



*Left:* A civil affairs patrol prepares to depart an infantry company base in Saqlawiyah. Sgt Matthew E. Dreher pictured center.

*Below:* Maj Christopher E. Phelps distributes stuffed animals during a patrol through Saqlawiyah.



*“You can’t do...tactical civil affairs work from Baghdad, from Ramadi, from Camp Fallujah. You have to...embed with those infantry patrols or you’ve got to take your vehicles with your own security and you’ve got to get out there.”*

Maj Christopher E. Phelps





*Pages 40–42:* A civil affairs team patrols through the Saq-lawiyah *souk* (market).





*Above:* A CAG team enroute to another assessment; when not foot mobile, they typically travel in small convoys and provide their own security.

*“We walked into a medical clinic and in the back lot... literally here was a pile approximately three feet tall, twenty feet by ten feet, of biohazardous waste: blood bags, syringes, gauzes, band-aids...just laying there.”*

Maj Christopher E. Phelps



*Left:* Civil affairs team visits Saqlawiyah medical clinic, where they arranged to have biohazardous waste destroyed through the use of an on-site incinerator.

*Right:* CAG team members provide security during clinic visit.







*“We’re definitely not going to change this place in the short eight months that we’re going to be here, but we can have an impact at the local level. We can improve and help them learn to improve their own quality of life so that when we leave here we can look back and say in our own little way we were able to do some good here.”*

LtCol Joseph T. Krumm

*Above:* A young Iraqi boy plays in the clinic lot, now free of biohazardous waste.