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At the height of the "Afghan Surge," more than 100,000 U.S. and coalition troops were committed to a mission of "clear, hold, and build" on behalf of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan: **CLEAR** the countryside of insurgent fighters. **HOLD** the terrain, alongside Afghan security forces. **BUILD** infrastructure, commerce, and rule-of-law.

As part of this wave, the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry "Red Bull" Division deployed more than 3,000 citizen-soldiers to Eastern Afghanistan. It was the largest call-up of Iowa troops since World War II--and one of the only times a U.S. National Guard brigade was designated as a "battlespace owner" during Operation Enduring Freedom

Throughout the year-long mission, soldiers trained and tasked as journalists documented the hard days and off-duty activities of their brothers and sisters in arms. For the first time, *Reporting for Duty* collects these stories and photographs in one place.

This is an unabridged, indexed, primary-source document for historians, educators, veterans, military family members, and other readers! More than 285 easy-to-read articles! More than 360 black & white news photos! Indexed by unit, place, soldier names, and more!

Content includes 2010-2011 news coverage of units operating in Kapisa, Laghman, Nuristan, Paktya, Panjshir, and Parwan provinces.

These include, but are not limited to:

- 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division; "Task Force Red Bulls"
- 1-113th Cavalry Regiment; "Task Force Redhorse"
- 1-133rd Infantry Regiment; "Task Force Ironman"
- 1-168th Infantry Regiment; "Task Force Lethal"
- 1-194th Field Artillery Regiment
- 2-34th Brigade Special Troops Battalion
- 334th Brigade Support Battalion; "Task Force Archer"
- 832nd Engineer Company
- Agribusiness Development Teams from Kansas, Kentucky, and Oklahoma
- Provincial Reconstruction Teams from the United States and the Republic of Korea
- Vermont's 86th Infantry Brigade Combat Team; "Task Force Wolverine" (preceded Task Force Red Bulls)
- Oklahoma's 45th Infantry Brigade Combat Team; "Task Force Thunderbird" (replaced Task Force Red Bulls)

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