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## **Returning Tennessee brigade had crucial role in responsible withdrawal**

*(This information just received regarding the mission of returning 230th Sustainment Brigade while serving in Kuwait. They are to arrive home Wednesday Wed., Jan. 4, in Smrna, Millington, Chattanooga and Knoxville)*

**CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait** - The Tennessee National Guard's 230th Sustainment Brigade officially transferred authority of the sustainment mission to the 113th Sustainment Brigade on Dec. 27. After serving over 10 months in-country, the Guard brigade headed back home to Tennessee.

During their deployment, the Tennesseans were responsible for coordinating and executing the final phase of the responsible withdrawal of U.S. Forces from Iraq in support of Operation New Dawn. This is the largest logistical move the U.S. Military has made since the end of World War II.

The brigade conducted over 800 logistical convoy missions, logging over 12.5 million miles on the highways of Iraq. Aside from moving the final pieces of equipment out of Iraq, the brigade played a crucial role in the complete withdrawal of British forces from the country in the early months of 2011.

In addition to moving the massive amounts of equipment that had accumulated in Iraq over the past eight years, the Chattanooga-based command simultaneously supported the warfighter in both Iraq and Afghanistan through support convoy operations and resupply airdrop missions.

While stationed in Kuwait, the brigade held command and control over several transportation and combat sustainment support battalions. Transport assets included trucks and watercraft from both Army and Air Force units. Additionally the brigade was responsible for the management of incoming and outgoing mail into the theater, processing over 1.2 million pieces of mail. Not only did these units move the equipment, they also processed each piece as it arrived in Kuwait, bringing over \$1 billion back into the Army supply system.

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