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*Serving Task Force Marne*

## Going off-road



Air Force Staff Sgt. Dennis J. Henry Jr.

Soldiers with Company A, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Ft. Drum, NY, perform a route clearance mission along Route Tampa in Baghdad July 28.

## 1-10 Soldiers learn to work with change

**SGT. NATALIE ROSTEK**  
3RD HBCT, 3RD INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

FOB HAMMER — They live miles away from the unit with which they had trained, worked, lived and deployed.

They work in a detention facility doing jobs they had not trained for or imagined they would be doing. But their spirits are high, and their appreciation for the experience is something they will take with them beyond Opera-

tion Iraqi Freedom.

Their mission is to guard detainees who are brought to the Camp Bucca detention facility. The tasks the Soldiers must accomplish on a daily basis include securing the detainees so they don't escape, safeguarding them so they are not hurt within the compound, and ensuring Iraqi rule of law and due process can occur.

The 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery, attached to the 16th Military Police

Brigade and Task Force 134, at Camp Bucca. The unit was detached from the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team at the start of the deployment.

"We arrived at (Camp) Buehring (Kuwait) around the 16th of March. On the 22nd we went to Taji for the counter-insurgency training where we learned our Bravo Battery was going to be stationed at Camp Bucca," said Maj.

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# One man stands apart

## Words of appreciation from an NCO to his mentor

**SGT. DAMION JENKINS**

3RD SIG. CO., STB, 3RD INF. DIV.

If we are lucky enough, at some point in our lives we will meet an individual who outshines his peers, transcends normality, and goes beyond the preconceptions of what a human being could be.

As Soldiers, we are always looking for leaders to shape us into the leaders of tomorrow. One such leader has touched our lives and shaped our futures.

Staff Sgt. Brian Newton, from San Antonio, Texas, exemplifies what a Soldier can be, but he didn't get that way overnight. Newton entered the Army in October 1998. He attended basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C., and went on to attend Advanced Individual Training at Fort Gordon, Ga., from December 1998 to May 1999.

Newton's assignments include Fort Stewart, Ga., where he served in Company B, 123rd Signal Battalion as a small extension node operator, microwave system operator, and a small extension node supervisor. While deployed in Bosnia in August 2000, then-Specialist and, later that year, Sgt. Newton, served as a team chief in the electronic maintenance shop while assigned to Company D, 123rd Signal Battalion.

Upon returning to Fort Stewart, Newton became team chief of a small extension node until a PCS move to Fort Gordon in January 2002, where he served as switch team chief, switch section sergeant, and platoon sergeant. His most recent assignment was 3rd Signal Company, STB, 3rd Inf. Div. After a short stint as a section sergeant, he once again became a platoon sergeant, this time for the mighty D-MAIN platoon.

This may appear more like a biography than an article about a great person so far, but to appreciate Newton's outstanding character and commitment to both his job and Soldiers, we must note his accomplishments as well.

From the time he first became a team chief to when he took charge of his own platoon of Soldiers as a staff sergeant, Newton always did more for his troops than his position required.

A great example was the way he made his daily rounds



Courtesy photo

Staff Sgt. Eduardo Diaz presents a plaque to Staff Sgt. Brian Newton shortly before Newton's recent departure for the Warrant Officer Candidate School.

on the Victory Base Complex to personally check on his Soldiers throughout the day. His selfless nature made an impact on them. As a result, the things he said held more weight with his Soldiers.

I knew Newton long before he became a platoon sergeant, but never worked for him. I already knew he was a great guy, but had no idea he was such an outstanding leader.

One of the things I most appreciated was the way he allowed his NCOs to be just that: NCOs.

He allowed us to train and mentor the troops. In turn, he counseled and mentored us. He was also available to lend an ear to a Soldier individually on a more personal level if need be.

Recently, Newton was accepted to Warrant Officer Candidate School and left the platoon. His parting words were, "People change, times change, but standards remain the same."

