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What's the sound of artillery?

BOOM!



Sgt. Kevin Stabinsky

KALSU, Iraq — Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division test the calibration of their targeting software June 3. In addition to firing confirming shots with their Paladin launchers, the artillerymen tested the new Excalibur 155mm round.

Failed truck bomber treated, talking

2/10TH MTN. DIV. (LI) PAO

CAMP STRIKER, IRAQ — A failed truck bomber, wounded in his attempt to destroy a coalition battle position, was treated, evacuated and is providing information to those he tried to kill.

The driver of the truck bomb aimed at destroying Patrol Base Warrior Keep near Sadr al Yusufiyah June 10 was wounded in the upper right leg, rendering him unable to activate his initiation switch or his explosive vest.

Alert Soldiers from Company B, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team manning the

weapon systems at the patrol base determined his hostile intent and opened fire with an M-240B machine gun and M-4 assault rifles foiling the attack.

Soldiers from the patrol base then detained the man.

Seeing that the man was wounded, they rendered aid and evacuated him to the 31st Combat Support Hospital.

Coalition medical personnel continue to provide the man medical care. The man will be held for further questioning and prosecution.

Explosive ordnance teams continue to methodically render the explosives safe through multiple controlled detonations.

3rd HBCT Soldier follows grandfather's footsteps

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3/3RD INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

FORWARD OPERATING BASE HAMMER, Iraq – Following in your parents footsteps takes on new meaning for a 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team Soldier.

Pfc. Stephanie McCulley, a combat medic with 3rd HBCT, from Uniontown, Pa., followed the steps of her grandfather, who raised her. They both served in the Army. They both served in combat, and they both earned a Bronze Star Medal as a private first class.

"My grandfather raised me," McCulley said. "He was more of a dad than a grandfather. I lived with him and my grandmother from the age of 2 until I graduated high school."

Ronald Jobes instilled a strong sense of patriotism in McCulley at a young age.

"He would always put up a flag for my grandmother on her birthday because it was the same day as Flag Day," McCulley said. "I remember that he fell and broke some ribs twice, but he still did it. It was very important to him."

The man who McCulley affectionately called "Pap Pap" is much more than a patriotic father figure, however.

During World War II, Jobes fought with the 398th Infantry Division in France. From January 1945 to March 1945, Jobes routinely volunteered for dangerous night patrols to hinder the Nazi defensive preparations in his sector. Jobes went out an average of three nights a week for three months. His service and commitment did not go unnoticed by his superiors. As a private first class, Jobes was awarded



Spc. Ben Hutto

Pfc. Stephanie McCulley, a combat medic with 3/3rd Inf. Div., 25, from Uniontown, Pa., checks her medical supply bag before a mission at Forward Operating Base Hammer June 9.

the Bronze Star for his exemplary performance in Eastern France.

"I didn't even know I had been awarded the thing until I reenlisted for my second tour," Jobes said. "We didn't have a formation or anything like that. We just did our duty as best we could. Every patrol was pretty much the same. I don't recall any one time that I earned it, but they gave it to me."

Sixty-two years later, Jobes' granddaughter would earn the same award for her service in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

For McCulley, receiving the same award as her grandfather was a special moment.

"I think it is interesting that we both received our awards as privates first class," McCulley said. "Col. (Wayne) Grigsby told me my grandfather would be proud after he pinned it on me. I couldn't help but smile after that."

While on a combat patrol with her platoon, the lead convoy vehicle was hit by an improvised explosive device. McCulley reacted instantaneously.

Leaving the safety of her humvee, she ran through the thick smoke with her section sergeant, Staff Sgt. Michael Henderson, from Vidor, Texas, to the

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stricken vehicle.

"I felt the IED before I heard it," McCulley explained. "They train us to wait and let Soldier's bring the casualties to us, but I knew if anyone was alive in that truck; they were barely alive. I didn't have time to wait. I didn't feel much at the time. I just hopped out of our truck and ran to the truck."

Henderson was not surprised to make it to the vehicle with McCulley by his side.

"She did what she was trained to do and then some," said Henderson. "I knew she wouldn't stay in the truck. That's just the type of Soldier she is."

Two of the three Soldiers in the vehicle were dead, but the third was alive.

Henderson and McCulley quickly freed him from the wreckage and went to work stabilizing the seriously wounded soldier.

"It's important to remember that neither of them knew what was on the other side of that cloud," said Capt. Steven Hemman, their team leader in the 3rd HBCT, from St. Louis. "Both of them could have run into small-arms fire or a secondary IED, but they didn't think about that. Their only thought was getting to that vehicle and taking care of their battle buddies. I think that says something about them both."

Hemman, who was there and nominated both Soldiers for the Bronze Star, was impressed with McCulley's performance.

"I can't say enough about how she performed," he said. "I know without a doubt that if she had not performed how she did we would have lost three Soldiers that day.

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3/3RD INF. DIV. COMBAT MEDIC

We were all scared. It is how your body responds to a stressful situation, but she held it together and did her job. She did what she was trained to do. I think it says a lot about her and what kind of Soldier she is. Being brave isn't about not being scared. It's about controlling the fear you do have and performing through it. She did exactly that."

The qualities Henderson and Hemman admire about their combat medic were instilled in her at a young age.

"All of my family is military," explained McCulley. "I was 3 or 4 when my grandfather taught me the pledge of allegiance. We said it every morning. He is very patriotic and loves his country. I loved to hear his war stories growing up. He never mentioned that he had won an award, though."

