

Over There *Marines*

Marines are ever vigilant around the world. They patrol through the dangerous streets of Iraq and in the poorest neighborhoods of Port-au-Prince, Haiti. In Afghanistan, Marines give lessons in English and friendship. Korea provides a perfect place for Marines to train with explosives, while others receive Purple Hearts for explosions during combat elsewhere. Whether exchanging gunfire or smiles, one thing is certain – Marines will always be *Over There*.



Port-au-Prince, *Haiti*

Making a clean sweep

Marines from Marine Air Ground Task Force 8 provide security around the perimeter of an apartment complex while others search for illegal weapons in Port-au-Prince April 23. The Marines and sailors of the task force conducted operations resulting in apprehension of criminals and gang leaders as well as arms, drugs and many illegal items. The Task Force also provided humanitarian assistance to the surrounding communities.

Photo by Sgt. Ryan S. Scranton



Fallujah, *Iraq*

Laying down the law

In support of Operation Vigilant Resolve, Marines with Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, fire against terrorists operating here April 7. Marines suspended offensive operations after isolating and systematically clearing portions of the city. April saw some of the bloodiest fighting in and around Fallujah since coalition forces entered Iraq.

Photo by Cpl. Matthew J. Apprendi

Surobi District, *Afghanistan*

"Can I buy an 'A' for \$500?"

Warrant Officer Thomas Vasquez, civil affairs officer, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, teaches English to second-grade girls at the primary school in Jegdalaly here. School supplies were also distributed here to the village children April 29 as part of the coalition's ongoing effort to accelerate the well being of the Afghan people.

Photo by Lance Cpl. John E. Lawson Jr.





Kansas Range, **Korea** *Who says first sergeants are short-fused?*

First Sgt. Carlos Perez, Combat Service Support Detachment 77, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, sends a lighted fuse on its way to blocks of C-4 during demolition exercises at Kansas Range, Western Corridor, Republic of Korea.

Photo by Cpl. Jessica M. Mills



Camp Taqaddum, **Iraq**

Keeping a sharp eye out

Sgt. Chad Sharp, an infantryman with the Combined Anti-Armor Team, Weapons Company, 3rd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, makes use of what little cover is around to provide security during a patrol around Camp Taqaddum, Iraq, April 23. The CAAT Marines are part of force protection for the 1st Force Service Support Group's headquarters.

Photo by Cpl. Matthew J. Apprendi



Camp Zadan, **Iraq**

More than just metal

Six Purple Heart medals lay ready to be pinned during an awards ceremony recently. Sixty awards were given to Marines in 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment for wounds received in combat since the beginning of their deployment.

Photo by Cpl. Shawn C. Rhodes



Al Tash Refugee Camp, **Iraq**

"Too cool for words."

Children at Al Tash Refugee Camp keep busy as members of the 1st Marine Division civil affairs team deliver medical supplies and water storage units to the Kurdish refugees here May 11. Freedom and Peace Trust of Boston, a non-government organization, donated bandages, gloves and medications to the people here.

Photo by Cpl. Paula M. Fitzgerald