We in the company will miss him and wish him the best. He set a high standard as platoon sergeant and he will always stand out in our minds as a shining example of what a leader is, and the difference a leader can make.

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# CHANGE: 1-10 troops take on new mission, new unit at Camp Bucca

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Luis Rivera, operations officer for the 1-10 FA. "Two days later, we learned our whole battalion was going."

Sgt. Marlin White, a shift leader in Headquarters Battery, 1-10, has been in the military eight years and understands the constant changes the Army goes through at a moments notice.

"You have to be flexible. You have to be open-minded," White said. "The Army has been and always will be changing. I tell my Soldiers, 'Don't take anything you hear and just run with it.' Things change and change and change again."

For many Soldiers who had recently arrived at the unit from advanced individual training, the sudden change caused them to quickly adapt to their new roles. The movement was sudden, and the Soldiers had little idea of what exactly they would be doing. They would be working with a unit they had never worked with before, in a job that was completely new to most of the Soldiers.

"One thing I've noticed about artillery Soldiers from my 19 years of experience is we are very adaptive (and) we are able to reorganize in very effective and efficient ways," said Lt. Col. Mark Sullivan, 1-10 FA commander. "We understand the significance of what we are doing and with a little bit of training, we are able to adapt to the mission."

White said the current mission of 1-10 FA is much different than his previous two deployments.

"We train on how to use non-lethal weapons," he said. "We also have to learn the culture more in-depth."

Rivera said the Soldiers all carry their issued M-9 pistols, and M-4 and M-16 rifles, but are also trained on non-lethal weapons, such as batons, tazers,

and shotguns that fire bean bags.

He said the 3rd HBCT leaders focus a great deal on the discipline of their Soldiers. This training is crucial to the unit's mission because many of the detainees are in the facility for insurgent activity against Coalition Forces. Discipline allows the Soldiers working in the detention facility to put aside their personal feelings and concentrate on the mission at hand, Rivera said.

Cpl. Brandon Rhodes, of Kalamazoo, Mich., Battery A, 1-10 FA, said there are certain challenges he faces in his new job as a quick reaction force Soldier. Rhodes and his team are responsible for reinforcing the detention facility, which includes controlling riots, reacting to escapes, and controlling the movement of detainees. They must always be ready, because an incident requiring QRF to respond could break out at any given time.

Pfc. Lucero Hernandez, supply representative for 1-10 FA, said her job faces challenges as well. She must supply detainees with items such as clothing and personal hygiene products.

"If we don't get the supplies they need, that could cause a riot within the compound," she said.

White, who serves as a mediator between the detainees and the sergeant of the guard of the detention facility, said cultural differences are a large part of the difficulties between the Soldiers and detainees.

"We have to know how to react to their culture and we have to know what it all means. We also have to know how to follow their culture," he said. "For example, when they pray, they don't like to have any noise. If we make noise, that could cause problems in the compound."

The stress of their unique mission does weigh heavily on the Soldiers of



Courtesy photo

A Soldier from 1-10 FA, currently attached to 16th MP Bde., TF 134, trains on unarmed combat techniques at Camp Bucca.

the 1-10 FA at Camp Bucca. Most of the Soldiers agree that it is, in fact, the experience of a lifetime. They are learning something new and contributing to the overall mission of the military.

"In the small picture, it's just a job," Rhodes said, "but in the big picture, it's nice to know I'm contributing the security of my family and the nation."

Until 1-10 FA is replaced at Camp Bucca and rejoins 3rd HBCT at FOB Hammer, they will remain a significant part of the 16th MP Bde., Sullivan said.

"We are recognized by the MPs as honorary MPs," Sullivan said. "They recognize what we bring to them and they understand what we bring to the fight. We are constantly doing the right thing."

## Safety Thought of the Day

### Fatigue

#### Some signs of fatigue are:

- Unable to control your eyes (they keep shutting & going out of focus)
  - Having disconnected thoughts, can't concentrate
  - Mumbling or mixing up your words
  - Feeling irritable and easily angered
  - Drifting from your lane, or hitting the curb
- NOTE: Micro-sleeps (nodding off) can last 3-5 seconds – how far did you travel down the road?