Jobes' military awards were discovered by his family in January. He downplayed them, but his granddaughter is very proud of him.

"He is very humble about it," she explained. "He didn't join the Army to win awards. He did it because he loved

his country. He was 16 when he volunteered to become an infantryman. He lied about his age to join the Army and do what he thought was right. I think that says a lot about him."

Jobes is equally as proud of his granddaughter.

"I wasn't thrilled when she joined the Army," he admits. "She had a family, and I wanted her to be safe, but I've always been proud of her. I knew she would do well. She was always smart."

McCulley's superiors believe her work ethic plays just as big a role in her success as her intelligence.

"I think McCulley has always pushed herself to be the best medic she could be," explained Hemman. "She volunteered to go to the surgeon's course at Fort Sam Houston a week before we deployed. That's time she could have spent with her family, but she wanted to be prepared for this deployment. The fact that she volunteered for extra training says a lot about her."

"Her husband had to pack her bags for her," said Henderson. "She literally got off one plane and got on to another."

After the incident, she was offered another position that would have kept her on FOB Hammer.

"She refused," Henderson laughed. "She said if her team was going outside the gate, so was she. She wasn't going to leave us."

Hemman is glad she didn't.

"I think she is the best combat medic in the 3rd HBCT," Hemman said. "I'm glad she's with us. She is an important part of our team."

Safety Thought of the Day

Hot Weather Deployment Tips and Reminders

- If wearing body armor, add 5 degrees F to heat index in humid climates.
- Weak Link Rule: When the first heat casualty occurs, assess the status of the whole unit.
- Heat strain and dehydration can accumulate over several days before causing heat illness; therefore, during recovery periods, emphasize rest, shade, rehydration and eating.
- Assure adequate hydration of all soldiers before any exercise or work. Carry water in your belly; don't "save" it in your canteen.
- Avoid the heat of day when possible and

provide shade to reduce the solar load.

- Drink liquids that contain some added salt or electrolytes for heat cramps.
- Signs of overheating include the inability to work, flushed face, confusion, disorientation and fainting.
- It is always better to take care of a problem early.
- When in doubt, treat as a heat illness.
- Soldiers identified as a previous heat exhaustion or heat stroke should have their uniforms marked with tape or cord.

HEADLINE HIGHLIGHTS

Amid public outcry, Italy senators want ice cream

REUTERS

ROME — A group of Italian senators want ice cream in their cafeteria to “improve the quality of life” in the Senate, astonishing observers as Italy’s political class faces a growing backlash over its handsome pay and perks.

In a letter to the Senate building’s administrators, Italian senators Rocco Buttiglione and Albertina Soliani said serving “gelato” could be considered serving the needs of people’s daily life.

“The cafeteria is not supplied with ice cream,” said the letter, published by Italian newspapers on Friday. “We think it would be useful if it were and we are certain that it can be interpreted as the desire of many.”

The letter comes amid a public crisis of confidence in Italy’s political establishment, with opinion polls showing a general lack of faith in elected officials while a new book that portrays it as a bloated, overpaid apparatus has quickly become a

bestseller.

This is not the first gastronomic request by Italy’s senators either, La Repubblica newspaper said.

They had previously asked for — and succeeded in getting — regional specialties on the menu such as meat of white buffalo, and also partook in a wine sommelier course in March. Not all senators were not impressed with the latest request.

“At a time in which there is an emergency in public spending, requests of this type can only further deteriorate the image of government representatives,” Del Pennino said.

“I myself like gelato a lot, but I leave the Senate building and buy it in Piazza Navona.”

Three detained for high-tech exam cheating

REUTERS

BEIJING — Chinese police have detained three people for running a high-tech cheating scam involving wireless microphones during the national college

entrance exam, Xinhua news agency said Friday.

A record 10 million Chinese high school students sat for the exam Thursday and Friday, competing for just 5.7 million university places. It means make or break for the students and has spawned a string of cheating scandals in recent years.

Police in Jiutai, in the northeastern province of Jilin, became suspicious when a mini-bus remained parked outside a school hosting the exam Thursday, Xinhua said.

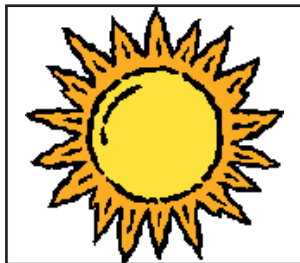
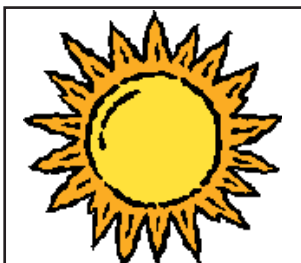
Inside, they found three people, “two of them staring at a computer screen and talking into a walkie-talkie,” Xinhua said. A student in the examination hall used a wireless microphone to read out the questions and received the answers from the van, Xinhua quoted their confessions as saying. The three had charged the student 12,000 yuan (\$1,500) for the service, it added. Security for the exam is tight and exam papers are considered state secrets before the tests.

Authorities in neighboring Liaoning province spent 100 million yuan fitting over 8,000 exam halls with metal detectors and cameras to prevent tech-savvy students from cheating on national university entrance tests.

Marne Weather Watch

Tuesday, June 12

Wednesday, June 13



Sunny

Low: 83F/High: 110F

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ARABIC PHRASE OF THE DAY

Form a line

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Trivia



Which current branch of the U.S. military was a corps of only 50 soldiers when World War I broke out?

The Air Force



Today in History ...

1942

Anne Frank gets her diary as a birthday present (Amsterdam)