



U.S. Marine Corp Sgt. Michael Loe, from Salem, Ore., of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, attached to 26th Iraqi Army Brigade Military Transition Team 0731 (MITT), carries a box containing books for the traditional Christmas charity event sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corp, "Toys for Tots", on Dec. 8, 2008, in Basra, Iraq.

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U.S. Army Sgt. Steven Whitmire, from Fountain, Colo., of 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, gives candy to local Iraqi children during route reconnaissance in Diwaniyah, Iraq, Dec. 8, 2008. Soldiers, at temporary halts along the patrol route, meet with the Iraqi populace in order to assess their needs.

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Mohamad Morea, an agricultural engineer at Dhi Qar University, shows off locally produced syrup made from dates to visitors at camp Dhi Qar, Nasiriyah, Iraq. The Dhi Qar Reconstruction Team (PRT) hosts this event to feature the agricultural products from area farms. December 8, 2008.

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U. S. Air Force Captain Mindy Yu, a native of Santa Rosa, Calif., assigned to Joint Combat Camera Iraq, videos a leaflet drop out the door of a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter over the Sader City district of Baghdad, Iraq, in support of Operation Iron Horse Blizzard II, Dec. 03, 2008.

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U.S. Army Spc. Brett Fleming from Elmira, N.Y. of Apache Troop, 3rd Squadron, 89th Cavalry, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, and an Iraqi policeman check a rooftop opening during Operation Winter Run 4, a cordon and search in Muhallah 101, Saadoun, Eastern Baghdad, Iraq, on Dec. 8, 2008.

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Maj. General Robert Caslen from Belington, Vt., and Command Sgt. Maj. Frank Leota from San Antonio, Texas, uncase the colors of the 25th Infantry Division as they take command of Multi National Division-North at Contingency Operating Base Speicher, Iraq, on December 9, 2008.

(U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Kani Ronningen/Released)  
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Pfc. Christopher Bray, from Temple, Texas, checks the location and azimuth of a 155mm artillery illumination round. Pfc. Bray is a forward observer with the Combat Observation and Lazing Team (COLT) of Headquarters Company, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, near Combat Operations Base Adder, Nasiriyah, Iraq, 7 December, 2008.

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