

CAB first in MND-C to meet re-enlistment goal

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BAGHDAD – Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, became the first brigade of the surge forces in Multi-National Division Center to meet its re-enlistment goal for fiscal year 2007.

The goal was reached when Pfc. Precious Haynes, Company D, 4th Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment, raised her right hand to agree to wear the Army uniform for six more years.

Haynes' battalion Command Sgt. Maj. David Perkins said morale is an important part of why his battalion, and ultimately the brigade as a whole, reached its goal.

"I think it has to do with (Soldiers) in good units who want to re-enlist," he said. "We've got (Soldiers) on their

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TREATING Tebarek Marne medic cares for injured child

2ND LT. ELIZABETH LOPEZ MND-C PAO

CAMP STRIKER — The most important quality combat medics can possess is compassion; the nature of their jobs requires these men and women to witness and participate in some of combat's most heart-wrenching stories.

Late in the day on July 21, at Patrol Base Yusufiyah, the aid station's normal routine was thrown into chaos by the arrival of eight victims of a nearby mortar attack. Among the wounded were seven Iraqi children ranging in age from 3 to 12.

One of the victims, a 6-year-old girl named Tebarek, was placed under the care of Sgt. William Ludlow, a combat medic from Company C, 210th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) out of Fort Drum, N.Y.

Initial triage showed Tebarek's left leg and abdominal injuries were so severe that she needed immediate evacuation to the 28th Combat Support Hospital in Baghdad's International Zone. The medics loaded her on a flight bound for the hospital and never expected to



Courtesy photo

Sgt. William Ludlow poses with Tebarek, an Iraqi child he has been treating in the Yusufiyah Aid Station, and her father July 19 at the aid station.

see the little girl again. This would not be the case for Ludlow and Tebarek.

About a week later, the Iraqi army senior medic at Patrol Base Yusifyah asked Ludlow to examine a patient's wounds with him.

Ludlow, from Fort Smith, Ark., recalled his surprise upon entering the building. "I saw this little, helpless girl lying there on the litter," he said. It was Tebarek, who had been released from the hospital and returned to the care of her family. Not knowing where to turn for help caring for his wounded daughter, Tebarek's father had returned to the

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CHILD: 210th BSB medic provides care, comfort to Iraqi 6-year-old

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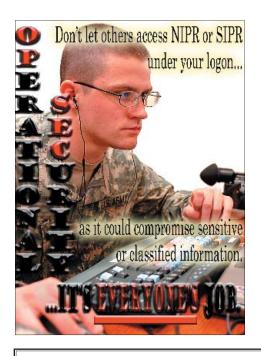
base where Soldiers had treated her so well that first evening.

The little girl Ludlow saw before him was not in great shape. Tebarek had undergone several surgeries to treat the shrapnel injuries she sustained during the mortar attack. Risk of infection left her in desperate need of intravenous antibiotic medication, and it was apparent that her wounds needed to be cleaned and her dressings changed.

Seeing her condition, Ludlow immediately set to work giving Tebarek the care she needed.

She was sent home that day with instructions to return to the Iraqi Army aid station for another round of medication and dressing changes.

The next day, an Iraqi interpreter brought Ludlow back to the Iraqi aid station. The American medic walked in the middle of an argument between



Tebarek's father and an Iraqi medic.

Tebarek's father was adamant that Ludlow was the only person he would trust with Tebarek's care. Touched, Ludlow treated the child just as he had done the day before.

As he worked, Ludlow spoke to Tebarek's father through the interpreter. He told him about the medications he was giving her and explained the procedures he used to clean and dress her wounds.

Tebarek's father responded to Lud-low.

"Tebarek is your daughter now," he said. "Do what you would do to your own daughter in order to make her well."

From that day on, Tebarek's treatment has been entrusted to Ludlow's care. Having raised his own little girl at home single-handedly for four years, he takes this job as Tebarek's other father very seriously. As she heals, Tebarek has learned to enjoy her visits to the aid station, though they have not always been pleasant. One difficult visit was the day Ludlow had to remove the stitches and staples left over from her surgeries.

"She cried the entire time," he said. "It broke my heart."

To make the painful procedures easier for her, Ludlow and the other medics give her gum and candy, as well as Beanie Babies from a stash they keep on hand for Iraqi children.

Tebarek is well loved by everyone at the aid station. They cannot speak of her without smiling, and they often tease Ludlow about his friend. Ludlow ignores the teasing, but unmistakably delight fills his eyes when she is mentioned.

Tebarek still faces a long, slow road to full recovery, but Ludlow and the medics in Yusufiyah remain dedicated to providing her the best care.

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third rotation to Iraq and expect to be back, and they still sign up."

Master Sgt. Barry Norris, brigade senior career counselor for 3rd CAB, attributed the successful completion of the re-enlistment mission to leadership and command involvement.

"It's easier (to meet the re-enlistment mission) when you have a good brigade commander who supports you," Norris said.

He said the command team at the top of the brigade, Col. Daniel Ball, and Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Stidley, set the tone for the emphasis on re-enlistment.

An extra push from the top of the division helps, too, said Lt. Col. Adrian

Farrall, commander, 4-3 Avn. "The extra 'umph' from (Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch, commander, 3rd Inf. Div.) was enough to get things moving for us," he said.

