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Transportation Soldiers train sister brigade company

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CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE SPEICHER, Iraq – Army motor vehicle instructors from the 233rd Transportation Co., 391st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 16th Sustainment Brigade, trained 20 Soldiers on the heavy equipment transport system here April 14.

Soldiers from the 135th Quartermaster Co., 167th CSSB, 287th Sust. Bde., based out of COB Talil, traveled to Speicher for the 10-day training.

“The 233^d Transportation Co. has trained us in the past, at Fort Stewart,” said Staff Sgt. Terrance Porter, 135th QM Co. “They always do a great job ensuring that every Soldier is given the tools necessary to become proficient with the HET system.”

Porter, a Jackson, Miss., native, participated in the training with his Soldiers. The training lasted ten days and encompassed every aspect of the HET system to include preventive maintenance, winching, ground guiding, tying down loads, and maneuvering the vehicle through tight areas.

Sgt. Corey Case, heavy wheeled vehicle operator, 233^d Transportation Co., gave the Soldiers instructions on maneuvering the HET system through tight areas.

“You have to be careful when driving through the Iraqi Army’s checkpoints because you don’t want to cause any damage to your vehicle, and you also don’t want to disrupt any of the Iraqi’s security efforts,” said Case, a Storm Lake, Iowa, native.

The 135th QM Co. has been running truck tractor missions throughout central and southern Iraq, and is now running HET systems throughout the area as well. This will provide support to units who require oversized vehicles to haul their heavy equipment.



Sgt. Kenneth Robinson, 233^d Transportation Co., 391st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 16th Sustainment Brigade, and Bardstown, Ky., native, instructs Soldiers from the 135th Quartermaster Co. on how to properly change a tire on a heavy equipment transport at Contingency Operating Base Speicher, Iraq, April 13. (Photo by 1st Lt. Charles York)