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Brig. Gen. Allawi, the IP deputy district commander, cuts the ribbon with Lt. Col. Jack Marr, 1-15th Inf. Regt., 3rd HBCT, 3rd Inf. Div. commander, July 17 at the opening of the new Wahida Police Station.

IP station opens in Wahida

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COP CLEARY —The Wahida City Council opened a new police station July 17 in the 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment's area of operation.

When Lt. Col. Jack Marr, of Minneapolis, the 1-15 commander, Lt. Col. Ryan Kuhn, of Clarks, Neb., the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team's deputy commanding officer, and Capt. Ravindra Wagh, of Waterford, Mich., commander of Company E, 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry Regiment, arrived to

the new police station, they were greeted by a mob of excited Iraqi policemen and local leaders.

The visit began with a tour of the new facility followed by a ribbon cutting ceremony signifying the end of the project and the opening of a new Iraqi police station.

On paper, the project began in October 2006 with a request for a new police station, according to Wagh, with the 125th Inf. Regt., a Michigan National Guard unit, serving as the National

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3rd HBCT nabs top insurgent

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FOB HAMMER — Soldiers from the 3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment detained one of the Multi-National Division-Center's most wanted insurgents, along with four other individuals early Friday morning near Jisr Diyala.

Leaders from 3-1 Cav. gained intelligence early Friday morning that the known insurgent and a number of his associates were within their area of operations.

Soldiers conducted a surprise raid and captured the individual with no U.S. forces injuries or damage to equipment, by surrounding the house following a 2-mile walk into the suspected insurgent's neighborhood. It was well-known to the Soldiers that the individual would move if he heard helicopters approaching.

The detained "high-value individual" is believed to be responsible for the recent increase in explosively formed projectile improvised explosive devices and indirect fire attacks against Coalition Forces east of Baghdad. He is also suspected of intimidating Iraqis that work with U.S. forces, as well as, kidnapping and murdering rivals of his cell.

In addition to his terrorist activities, the detainee is a member of an organized crime network in the Mada'in Qada, which is part of the Baghdad province. Coalition Forces believe the detainee has extorted the local population through his water distribution company and gas station enterprises.

This week in Marne history ...

3rd Inf. Div. becomes the Rock of the Marne

SPECIAL TO THE DOG FACE DAILY

On July 14, 1918, much of the 3rd Infantry Division was just north of the small town of Crézancy, fifty miles northeast of Paris.

The Moulins Ridge was on its right, the town of Château-Thierry about five miles away on its left and the village of Mézy on the south bank of the Marne was about a mile due north.

On the right of the Division were units of the French Fourth Army. From west to east were arrayed its 4th, 7th, 30th and 38th Infantry Regiments. Against them north of the Marne were the 398th and 47th Infantry Regiments and the 6th Grenadier Regiment of the German 10th Infantry Division and the 5th Grenadier Regiment of the German 36th Infantry Division.

The German offensive began just after midnight on July 15 on a 50-mile front from Château-Thierry to Reims. Eighty-four German batteries began raining artillery fire on the 3rd Inf. Div.'s sector.

German troops began moving across the Marne at approximately 2 a.m. When they reached the railroad near Mézy, the division counterattacked and forced them back by 5 a.m. Then came a succession of attacks.

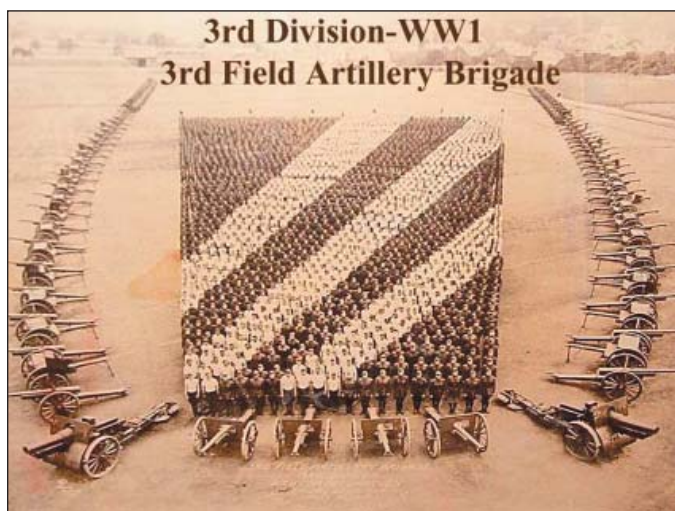
The fighting was so hot that a French commander on the 3rd Inf. Div.'s right sent a message to the division's first commander, Maj. Gen. Joseph Dickman: "Can you hold the sector?"

