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Troops assess Arab Jabour water situation

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ARAB JABOUR — Using foot paths that run parallel to improvised explosive device-laden roads, Coalition troops visited a Saddam-era water treatment facility here Aug. 8.

The mission for the Soldiers of Company A, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, dubbed Operation Gator Aid, was to secure the area around the facility, meet with the manager and conduct an assessment of the water treatment facility's operations.

"Everything is fine with the station itself, all the pumps work, everything is functioning," said Capt. Eric Mello, company commander.

He said the mission was important because it's not every day his Soldiers interact with individuals in the community who have a direct impact on hundreds of people's lives.

Mello said the facility supplies

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1st Lt. Russell T. Deal (left) speaks with the manager of a water treatment plant with the assistance of an interpreter and Pfc. Stephen Raab Aug. 8.

Operation Marne Husky takes U.S. Soldiers to the air

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BAGHDAD — Iraqi security and Coalition forces launched an aviation-based combat offensive dubbed Operation Marne Husky Aug. 15, focusing on an enemy sanctuary in southeastern Baghdad. This operation is a key part of Multinational Corps-Iraq's overall operation, Phantom Strike and will target militant safe havens and weapons smugglers, in an effort to choke the flow of bombs and weapons reaching the Iraqi capital.

"The combination of aviation and ground forces will allow Task Force

Marne the ability to target areas that the enemy deems as safe," said Lt. Col. Robert Wilson, executive officer, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division. "We're leveraging the ability of the helicopters with the infantry Soldiers to take the fight to the enemy and promote security for the people of Iraq."

The operation will disrupt insurgents who fled the towns of Salman Pak and Arab Jabour in front of earlier U.S. offensives. Marne Husky is a change for MND-C in that the unit with primary responsibility is the aviation brigade.

Instead of conducting linear maneu-

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ver across the battlefield, the operation will consist of a series of sustained air

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Equal opportunity field often misunderstood

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3RD CAB

BAGHDAD — Last month a Soldier came into the equal opportunity office complaining that an officer was talking about him behind his back.

Sgt. 1st Class Lui Salt, equal opportunity adviser for 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, asked the Soldier if the officer's comment pertained to the Soldier's race, color, gender, national origin or religion. The Soldier said no.

The problem, Salt said, is the EO office is frequently misunderstood. Though the actions of the officer were unbecoming, for a complaint to be considered an EO issue, it must fall under one of five protected areas: race, color, gender, national origin or religion.

"A lot of times when Soldiers are in trouble, they run first to the EO, when really it's not an EO issue," Salt said. "If it's not a violation of those five protected areas, they're not being unlawfully discriminated against."

Soldiers can complain to the EO office. However, if the complaint does not fall under the five protected categories, then the complaint should go to the inspector general's office said Staff Sgt. Dandrea Demps, EO leader for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd CAB.

The function of the EO office is to coordinate and monitor programs and training, and ensure fair and equal treatment for Soldiers and Family Members. The EOA also monitors and executes formal EO complaints, and coordinates ethnic observances authorized by the Department of Defense.

Though Salt is the brigade's EO adviser, there are eight EO leaders at bat-

alion and squadron levels, with an additional EO leader at the company level. Companies with more than 50 Soldiers have two EO leaders.

Training is conducted throughout the year, even during deployments.

"With the environment that we are in it's hard to get all the Soldiers together in one place to conduct EO training," Salt said. "I just encourage the commanders and leaders to do their best to at least conduct platoon level or a section level training while we are in a combat environment."

The deployment environment may also have a connection to the number of EO complaints Salt receives. With Soldiers working 12 hours a day and constantly being around the same people daily, the situation may contribute to Soldiers doing and saying things they know are inappropriate or know they shouldn't say, Salt said.

"It makes no difference if we're

back in the rear or in a combat environment," Salt said. "The key thing is treating everybody with dignity and respect. It starts with the commanders and the leaders being proactive. That's the main thing, educating and being more proactive in training."

