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## Press Release

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### Camden County Public Works Employee Participates in Military Training Video

**Woodbine, GA – February 17, 2009:** Usually you will find Camden County Public Works employee Clyde Miller in the seat of a John Deere motor grader smoothing out the bumps and dips in the rural dirt roads of Camden County. But recently, Clyde had the unique opportunity to step off the grader and into training exercises with the United States and Iraqi militaries in Florida.

How did Clyde get involved with such an extraordinary experience? Clyde's wife, Ann, saw an advertisement for audition for castings in a military training video Ann called the number listed to get more information. After giving the filming company a brief description of Clyde and his background, the company told Ann that they would be interested in Clyde auditioning for the part. Clyde said, "I was excited about doing this...", and he went to the auditions. He successfully made it through, and was given the part of an Iraqi farmer in a "friendly" village. Clyde stated that during the audition, he was told that the video's purpose would be "...to give the soldiers an idea of what to expect when they get off the plane in Iraq."

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So, Clyde donned Iraqi clothing, turban, and MILES gear, and for two weeks lived the life of a humble farmer tending his garden and raising chickens in a simulated Iraqi village in Florida. (*MILES gear simulates the results of gun fire shots received to the body. For example, a near miss is a short beep and a direct hit is a long steady beep, which means you have been shot and killed.*) Clyde said there were several villages set up and different training scenarios were acted out in each village. Although, his village was a “friendly” village, it did not stop the ensuing mock battles between the allied forces and Iraqi insurgents.

Clyde said the whole experience was very real; from the gun fire, to the explosions, to the helicopters landing to retrieve the wounded and dead. His Iraqi home was searched by soldiers while he lay face down on the floor with his hands secured behind his back. He was captured by insurgents and used as a human shield against the allied soldiers’ gun fire. He was even shot and killed. Clyde stated, “It’s like being in Iraq.”

Clyde enjoyed his experience and described the whole process as “fun,” and he looks forward to future training and filming opportunities with both military units. Clyde also said that after participating in this true-to-life experience, he has a new found empathy for our service men and women.

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