Dickman's famous response was, "Nous resterons là," or "We will stay there."

During the early morning of the 15th, the German 47th Infantry wiped out American troops on the riverbank and forced the 30th Infantry back into woods southwest of Mézy, but the regiment stopped their advance there.

The big story that day, however, was the 38th Infantry. The French unit next to the 38th, but on the far side of Moulins Ridge, was forced back, just as the 30th Infantry had been.

This exposed the 38th Infantry to repeated attacks throughout the day from the left, right, and front. But the 38th Infantry had held its position, like a rock.



By the end of the day, it had suffered more than 1,000 casualties from its 1,500-man roster.

On July 16, with the 30th Infantry which had regained its position, they counterattacked.

Along the 50-mile front the Germans had advanced about four miles — except here, where the American troops were. By the 17th, the Germans were stopped along the whole front and on the 18th they withdrew, ending the last great German offensive.

The story of the Marne Division was not just the story of their repulsing the German attack July 15-18. It also immediately joined in the counterattack against the Germans.

On July 21, it crossed the Marne and captured the towns of Mont St. Père that day and Jaulgonne the next. Proceeding north and it took Le Châmel on the 25th after a bitter contest and on the 28th crossed the Ourcq River and seized Ronchères. When it was withdrawn from the line on the 30th it had taken part in three major engagements and advanced about 10 miles.

General Pershing called the division's performance "one of the most brilliant pages of our military annals."

It had truly been "The Rock of the Marne."

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IPs: *Iraqi police hold ribbon-cutting ceremony at new station in Wahida*

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Police Training Team. He headed the project from start to finish. The Iraqi police of Wahida received the title to an empty lot and the appropriate funds to get the project under way.

Wagh said the former Wahida Police Station, which was co-located with a mosque, did not have the resources fit for a unit whose main mission is providing security to Wahida.

"The old police station was right down the road from the new one," Wagh said. "It had three rooms and the front of the building was a mosque. It wasn't fit for jurisdiction in Wahida."

After the ribbon cutting ceremony, members of the Wahida Police, along with leaders of the community and Coalition Forces, sat down for a conference to discuss the new station.

"It is very nice to have the new police station here (in Wahida)," Mr. Jawad Khadum, chairman of the Wahida city council said through a translator. "I would like for you to all be equal, to work as one, to serve the community and enforce the law."

He then saluted the policemen for a job well done on the project.

Lt. Col. Kareem, the station commander, also spoke at the conference. He thanked Coalition Forces for their efforts on the project. He also reminded his policemen that they have a brand new station and encouraged them to maintain the station as it stands today.

According to Wagh, the project is a symbol the citizens of Wahida can see that proves the government is capable of listening to the requests of the community and spending the \$3.5 million it took to fund the project on the community.



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The leader for the Wahida Police leads a cheer as fellow Iraqi policemen respond at a July 17 ribbon-cutting ceremony to open the new Iraqi police station in Wahida.

"This government has a commitment to security," he said. "Many people believed the government was getting all this money and they would never see it. This project proves the government is spending the money on their communities."

Wagh, who has been in Iraq since August 2006, said he was privileged to be able to see the new Wahida Police Station project from start to finish.

"The problem with many of these projects is that one unit is there for the beginning and then has to leave so another unit gets to the final outcome," he said. "I am glad I was able to see the conception on paper all the way up to

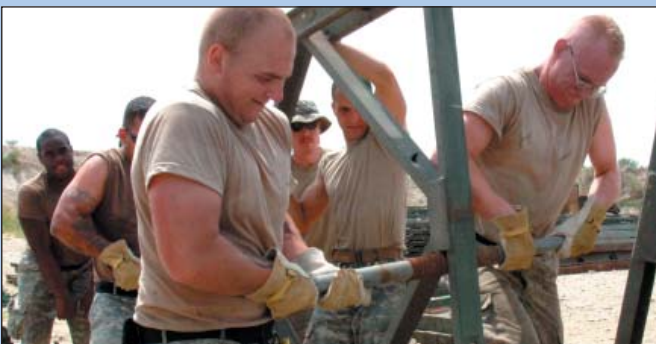
the building we see today."

Although the new police station doesn't necessarily increase the capability or the capacity of the Iraqi police, Marr believes it does a lot for the morale of the policemen. He said it also shows the Wahida citizens that progress is being made and normalcy is being restored.