Demps discussed the importance of training and education to keep situations and issues from escalating.

"Back in the rear, there wasn't an issue that Sergeant 1st Class Salt and I couldn't handle at the lowest level," Demps said. "I'm hoping Soldiers here are educated so we can handle everything at the lowest level and it doesn't go up to the next level."

After three years as an EO adviser, Salt still enjoys his work.

"It's been good doing what I went to school for," he said. "It's been helpful with knowing different people, and different leaders that I've come across. Overall, it's been a good three years."

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WATER: 1-30th Infantrymen cleaning up Iraqis' water in Arab Jabour

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300 families from the surrounding area with clean water, about 100 people visit the site daily at Abu Awaithya, a community in the Arab Jabour region.

The facility requires about three hours of electricity a day to keep the storage tanks stocked full of clean water; electricity that until about three days ago had been available for eight hours a day.

"If the guy (water treatment facility manager) has any issues at all, it's power right now. About three days ago the power had basically ceased to work in the area," Mello said.

He said the cause of the electricity outage had yet to be determined, but that if it was a local problem the connectivity could be restored.

Local electricians have been able to restore power to some of the region's homes, thanks to safer streets made possible by Soldiers of the 1-30th Inf. Regt.

To continue purifying water when city power is not available, the facility manager relies on generators to keep the water flowing. The water treatment facility's pumps pull water from the nearby Tigris River into storage tanks where the water is separated from fine sediment. The river water is then moved to larger storage tanks where it is treated with chemicals by the treatment facility's sole operator.

Resupplying the water treatment plant is another issue of concern for the Soldiers of Co. A because of the necessary closure of roads to vehicle traffic in Arab Jabour.

Road closure is mainly to ensure security of local citizens and Coalition Forces, and to minimize insurgent activity.

Mello discovered that as a result of the closures, re-supplying the facility with fuel and more water purifying supplies, like chlorine, will be an issue they'll have to address in the near future.

"If (residents) don't have water, they're going to blame



Sgt. Luis Delgadillo

An Iraqi girl collects water from Abu Awaytha's only water treatment facility Aug. 8.

us because we're the main presence down here," said 1st Lt. Russell T. Deal, platoon leader for 3rd platoon, Co. A.

Deal said the facility either needs a dependable supply of electricity through city power or generator power and a certain amount of fuel every 40 days. As it stands right now, he said, the treatment facility has 2,000 liters of fuel for generators that power pumps to draw water from the river.

"We need to go figure out what we can do to make sure that the pump station can get enough water," Deal said.

Regardless of the issues, which the manager of the pump station faces, Soldiers of the 1-30th Inf. remain committed to helping Arab Jabour residents fix their area infrastructure.

"We just want to make sure that people of Abu Awaytha have enough water," Deal said.

HUSKY: U.S., Iraqi troops use aviation capabilities for combat ops

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assaults, coordinated from the sky, and employing numerous platforms operating in synch. Blackhawk and Chinook helicopters will deliver Soldiers to where they're needed within 30 minutes of identifying a target under constant support from Kiowa and Apache air weapons teams.

Intelligence has become a force multiplier in TF Marne's area of respon-

sibility as both Sunni and Shia Iraqis come forward with tips, and the U.S. positions its own internal assets to gather information.

Marne Husky will use combat aviation capabilities to press that advantage, expanding the U.S. reach as it quickens response times, in order to restrict extremists' maneuverability in the area.

The 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division will take the lead

for the operation. Other participating units include 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, 3rd Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry Regiment; and an airborne infantry company from 4th Brigade (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division. Iraqi soldiers from 8th Iraqi Army Division are also participating in Marne Husky.

Editor's note: Tim Kilbride, a member of the MND-C Public Affairs Office, contributed to this article.

Safety Thought of the Day Escalation of Force Procedures

- Use visual aids (lights, laser pointers, flares, colored flags, signs).
- Use audible warnings to warn (horn, air horn, loudspeaker, flash/bang device, siren).
- Show weapon & demonstrate intent to use it.
- Attempt non-lethal means (stop strips, physical

barrier, vehicle, visual/audio signal, signs).

