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THE 172ND STRYKER COMBAT TEAM is pictured in Northern Iraq. Team member PFC Francis J. Provenzano says, "We, the American soldiers, are proud of who we see in the mirror each day and of the job that we are doing here. We are blessed to have the American people, particularly those who support projects like Operation Shoebox, support us."



PFC FRANCIS PROVENZANO is pictured with Iraqi children.



TEAM TOMAHAWK 2-2-205TH CORPS, deployed to Southern Afghanistan as an Embedded Training Team (ETT). The soldiers live, train, and fight alongside the Afghan National Army.

Basilone's Heroics Part of HBO's Mini-Series

The saga of Marine Gunnery Sergeant John Basilone will be featured in the upcoming epic mini-series "The Pacific War" from executive producers Tom Hanks and Steven Spielberg for the HBO network.

A longtime resident of Raritan, New Jersey, Sgt. Basilone was the only enlisted Marine in World War II to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor, the Navy Cross, and the Purple Heart. The Italian American hero fought against thousands of Japanese troops at Guadalcanal as one of only three surviving members of his unit. He was killed in action at the battle of Iwo Jima on February 19, 1945.

"The Pacific," a companion piece to the award-winning series "Band of Brothers," will follow the exploits of "Manila John" Basilone and two other Marines as they battle for freedom in the Pacific Theater of WWII.

Tentatively listed to be featured are the conflicts at Pearl Harbor, Guadalcanal, Midway, Tarawa, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, and Hiroshima.

Filming is scheduled to begin this summer in Australia, but an air date for the mini-series has not yet been announced.



JOHN BASILONE



TOM HANKS

