



1ST BATTALION 8TH MARINES



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Left: Young children come out of their homes to see the Marines passing through their compounds outside the Musa Qa'leh District Center, Helmand province Afghanistan Sep. 20, 2010. The Marines conduct patrols to help secure the area in support of the International Security Force. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by SSgt James W. McCrohan/Released)

Right: Citizens of Musa Qa'leh eat with members of the Afghan National Army (ANA), Marines and Afghan National Police (ANP), aboard the Musa Qa'leh District Center, Helmand province Afghanistan Sep. 10, 2010. The celebration, characterized by a large feast and gathering of friends and family, signals the end of fasting during the Muslim observance of Ramadan. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by SSgt James W. McCrohan/Released)





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LEFT: A local Afghan man with crops from his field rides his donkey past Marines from 81s platoon, Weapons Co, 1st Battalion 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division outside of Patrol Base 7171 September 14, 2010, Helmand province Afghanistan. The Marines from 1/8 are conducting patrols to help secure the area in support of the International Security Assistance Force (Official Marine Corps photo by SSgt J.W. McCrohan/Released.)

Right: Lt Robert Rain the 81s platoon commander Weapons Co 1st Battalion 8th Marine Regiment 2nd Marine Division engages local leaders while on patrol outside Patrol Base 7171 September 14, 2010 Helmand province Afghanistan. The platoon is conducting patrols to help secure the area in support of International Security Assistance Force (Official Marine Corps photo by SSgt J.W. McCrohan /Released.)



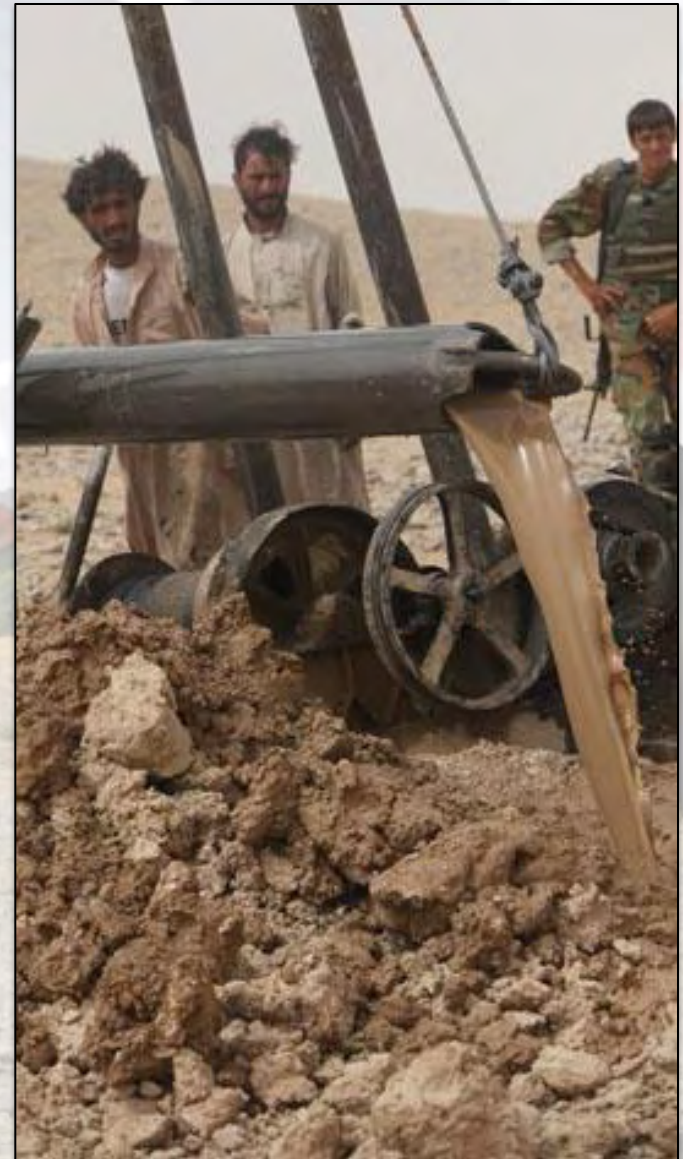


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Below: An Afghan National Army soldier attached to 81st platoon Weapons Co 1st Battalion 8th Marine Regiment 2nd Marine Division offers his evening prayers outside Patrol Base 7171 September 15, 2010 Afghanistan. The platoon is conducting patrols to help secure the area in support of International Security Assistance Force (Official Marine Corps photo by SSgt James W, McCrohan/ Released.)



Right: Two local Afghan men repair their water pump outside of Patrol Base 7171 September 14, 2010, Helmand province Afghanistan. The Marines from 1st Battalion 8th Marines conduct patrols to help secure the area in support of the International Security Assistance Force. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by SSgt James W. McCrohan/ Released)





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Left: Private First Class Thomas J. Dyer Jr. sits on a Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicle and thinks about his mission before leaving the Musa Qal'eh District Center, September 11, 2010 Helmand province Afghanistan. PFC Dyer mans the M-240 Gulf in the vehicle's machine gun turret to provide security for the logistics convoy that provides transportation and supplies to the area of operation. (Official Marine Corps photo by SSgt J.W. McCrohan / Released.



Right: A Seven Ton vehicle belonging to 1st Battalion 8th Marines 2nd Marine Division passes Afghan children upon departing the Musa Qal'eh District Center, September 11, 2010 Helmand province Afghanistan. The vehicles comprise a logistics convoy that provides transportation and supplies to forward operating bases in 1/8's area of operations. (Official Marine Corps photo by SSgt J.W. McCrohan/ Released.



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Right : Local Afghans move about and haul goods using various forms of transportation including animals, motorcycles, and flat bed trucks on Bizarre Road, September 20, 2010, Helmand province Afghanistan. The Marines from 1st Battalion 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division are conducting patrols to help secure the area in support of the International Security Assistance Force (Official Marine Corps photo by LCpl LaMarcus O. Adkins/Released.)

LEFT: A local Afghan child gives the universal sign of approval to the Marines of 1st Battalion 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division outside of Musa Qa'leh District Center, Helmand province Afghanistan Sep. 20, 2010. The Marines from 1/8 are conducting patrols to help secure the area in support of the International Security Assistance Force (Official Marine Corps photo by LCpl LaMarcus O. Adkins/Released.)

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