



*Above and Right:* Elementary school children in Saqlawiyah anxiously await distribution of school supplies by Team 2, Detachment 2, 5th CAG.

*Pages 50–55:* Anxiousness gives way to satisfaction, as students receive school supplies.















*“The Iraqi people are no different than you or I...they want security...a place to live and to be free to make their own decisions and be in charge of their own destiny...and to be able to provide for their children something more than what they had.”*

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*Left:* An adolescent Iraqi girl shies from attention, as was often the case.

*Above:* The excitement winds down as the supply distribution ends and the civil affairs team prepares to depart.



*Above:* A CAG team assesses a water pumping station on the Euphrates near Fallujah; this station had no functioning purification system.

*“I think probably the number one trait that any civil affairs Marine can have—whether you’re an officer or enlisted—is you’ve got to be a good listener; you’ve got to sit there and be a sponge and you have to listen to problems...and let me tell you, there are a hell of a lot more problems than there are people who don’t have problems.”*

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