#### The only way to beat fatigue is to:

- Catch up on your sleep debt — get a few early nights
- Improve your diet habits so that your blood sugar stays more constant
- Get into regular sleep and wake patterns
- Understand your personal circadian rhythm and plan your work day accordingly
- Maintain a 15/7/2 work/rest cycle

## Headline Highlights

# Plane seating problem; battered thief; Rio cops

## Sheikh causes plane delay

MILAN (Reuters) — A Qatar sheikh held up a British Airways flight at Milan's Linate airport for nearly three hours after discovering three of his female relatives had been seated next to men they did not know.

When none of the other business class passengers agreed to swap seats, the sheikh, a member of Qatar's ruling family, went to the pilot, who had already started the engine, to complain, an airport official said.

But the pilot ordered him and his traveling companions, the three women, two men, a cook and a servant, off the plane.

The London-bound flight took off nearly three hours behind schedule Thursday evening and around 50 of the 115 passengers missed connecting flights.

Traditions in the conservative Gulf Arab region bar women from mixing with unrelated men.

## Thief battered in fish shop

CANBERRA (Reuters) — A man who attempted to rob an Australian fish and chip shop found himself on the losing side when the angry shop owner threw fish batter and hot oil at him.

"The hot oil missed but the batter hit the offender and he fled empty handed," South Australian police said in a statement.

Police said the attempted armed robbery happened on Thursday evening at the quiet seaside retirement town of

Victor Harbor, near the South Australian state capital of Adelaide.

Police were checking local hospitals in case the man was injured.

## Rio police mug U.S. cops

RIO DE JANEIRO (Reuters) — Rio de Janeiro police arrested two fellow officers on Thursday accused of extorting money from two American tourists who happened to be San Francisco cops on vacation.

"One of the victims identified the officers and they are under administrative arrest for now," a police spokeswoman in Rio said. The crime-ridden city is swarming with tourists during the Pan American Games, which end on Sunday.

The U.S. tourists were leaving a night club in Rio's Copacabana beach neighborhood before dawn on Wednesday, when two uniformed police officers approached them and searched them for drugs.

At night, the neighborhood is a red-light district with several brothels and strip joints.

Although no drugs were found, the officers told the tourists they would have to pay a bribe or be arrested.

One of the Americans went back to their hotel to fetch the equivalent of some \$2,200 in local and foreign currency. The Brazilian policemen then took off with the money and an MP3 player.

Corruption is rife in Rio's police force despite the authorities' efforts to root out bad cops.

Officers, who often have to confront well-armed drug gangs, complain they are underpaid and many have to moonlight as private security guards to make ends meet.

Policing in Rio has been heavily reinforced in the last three weeks during the Pan American Games.

No major incidents have been reported after months of daily gun battles in the city's sprawling hillside slums.

## Hotels told 'provide condoms'

BEIJING (Reuters) — China has ordered all hotels, holiday resorts and public showers to provide condoms, part of nationwide efforts to fight the spread of AIDS, a newspaper said on Friday.

The regulation, issued by the commerce and health ministries, also required pamphlets about AIDS prevention to be displayed, the Beijing News said.

The move follows an unusual step by the booming eastern province of Zhejiang in March to fine hotels and bars if they did not provide condoms.

China originally stigmatized AIDS as a disease of the decadent, capital West -- a problem of gays, sex workers and drug users. Traditionally, none of these officially existed in communist China.

It has belatedly woken up to the problem and health experts have warned the virus is now moving into the general population.

But a lack of sex education and unwillingness to talk about sex still hampers the fight, health experts say.

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from Sudoku: The Original Brain Workout From Japan

**Solution to Saturday's puzzle:**

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## ARABIC PHRASE OF THE DAY

What type of weapons do they have? *shih-noo hih-yeh il-es-li-Hah il-lee AAed-hoom?*