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Serving Task Force Marne



Sgt. Luis Delgadillo

Second Lt. Samuel Gilstrap, a platoon leader for Btry. B, 1-9th FA, 2nd BCT, 3rd Inf. Div., and Sgt. 1st Class Vance Southern, a linguist with 2nd BCT, speak with a resident of a community outside PB Whiskey (1).

Troops' new home stops terrorist activity

SPC. BEN HUTTO

3RD HBCT, 3RD INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

PB WHISKEY — In the midst of farmlands that expand to the horizon sits a burned out abandoned school house that's now been converted into a launching point for Iraqi and U.S. troops to combat terror.

For nearly a month soldiers from the 6th Iraqi Army Division and the Fort Stewart-based 2nd Brigade Combat Team have been working to build and establish a patrol base that exemplifies

a joint security site.

"The significance of a joint security site is the ability to bring a U.S. and Iraqi military force together and position them into a location where they can work jointly to project combat power," said Col. Terry Ferrell, commander of the 2nd BCT, 3rd Infantry Division.

Ferrell said that when his Soldiers entered the area of operation and conducted their assessment, they found that anti-Iraqi forces were using route Bismarck to transport weapons and accelerants, or materials used to make

improvised explosive devices, into Baghdad.

"(Route Bismarck) gave them freedom to move east and west and north and south throughout our battle space," he said.

The location of PB Whiskey (1) effectively prevents insurgents from using route Bismarck to move accelerants into Baghdad. The establishment of future patrol bases will also put a stop to the freedom of movement that ter-

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SMA: Tours no more than 15 months

TF MARNE PAO

COP CLEARY — Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston visited Task Force Marne Soldiers in Iraq July 16.

Among the units Preston visited were 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team at Combat Outpost Cleary and the 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team at Patrol Base Murray, both brigades are part of the 3rd Infantry Division.

Preston said he visits the small out-

posts like COP Cleary because it is important for him to have a feel for concerns that Soldiers and leaders might have. He said he doesn't truly get a feel for what's on their minds until he talks to Soldiers and leaders directly.

Preston clarified the deployment extension, saying tours will not exceed 15 months. He then opened the floor for questions and provided the opportunity for clarification of any rumors spreading throughout the unit.

Preston attributed retention success to the experience and appreciation the

Soldiers receive.

"Soldiers are out there doing a real world mission," Preston said. "You don't really see the effects until you work on the ground. It's the Soldiers here on the ground, interacting with the people, with the Iraqi army, the Iraqi police, and the National Police who will know if progress is being made. Soldiers believe in the mission they are doing and are being appreciated when they come home."

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Pace re-enlists 42



Staff Sgt. Carlos J. Lazo

Marine Gen. Peter Pace, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Medal of Honor recipient Barney Bardum and Command Sgt. Maj. William J. Gainey, senior enlisted advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, stand with 42 Task Force Marne Soldiers at a re-enlistment ceremony Tuesday at Camp Victory.

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Sgt. Luis Delgadillo
Soldiers in 2nd BCT, 3rd Inf. Div. conduct a foot patrol with IA soldiers in the lead outside PB Whiskey (1) July 9. Patrol Base Whiskey (1) is a joint security site where U.S. and Iraqi troops work together to conduct patrols and base defense operations in support of Operation Guardian Torch.

WHISKEY: *Newly-built patrol base offers strategic opportunities*

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rorists enjoyed prior to the 2nd BCT's arrival.

"Patrol Base Whiskey (1) is going to serve as a starting point for the future of growth in the western portion of our battle space. This is so that more joint patrol bases will grow with both an Iraqi and American presence," Ferrell said.

While the joint security site has significantly reduced the ability of insurgents to operate in this area, Ferrell knows that true success cannot materialize without the cooperation of Iraqi troops and local residents.

To prepare the Iraqi forces for other future roles, U.S. troops here share the responsibility of maintaining the perimeter security of the base with the IA.

"This is mainly their patrol base, so they've been establishing the security here while we've been providing over watch on the outside," said Staff Sgt. Jonathan Price, infantryman with Company A, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment.

While establishing security for the patrol base is vital,

Price said that assisting the IA in becoming more tactically and technically proficient remains a priority.

"You're a little wary at first, but as you take them on more patrols and they learn more you can tell that (the IA soldiers) are getting more advanced," Price said.

IA troops are also working with Soldiers to guard check points and pickets along route Bismarck.

"Out on the pickets during the day we usually have one or two IA trucks with us, that way when we do transfer it (the area of operations) over to them they'll know what to do," said Pfc. Joshua Oberlies, an artilleryman with Battery, B, 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery Regiment.

Pickets are security vehicles posted along a well traveled road where Soldiers, stationed at the pickets, form a line to maintain watch over the road and put a halt to insurgent activity.

The goal here is for the Iraqi soldiers to maintain control of the base, Oberlies said. Even in the heat of battle, he added, he wants them to be able to stand their ground.

PRESTON: *SMA clears up discrepancies for deployed OIF Soldiers*

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Preston also addressed transformation while visiting 1-30th Inf. at PB Murray.