"This project gives the good people of Wahida confidence in their police," Marr said. "The project was Iraqi driven, which means we are coming along the way we have always wanted. We want to help the Iraqi people help themselves. The best solutions are the Iraqi solutions."

Safety Thought of the Day

Lifting Safely



- Don't bend over an object when lifting. Bend your knees, squatting in front of the object to reach it.
- Lift the object slowly and carefully, using your leg and arm muscles to lift, not pulling with your back.
- Keep your head up and look straight ahead while making the lift.
- While lifting, keep the object as close to your body as possible.
- Keep abdominal muscles tight while making the lift.
- Use the same techniques when putting the object down.
- If the object is still too big or heavy to lift, use mechanical assistance or get someone else to help.

Headline Highlights

Gymnastics team; 'luxury addict'; nudity ban

Gymnastics team loses medal

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (Reuters) — The Mexican women's gymnastics team was stripped of its Panamerican Games bronze medal on Thursday after it was discovered that one of the athletes in the team had been accredited as an official.

Pan American Sports Organization executive committee voted unanimously to disqualify Mexico and upgrade Canada from fourth to the bronze medal position.

During the team competition on Saturday a technical delegate noticed that a Mexican gymnast was accredited as an official ("As" accreditation), not as an athlete ("Ao" accreditation) and reported it to PASO.

After an investigation, the PASO executive committee made the decision to disqualify the Mexican team for a breach of rules.

The bronze medals will be given to the Canadian Olympic Committee, who will distribute them to the women's team which has already left Brazil and returned home.

'Luxury addict' stole \$1.4 mil

SEOUL (Reuters) — South Korean police are seeking a 26-year-old woman on suspicion of embezzling about \$1.4 million to fund a craving for designer shoes, bags and clothes, a spokesman said Friday.

"We have strong reason to believe she used this money to purchase about 1,000 designer goods," the police

spokesman said. "Without doubt, you have to say she is a luxury-addict."

The woman, identified only as "Miss A," worked for an agricultural cooperative. She is suspected of siphoning off utility and tax payments to fund purchases including, according to media reports, hundreds of pairs of shoes.

Police are looking for accomplices, but would not release further details.

Town bans public nudity

BRATTLEBORO, Vermont (Reuters) — A Vermont town that is gaining national attention for brash displays of nudity -- from teens in the buff to naked elderly people -- awoke on Wednesday to an emergency ban on nakedness in most public places.

Officials in Brattleboro voted 3 to 2 on Tuesday night for a temporary 30-day ordinance prohibiting people from going about in the nude.

Public nudity made headlines last summer when the weather grew hot and a couple of dozen teens took to holding hula hoop contests, riding bikes and parading past stores wearing only their birthday suits. The disrobing has resumed this summer.

But many locals say it has gone too far. Some cite a case in which a senior citizen from Arizona strolled through the center of town wearing only a waist pack and sandals.

"We've received quite a number of complaints on this," Assistant Town Manager Barbara Sondag said. "This was brought up last summer ... and kind of died down. Then a couple of in-

cidents again this summer have got the issue to resurface."

Vermont has a live-and-let-live tradition, allowing skinny-dipping and nude sunbathing. Brattleboro, the first permanent English settlement in the state in 1724, is home to a community of writers, artists and musicians as well as transplanted entrepreneurs from Boston and New York.

Although skinny-dipping and nude sunbathing will stay legal in the state, doing the "full monty" in the middle of this town has now become taboo. A violation can cost \$100.

The topic is hotly debated at Harold & Son's Barbershop, where Heather Birmingham, 30, cuts and colors hair.

"(Nudity) does rub some people the wrong way," she said.

"Some people say 'to each his own'. But some of the older people say 'be respectful'."

She disagrees with the ban. "This whole town is about peace and about being your own person. So if it is, then why isn't nudity accepted?"

Caleb Morris, 15, said he wasn't surprised by the town's tough response because outsiders could find the nudity offensive, but he added that Vermont has always been unique.

"It's a lot more free-spirited than some other states. We don't have a lot of laws banning things here."

The ban covers nudity in the main part of town and near schools and churches and is part of a broader anti-nudity proposal that is likely to be decided next month. Breast feeding in public will still be allowed.

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from Sudoku: The Original Brain Workout From Japan

Solution to yesterday's puzzle:

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ARABIC PHRASE OF THE DAY

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