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Sgt. 1st Class Bradley Knapp, a gunnery sergeant with Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 377th Parachute Field Artillery Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division from Crestline, Ohio, uncovers an AK-47 assault rifle hidden in a field while his platoon was conducting a mission in southern Baghdad.

You can run, but you can't hide...

Artillerymen show off versatility in Baghdad

SGT. ERNEST HENRY
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BAGHDAD – Field artillery units are known as the kings of battle, using their big guns to rain hell from the heavens. But with the demand in southern Baghdad for more boots on the ground, the men of Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 377th Parachute Field Artillery Regiment, are trading in their 105mm howitzers for a more subtle approach to domination.

“We’ve been tasked to do many different operations including raids, cordon and searches and cordon and knocks,” said Sgt. 1st Class Bradley Knapp, a gunnery sergeant with Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 377th Parachute Field Artillery Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division from Crestline, Ohio. “We’ve done joint traffic check points with the Iraqi army and snap (traffic control points)

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in various areas around our area of operation. We also recon areas to catalog the houses within our AO and we've worked with civil affairs teams to conduct humanitarian aid missions many different times."

Rather than accepting the tasking for a few missions and returning to a standard field artillery role, the paratroopers took it on as their full time mission, and there's nothing the men would prefer doing, according to Knapp.

"On a weekly basis, we may do it two or three times a week. It's something

new and we really enjoy doing it," he continued. "They're very hungry for knowledge on what it is a maneuver unit does. For these guys to take the amount of time we had to prepare and the types of missions we're executing, they're very proficient and continue to get more proficient at it."

In addition to allowing the paratroopers to see another side of the Army, the transition to a maneuver unit gives them the ability to work in small, close knit groups and rely on each other instead of their howitzers to

get the job done. The changeover is also a testament to how the Army is adapting to face new challenges in the War on Terror.

"It shows how diversified the army is to use field artillery units that have been changed into a maneuver units. It shows the versatility within the military and the ability to adapt and overcome and be successful at what they do," said Knapp.

So even though they're performing the role of infantry, the paratroopers of Battery B are still the Kings of Battle.

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Knapp talks to a local resident during the area reconnaissance mission.



STAY ALERT

THE ENEMY MAY BE WATCHING YOU

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Suspect arrested, propaganda, IED materials seized

2ND BCT, 10TH MTN. DIV. (LI) PAO

MAHMUDIYAH, IRAQ – Iraqi army soldiers conducting a search of a suspected insurgent's home discovered a cache of propaganda and improvised explosive device materials, near Lutafiyah, Iraq, at about 4:10 p.m., May 30.

A patrol from 1st Battalion, 4th Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division discovered anti-coalition/anti government books and CDs along with 42 rolls of copper wire, typically used to initiate IEDs.

The patrol detained the owner of the house.

Detainee will be held for questioning by the Iraqi army.

Soldiers provide medical aid to Iraqi woman

2ND BCT, 10TH MTN. DIV. (LI) PAO

CAMP STRIKER, IRAQ – The battalion that has been the center of the exhaustive search for the Soldiers captured May 12 provided medical aid and evacuation to an Iraqi woman after she suffered an apparent heart attack May 30 near Patrol Base Bataan, about a mile and a half from the attack site.

A woman complaining of chest pain was brought by her family to a patrol, which was a company of

Task Force 4-31 based out of Yusufiyah, Iraq. The patrol, part of Company B, 2nd Battalion, 69th Infantry, attached to the task force, rendered immediate aid and brought the woman to their patrol base at about 1:30 p.m.

After a more thorough examination by female medics, determined that the woman might be undergoing a coronary infarction.

She was evacuated to a combat surgical hospital by helicopter.

The woman will undergo treatment and evaluation at the CSH.



Safety Thought of the Day

Protect Ballistic Glass

- Ballistic glass will cloud and become yellow from exposure to solar UV light and heat.
- If possible, park your vehicle in a position that shields the cab windows from direct sunlight. Use existing shade from buildings, trees, or man-made screen.
- Placing a tarpaulin over the vehicles cab does protect against sunlight, but it traps heat, causing deterioration to the glass panels. Allow for air circulation between tarpaulin and vehicle.
- Ballistic glass that is cracked, broken, or discolored sufficiently to



impair operator vision will render a vehicle non-mission capable and must be replaced.

- For more information see TACOM MAM 06-004 on the AEPS website: <https://aeps.ria.army.mil>.

HEADLINE HIGHLIGHTS

Organ donor show to go on despite criticism

REUTERS

AMSTERDAM - A Dutch broadcaster will air a show this week in which a terminally ill woman selects a recipient for her kidneys from three contestants, despite government calls for the programme to be scrapped.

Newspaper De Telegraaf said BNN would broadcast The Big Donorshow on Friday during which the 37-year-old woman will choose from three people with kidney problems.

She will make her choice based on the contestants' history, profile and conversations with their families and friends. Viewers will be able to send text messages advising her during the 80-minute show.

"The chance for a kidney for the contestants is 33 percent. This is much higher than that for people on a waiting

list. You would expect it to be better but it is worse," the daily cited BNN Chairman Laurens Drillich as saying. Ruling coalition parties Christian Democrat (CD) and the conservative Christian Union have called the show "wretched" and unethical.

BNN says it wants to highlight the difficulties faced by kidney sufferers in getting donor organs as a tribute to BNN founder Bart de Graaff, who died of kidney failure five years ago, despite several transplants.

German mistakes subway for underground car park

REUTERS

BERLIN - A German mistook a subway entrance for an underground car park and her vehicle got stuck on the stairs, police said on Wednesday.

The 52-year-old drove her Volkswagen Beetle across the pavement

in central Duesseldorf and into the entrance where it ground to a halt about five steps down, police said.

Police estimated the damage at around 1,500 euros (\$2,000).

Israeli fails to launder stolen washing machine

REUTERS

JERUSALEM - An Israeli was charged with burglary after laundry left in a washing machine he was trying to sell showed it had been stolen.

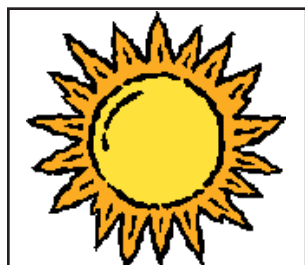
The man raised the suspicions of detectives who spotted him attempting to peddle the appliance on a street in the southern city of Beersheba.

They found he was not a resident and discovered clothes inside the machine.

After arresting him, they linked the laundry to a man who complained his washing machine had been stolen in a break-in, police said.

Marne Weather Watch

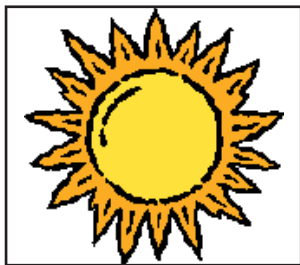
Friday, June 1



Sunny

Low: 83F/High: 110F

Saturday, June 2



Mostly Sunny

Low: 84F/High: 110F

ARABIC PHRASE OF THE DAY

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from Sudoku: The Original Brain Workout From Japan

Solution to yesterday's puzzle:

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