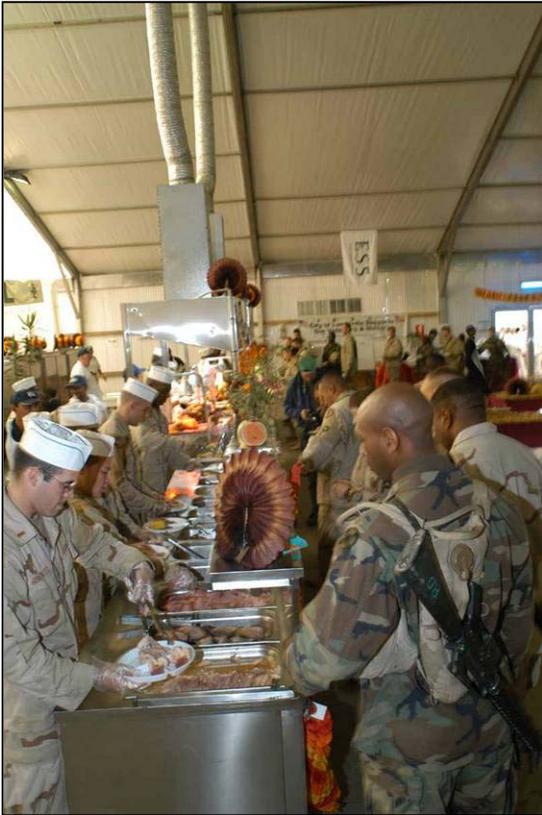
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411<sup>th</sup> MP Company soldiers wait to have their plates filled with food.



SPC Nathan Foreman, 411<sup>th</sup> MP Company, takes his plate as 1SG James Thompson, HHD 720<sup>th</sup> MP BN, prepares to serve another soldier.



1LT Gonzales fills soldiers' plates as they pass through the serving line in the dining facility.



PFC Karen Rowley, 411<sup>th</sup> MP Company, carries her meal to a table.

## Thanksgiving Day

Top, left to right: PFC James Wise, SPC Andres Saucedo, and PFC Joshua Martinez, 411<sup>th</sup> MP Company.

Middle: HHD 720<sup>th</sup> MP Battalion transportation soldiers.

Bottom: 401<sup>st</sup> MP Company soldiers.



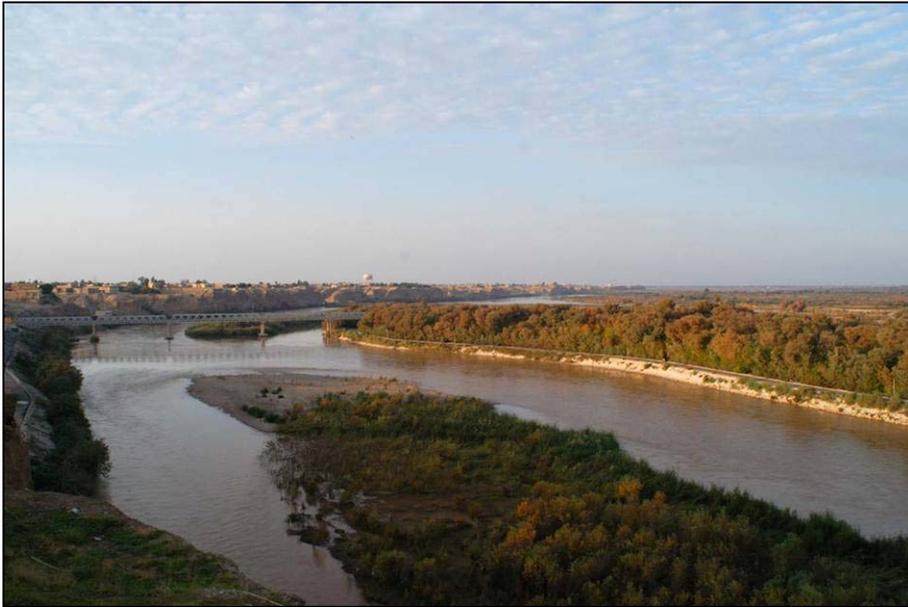
SPC Michael Vargas, 411<sup>th</sup> MP Company.



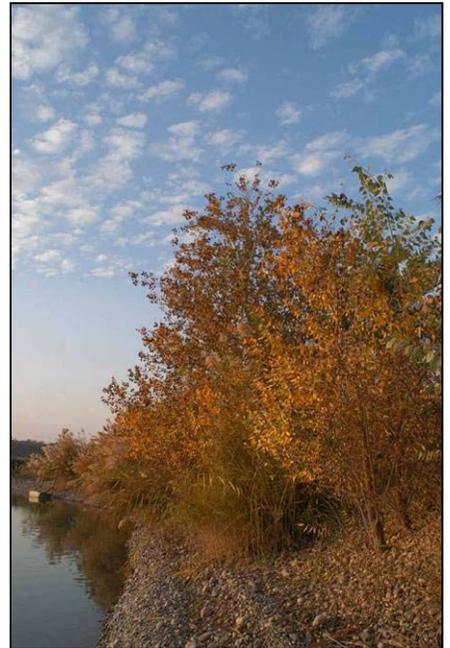
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## *Autumn in Iraq*



Fall colors along the Tigris river and lagoons in Tikrit, Iraq.



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Four scenes from the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division's base in Tikrit.



*Autumn in Iraq*



Above left: 401<sup>st</sup> MP Company soldiers are shrouded in fog as they prepare for an early morning mission.

Above right: A flooded road during a rain storm.

Left: 1LT Kevin Thompson, HHD 720<sup>th</sup> MP BN, sprints for cover from the rain.

Below: SFC Ame Campbell, HHD 720<sup>th</sup> MP BN, walks through the rain past the 411<sup>th</sup> MP Company Headquarters.



*Autumn in Iraq*



401<sup>st</sup> MP Company soldiers (left), and HHD 720<sup>th</sup> MP BN soldiers (below), keep warm by watching movies indoors on cold evenings.



Below: CPL Jeremy Legrand, 401<sup>st</sup> MP Company, braves the cold night temperatures in Tikrit to watch a CD with messages and footage of family events sent to him by his family

