

Diamonds in the Rough Transcript

The tear down and salvaging of buildings, like this former brigade headquarters, is a clear demonstration that the U.S. footprint in Afghanistan, is getting smaller. “My platoon has been here 3-4 weeks and pulled down 8 buildings”

It’s called deconstruction. One facet of the U.S. Army Military’s “ responsible retrograde.” Sites are harvested of usable parts and goods. Items of value that can be recycled and reused. Diamonds in the rough “Our folks are finding diamonds in rough, good stuff to return back. What you see here are engineers at the forefront of getting stuff done.”

The dismantling and reclaiming underway at U.S. Installations represents significant cost savings. Important in these times of reduced budgets. And with every turn of a screw, every piece of equipment saved, invaluable lessons are being captured along the way. Insights on smart ways to exit an operation.

We talk about the lessons learned and we look at how we can incorporate those. Some things we are doing now will be codified in doctrine, so we look for those diamonds in the in the rough and make sure they get put back into Army doctrine and Joint doctrine as we go forward. Gems Of Knowledge To Be Put Into Use, In The Next Operation.”

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