- Fire warning shots in vicinity of the threat (be mindful of ricochet area). Tracer rounds should be used so that intended person can see them.
- Utilize disabling fire (tires, engine block, windows).
- Utilize deadly force.

Headline Highlights

'Idol' musical; fake drugs; scrap-metal cache

Idol-inspired musical voted off after one night

NEW YORK (Reuters) — A musical inspired by the hit reality television show "American Idol" has been voted off the stage — closing one day after officially opening off Broadway.

"Idol: The Musical," touted as a "satirical musical comedy that focuses on the outrageous and delusional fan base of the hit television show," closed on Monday after two casts, 47 preview performances and one regular show.

Producer Todd Ellis said in a statement that he closed the production "due to a lack of advance ticket sales, a lack of positive feedback from audience members and critics and a lack of sustainable financial resources."

The \$60-a-ticket show began previews on July 5 with the original cast from Syracuse, N.Y., where it was performed earlier this year. But by the end of July the 10-member cast had been replaced, without explanation, and fresh previews began on August 1 ahead of the opening night on August 12.

Woman reports 'fake' drugs

ROCHELLE, Ga. — A woman was arrested after she called police to help "get her money back" after she was unhappy with the crack cocaine she purchased.

Juanita Marie Jones, 53, called Rochelle Police Thursday after purchasing what she thought was a \$20 piece of crack cocaine, say police reports.

She told officers she broke the rock into three pieces and smoked one, only

to discover the drugs were "fake."

She took Officer Joel Quinn and Deputy John Shedd of the Wilcox County Sheriff's Office into her kitchen and showed them the drugs, police said.

She was promptly arrested on charges of possession of cocaine.

'Arms cache' only scrap metal

MONROVIA (Reuters) — Authorities in Liberia said on Wednesday a large ammunition cache they thought they had discovered while investigating a possible coup plot was in fact scrap metal destined for recycling.

The supposed cache was discovered during a raid Sunday on an unfinished building in a town on the main road to Ivory Coast, fuelling speculation it was linked to an alleged scheme to smuggle weapons into the country.

Liberian police and soldiers from the U.N. peacekeeping force carried out the raid, which police officials said at the time had unearthed mostly new AK-47 machinegun ammunition.

"The fact of the matter is those items were just empty shells," Liberia's presidential press secretary Cyrus Badio told Reuters. "The person in question is a scrap dealer."

Gbargna, where the discovery was made, served as a headquarters of the main rebel group during a 14-year on-off civil war in Liberia, which ended in 2003.

Faux dentist's 29-year career?

KUALA LUMPUR (Reuters) — Malaysian police have arrested a man who

practiced as a dentist for 29 years although he had no medical training and treated patients at his home in a cast-off examining chair.

The impostor's closest brush with the dental profession was during the years 1962 to 1978, when he assisted an army dentist by carrying his bag on visits to plantation workers' homes, the New Straits Times reported Wednesday.

"I watched the doctor diagnose and treat problems with teeth," the paper quoted the unidentified man as saying when officials raided his home this week.

"I also saw how he would extract teeth and make models and measurements for dentures."

The 63-year-old man, who convinced his neighbors he was a retired army dentist after being told he was too old to work as a dentist's assistant, charged 20 ringgit (\$5.76) for extractions and 130 ringgit for dentures, the paper said. Health officials seized antibiotics, painkillers, syringes and bottles of Chinese medicine during the raid, but they needed more than six men to carry off his 1940s-era examining chair, tossed away by the Malaysian army in 1978. The paper said the raid occurred after a tip-off.

The man has been arrested for illegally practicing dentistry and will face charges under Malaysia's private healthcare facilities and services act. He could face a fine of up to 30,000 ringgit or a six-year jail term, or both.

He did provide one unique service, however. "I also make house visits," he told the paper.

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ARABIC WORD OF THE DAY

Distance

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