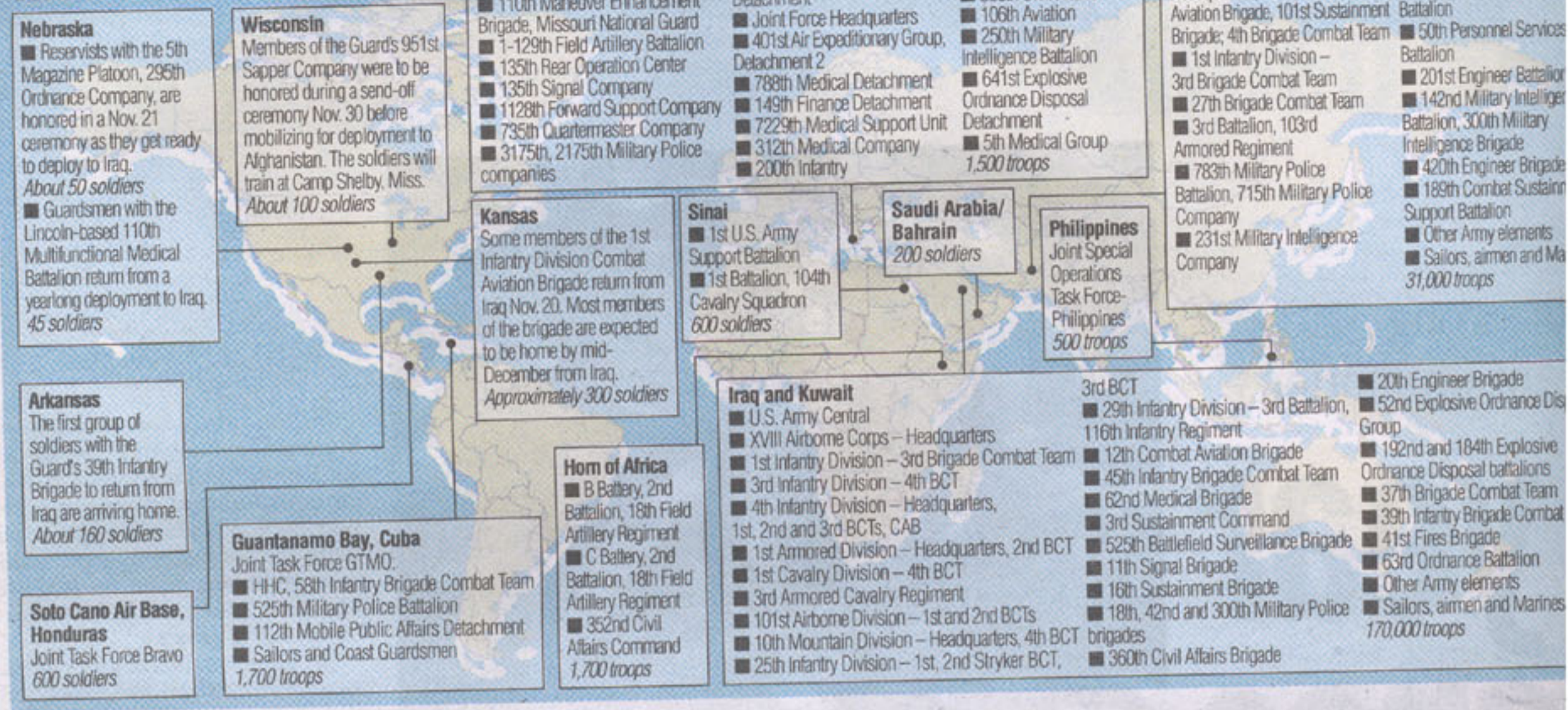


THE ARMY AS OF NOV. 25



Around the Army

Compiled from military and other public sources.

CALIFORNIA

GOING TO KOSOVO

More than 1,100 California National Guard soldiers were honored Nov. 25 during a deployment ceremony before their upcoming deployment to Kosovo.

The soldiers are scheduled to be mobilized in December to Camp Atterbury, Ind., for training before going overseas. The soldiers are from the 40th Infantry Division and subordinate elements from

across California such as 1st Battalion, 184th Infantry Regiment, and 1st Battalion, 18th Cavalry Regiment.

In Kosovo, the 40th will lead and command Task Force Falcon as part of the NATO-led force.

It will be the second time in four years that the 40th has commanded Task Force Falcon.

ALASKA

ON THE WAY TO KOSOVO

Approximately 140 Alaska National Guard soldiers from 1st Battalion, 207th Aviation Regiment, are

preparing to leave for a one-year peacekeeping mission in Kosovo.

While deployed, the soldiers will provide support using their eight UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters. They will be tasked with various duties, including passenger and cargo airlift, and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions.

Before going overseas, the soldiers will train at Camp Atterbury, Ind.

KANSAS

AVIATORS RETURN

About 300 soldiers from

the 1st Infantry Division Combat Aviation Brigade returned from Iraq on Nov. 20 and reunited with their families.

The main body of the CAB began returning to Fort Riley on Nov. 13. The brigade expects to have most of its personnel home by mid-December.

During its 15-month tour in Iraq, the brigade oversaw the operation and maintenance of 200 manned and unmanned aircraft. The brigade's soldiers conducted nearly 18,000 missions, identifying and engaging enemy targets 300 times, according to a press release.

The CAB soldiers also were responsible for the discovery or defeat of 56 improvised explosive devices and the destruction of more than 125 insurgent vehicles and struc-

tures, according to the release.

NEBRASKA

RESERVISTS DELAY

Deployment orders Hastings-based Reserve unit have been delayed.

About 50 soldiers with the 5th Magazine Platoon, 295th Ordnance Company gathered Nov. 21 for a farewell celebration. The unit was to report to Fort Sill, Okla., to prepare for deployment to Iraq.

But there was a change of plans. Reserve Brig. Karen LeDoux announced the deployment was delayed, although she did not know how long.

GUARDSMEN RETURN

Forty-five members of the Nebraska National

THE HUMAN TOLL

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

U.S. service members who died while supporting combat operations in Iraq, confirmed by the Defense Department Nov. 21-26:

Marine Capt. Warren A. Frank, 26, 5th Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Co, III MEF, Nov. 25, Ninevah, Iraq



Barnett



Wilson

Army 1st Lt. William K. Jernigan, 35, HQ Co, 1st Stryker BCT, 25th Inf Div, Nov. 24, Baqubah, Iraq

Army Sgt 1st Class Miguel A. Wilson, 36, 2nd Sq, 3rd ACR, Nov. 21, Abu Sayf, Iraq

Army Pvt. Charles Y. Barnett, 19, 2nd Bn, 12th Cav Regt, 4th BCT, 1st Cav Div, Nov. 20, Tallil, Iraq

Marine Gunnery Sgt. Marcelo R. Velasco, 40, I MEF Headquarters Gp, I MEF, Nov. 19, Anbar, Iraq

OIF CASUALTY TOTALS

Nov. 21-26

Killed: 5; wounded in action: 8

March 19, 2003-Nov. 26

Killed: 4,197; wounded in action: 30,840

Defense Department civilian deaths: 11

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM CASUALTY TOTALS

Nov. 21-26

Killed: 0; wounded in action: 8

Oct. 10, 2001-Nov. 26

Killed: 622; wounded in action: 2,600

Defense Department civilian deaths: 1

MISSING/CAPTURED

U.S. service members reported missing or captured while supporting combat operations:

Army Sgt. Ahmed K. Altaie, Oct. 23, 2006, Baghdad

Editor's note: Weekly figures of service members killed may vary from the number of names confirmed in combat deaths because of the time between a death and the p