Haynes' career counselor, Staff Sgt. Angela Hill, said incentives also had a big hand in the number of re-enlistees.

"Money has a lot to do with it," she said. "Plus there are the other incentives" such as education incentive, stabilization and specialty school eligibility.

Since May 6, Norris said, the brigade has re-enlisted 250 Soldiers to the tune of \$2.3 million in bonuses.

Haynes said the bonus was fine, but she re-enlisted for other reasons.

"I love what I do," she said.

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Cpt. Ricardo Swenness, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, from Fort Stewart, Ga., examines a woman's heartbeat at a makeshift clinic in Arab-Jabour, south of Baghdad, during a medical aid mission July 23.

Safety Thought of the Day Eye Protection Tips

Know what the eye safety hazards are in your workplace and wear the right eye protection for the task.
Get regular eye checkups. Make sure your vision is adequate to do your jobs safely. If you already have reduced vision, prescription safety glasses or goggles can be provided.
Wear eye protection that's comfortable. If the eye lenses are scratched, replace them. Eye protection works only if its

worn.

Computer screens don't damage vision, but you might still experience eye strain. Rearranging your computer workstation, taking more frequent rest breaks or getting proper glasses can often relieve these symptoms.
If you experience an eye injury, seek medical attention promptly.



Headline Highlights

Hemingway look-alike; fake designer goods

U.S. insurance agent wins Hemingway look-alike contest

KEY WEST, Florida (Reuters) — An insurance agent who beat out 122 others to win Florida's annual "Papa" Hemingway Look-Alike Contest says he has little in common with the Nobel Prize-winning U.S. author.

Larry Austin, 64, of Palm Harbor, Florida, won the contest on his 10th try Saturday night in Key West, Florida's southernmost city.

But Austin said he hasn't gone fishing, a sport immortalized by Ernest Hemingway, since he found out that "you can't catch stuffed flounder."

Wearing olive shorts, a cap and a beige fishing shirt, Austin joked that his own writing does not go beyond forging "signatures on life insurance apps."

The look-alike contest was part of the 27th Hemingway Days festival marking the July 21 birthday of the white-bearded author, born 108 years ago in Illinois. It ended Sunday.

Hemingway, awarded the Nobel Prize in literature in 1954, lived and worked in Key West during the 1930s.

First-time contestant Phil Blumer, of Shalimar, Florida, handed out cookies to judges before being chosen one of 25 finalists.

"They tell me no one wins unless they've entered at least five years," the veterinarian said.

Notorious 'green' bandit killed

LUCKNOW (Reuters) — A notorious bandit known by many Indians as a lo-

cal Robin Hood who defended forests against illegal loggers and poachers was shot dead Sunday in northern India after 32 years on the run, police said.

Shiv Kumar Patel, 56, also known as "Dadua," was killed along with 10 other members of his gang in Uttar Pradesh state. The bandit faced more than 200 criminal cases against him, including murder, extortion and kidnapping.

Many local villagers hailed him as a kind of Robin Hood. He would often rob the rich to feed the poor, particularly those belonging to his own low "kurmi" caste.

Dadua had been roaming the jungles of Uttar Pradesh and neighboring Madhya Pradesh state for decades.

Fake designer goods on rise

LONDON (Reuters) — Around one in eight British shoppers has bought a counterfeit watch, handbag or other product in the last year as it becomes more socially acceptable, a study by lawyers Davenport Lyons and Ledbury Research found.

"The most dramatic change in attitudes toward fakes is that they have reached their tipping point. They have become socially acceptable," the study said. Two-thirds of Britons readily admit to peers that they have bought a counterfeit product, it showed.

But it also that found just under a third of the buyers of fake goods said the experience made them more likely to buy the genuine article.

Not everyone wants to be seen with counterfeits.

"It's socially unacceptable to have fake designer goods in this place ... the more expensive the better, and make sure your Tod's handbag is thrust right into someone else's face when you're in the lift," said one analyst at a global bank, who declined to be named.

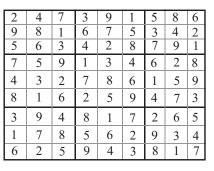
Burberry, famous for its camel, red and black check fabrics, has slipped to number three in counterfeit sales behind leather goods maker Louis Vuitton and Gucci, owned by retailer PPR, the study said.

"It's not a table we would want to be top of. The availability of counterfeit Burberry goods has declined ... designers have focused away from the Burberry check, and we have a strong (intellectual property) team," Stuart Lockyear, Burberry's director of IP, told Reuters.

Last year just under 1 million people bought a counterfeit Louis Vuitton item, the study found. The French luxury goods maker is famous for its handbags, luggage and purses.

Market stalls are the primary source of fake goods, but the trade has increased also as people travel more to destinations where such products are more readily available and access online Web sites such as eBay, the study said. EBay, which the study said accounts for 29 percent of counterfeit goods purchases, states on its Web site it does not allow the sale of counterfeit goods and that any such listings will be removed. Lockyear said Burberry devoted a lot of resources to eBay and worked closely with the site, ending more than 30,000 auctions last year.

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