Just as the infantrymen are building up Patrol Base Murray into a stronghold, Preston said the Army is currently adjusting itself to build itself up into a stronger fighting force.

Since 2004, starting with 3rd In-

fantry Division, the Army has been working to create more brigade combat teams. Until the BCTs are ready though, Preston said Soldiers will continue to deploy for 15 months.

However, he said the deployment schedule will bring stability and predictability to the Army's operation tempo.

"The message I want to leave to you is the Secretary of Defense and our

leadership have announced that Soldiers would not be deployed for longer than 15 months. And that is exactly what that means," he said.

In the meantime, to help ease the strain longer deployments might put on Soldiers, the Army is instituting programs to help Soldiers' morale, such as increasing the length of time Soldiers receive for environmental and morale leave.

Safety Thought of the Day Humvee Defective Wheel Assembly

- The deformity to the wheel is located at the center portion that bolts directly to the axle hub and resulted in this area being bowed out. The result is uneven seating of the wheel-to-hub mating surfaces that causes loss of lug nut torque resulting in wheel vibration, reduction in wheel stud life resulting in stud breakage, and reduction in wheel strength as a result

of wheel stud torque reduction or breakage.

- Unit maintenance personnel will perform a one-time inspection before receipt of this message. All vehicles are required to be inspected prior to their next operation or no later than the units next scheduled weekly preventive maintenance checks and services, whichever occurs first.

Headline Highlights

Bull-running minor; caning sentence mistake

Nazi planes fly over village

BERLIN (Reuters) — Vintage World War Two aircraft bearing swastikas and other Nazi symbols flew low over the German village of Loepten near Berlin Sunday, but local residents had been warned in advance — it was for a film.

The planes were being used to film a segment of Hollywood thriller “Val-kyrie,” starring Tom Cruise.

He plays German army Colonel Claus von Stauffenberg, who was executed after a failed attempt to assassinate Hitler in 1944.

Pictures taken by locals of the planes flying at low altitude over the village were published in Bild newspaper on Monday.

“The residents were warned about possible noise,” it quoted Mayor Friedrich Schoenfeld as saying.

It is illegal to display Nazi symbols in public in Germany, although filmmakers and theatrical companies are exempted.

Dad loses visitation rights for taking son bull running

MADRID (Reuters) — A Spanish man who took his 10-year-old son bull running during the annual Pamplona festival last week has had his visitation rights to the boy taken away.

The youngster’s mother complained to police after seeing a newspaper photograph of her ex-husband leading their son by the arm just a few feet in front of the bulls, El Mundo reported on Tuesday.

A member of the mother’s family said they didn’t want the boy to lose touch with his father, but added the man needed to be taught a lesson.

“We want him to get a warning, so that he realizes that his main duty is to look after the boy’s well-being,” the relative said.

The judge in the town of Fuenlabrada, south of Madrid, ordered police to find the boy, who had been spending his holidays with his father, and return him to his mother immediately.

At least 15 people have been killed running the bulls in Pamplona since 1924.

During the nine-day festival, made world famous by Ernest Hemingway in his novel “The Sun Also Rises,” thousands of often drunken runners hurtle through the streets in front of charging bulls on their way to death in the town bullring.

Caning sentence error means scolding for judge

SINGAPORE (Reuters) — A Singapore judge has been punished for

mistakenly sentencing a prisoner to an extra three strokes of the cane, the Singapore government said Tuesday.

As a result of the error, Dickson Tan — who was found guilty of helping an illegal moneylender and also sentenced to nine months in prison — was caned eight times instead of five, Singapore’s Law Minister, S. Jayakumar, was quoted as saying on the Law Ministry Web site. Caning is a judicial practice in Singapore and is meted out for offences ranging from vandalism to illegal possession of drugs.

Offenders are strapped to an A-shaped wooden frame and lashed across the bare buttocks by a professional caner with a rattan rod.

Jayakumar said the district judge was “formally cautioned” and will not sign Warrants of Commitment — court documents informing prison officials of prisoners’ sentences — in future.

The minister said the error arose after a court clerk entered the wrong sentence.

“Unfortunately, the sentencing district judge also did not spot the error,” Jayakumar said on the website, adding the court clerk has since resigned.

Tan’s mother is in talks with the government to seek monetary compensation of up to S\$3 million (\$2 million) over the mistake, according to local media.

Sudoku

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	7		6	5	8			
2			4					9
5								8
1					6			4
			8	6	1		4	
		3				9	6	
6				7		2		

from Sudoku: The Original Brain Workout From Japan

Solution to yesterday’s puzzle:

3	9	5	2	4	8	7	1	6
4	8	1	7	6	3	9	2	5
6	7	2	9	5	1	4	3	8
7	5	9	8	2	6	1	4	3
2	1	6	3	7	4	5	8	9
8	3	4	1	9	5	2	6	7
5	4	8	6	1	9	3	7	2
9	6	7	4	3	2	8	5	1
1	2	3	5	8	7	6	9	4

ARABIC PHRASE OF THE DAY

Did you see a vehicle?

shiffit il say-yah-reh?