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A Soldier from the 952nd Engineer Battalion, an Army Reserve battalion based out of Paris, Texas, directs a backhoe during the repair of Route Chicken Run Aug. 26.

Soldiers making 'Chicken Run' passable

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HAW RAJAB — Transportation is vital to any military operation, and when the Soldiers of Task Force Marne encounter unusable roads, calling their local highway department is out of the question.

Soldiers fix their own roads.

One of those roads is route Chicken Run. Chicken Run hasn't been used in some time because of the damage it sustained in improvised explosive device detonations.

"Now al-Qaeda has to worry about getting turned in by people of the area."

— Sgt. Joseph Coppo,
Troop C, 1-40th Cav. Regt.

Deep and wide pot holes from IED explosions cover much of the road, making it impassable. Existing holes also provide cover for more IEDs.

The road is becoming usable again

because of the efforts of Troop C, 1st Squadron, 40th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, currently attached to 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, and the 952nd Engineer Battalion.

The repair of route Chicken Run, which began Aug. 26, will give the squadron more room to maneuver and more options when on a combat patrol.

"It ensures the squadron's freedom

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Delta Force recruits Commando Soldiers

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CAMP STRIKER, Iraq — “These are men, America’s best ... One hundred men will test today, but only three will win the Green Beret,” is a lyric from the biggest selling single in 1966, “The Ballad of the Green Beret,” written by Staff Sgt. Barry Sadler, a medic who served in Vietnam.

As the lyrics say, only a few will wear the Green Beret. Still, many young men dream of becoming a member of the elite Special Forces.

Soldiers from 2nd Brigade Combat Team “Commandos,” 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) out of Fort Drum, N.Y., piled into a small conference room to attend a recruitment meeting on Camp Striker Aug. 23 in hopes of becoming a member of U.S. Army Special Forces Operational Detachment – Delta.

SFOD-D, commonly known as “Delta Force,” is one of two of U.S. military units, along with the Navy’s Special Warfare Development Group, tasked with counterterrorist operations outside the United States. Delta Force was created by U.S. Army Col. Charles Beckwith in 1977 in direct response to numerous, well-publicized terrorist incidents that occurred in the 1970s.

In today’s fight against terrorism, the most elite Soldiers are being sought out to become members of Delta Force. Unlike the myth that only infantryman can enter Special Forces, Soldiers from cooks and mechanics to forward observers and drivers showed up for the meeting.

“We have all military occupational skills in Delta Force,” said the Delta Force recruiter, whose name is withheld for security reasons. “If you are the best mechanic or cook in the Army, then we want you.”

Soldiers were shown a video of what the selection process for Delta Force is and the training the candidates would undergo.

“The most important part of the training is the land navigation part,” the recruiter said. “You will learn a lot about yourself during land navigation and find out one of two things — you either have it or you don’t.”

The land navigation and the entire Delta Force course are individually graded. Unlike most schools, there is no quota for graduation, and Soldiers do not work as a team. They are graded against themselves.

“We are looking for someone who is quick on their feet and a problem solver,” the recruiter said. “We need that person with a certain aptitude and talent.”

On the video, Delta Force operators jump from planes, shoot from helicopters and conduct water survival.

“I know some of you are probably thinking that you can’t do some of the stuff in the video, but we can get you there — we will do the crawl, walk, run with you,” the recruiter said. “We have the best training facilities.”

Before a Soldier can attend the six-month Delta Force Operator Course, he must complete a three- to four-week mental and physical assessment and selection course.

Col. Michael Kershaw, 2nd BCT commander and former commander of 1st Ranger Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, which falls under the Special Operations Command, commented about the potential Delta Force candidates.

“The Soldiers here are exactly the type of people Delta Force is looking for,” Kershaw said. “They are mature, combat-experienced Soldiers.”

The Soldiers of 2nd BCT say they are up for the challenge.

“I have always wanted to better myself and do the best that I can,” said Spc. Matthew Dyer, a forward observer with 2nd BCT and native of Pampa, Texas. “This sounds like a really good opportunity, and I am going to try out.”

As “The Ballad of the Green Beret” says, “He’ll be a man they’ll test one day ... Have him win the Green Beret.”

For more information about becoming a member of Delta Force, go to <https://smrecruting.us.army.mnil/index.aspx>.



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CHICKEN: 952nd Eng. Bn. repairing road destroyed by indirect fire

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of movement from the (forward operating base) to patrol bases and in and out of our (area of operations)," said Capt. Derrick Goodwin, Troop C commander.

Since June, nine IEDs have detonated on the road. Soldiers have performed no route clearance missions since July so the possibility of more IED emplacements on the road was high, Goodwin said.

To begin the mission the 1-40th Cav. Regt. route clearance team methodically searched the road for any IEDs before the work began.

After no IEDs were found, Troop C set up security on the road as the engineers began to work.

The route repair went as planned with no enemy contact.

"I think we've effectively targeted the IED emplacements in the AO," said Sgt. Joseph Coppo, Troop C intelligence NCO.

Since mid-July, Coppo said, eight suspects have been arrested in connection with IEDs on Chicken Run.

Local citizens may have also helped in keeping Chicken Run clear.

"The local people were able to help us target some of these people. Now al-Qaeda has to worry about getting turned in by people of the area," Coppo said.



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The last step to repairing holes caused by IEDs was pouring and smoothing the concrete. After the concrete was poured, Soldiers from 1st Squadron, 40th Cavalry Regiment, provided overwatch and security to prevent insurgents from tampering with the concrete while it dried.

Even though road repair has commenced and Soldiers found no IEDs during the mission, Coppo said Chicken Run is hardly safe.

"It's just a positive right now. There could have been IEDs out there, but we

just didn't find them, or they could see us using it again and start to emplace more," Coppo said. "But I'm sure with the help of the residents, we're targeting the right people, so this is a positive step."

Safety Thought of the Day

MKT Burner Precautions

- The Modern Burner Unit power converter uses high voltage. Always turn off external power before maintenance.
- Keep cables out of foot traffic.
- Keep power cables out of water.
- MBU produces carbon monoxide when operating; keep working areas well ventilated.
- Use only JP-8 or an approved substitute diesel fuel.
- The MBU weighs 80 lbs with the battery pack; use two people when carrying it.
- If more than six MBU's used at the same time, hearing protection is required for exposure over seven hours per day.
- For additional information, see TM 10-7310-281-13&P.



Headline Highlights

Separated 'twins'; careless thief; baby-stealer

'Twins' split by birth bungle

BEIJING (Reuters) — Chinese "twins" have sued a hospital over an apparent mix up of babies 21 years ago until they were reunited by chance and neighbors' complaints.

With the same deep-set eyes and broad mouths, Xiang Nan and Wang Yiwen went to court in Beijing wearing identical jeans and check shirts, demanding redress from a hospital they said 21 years ago mixed up Xiang with another baby, the Beijing Times reported on Wednesday.

That baby grew up as Wang Yiwu, believing he was Wang Yiwen's twin brother.

The two families lived in the same semi-rural district of Beijing and Xiang and Wang Yiwen met briefly two years ago when mutual friends brought them together, struck by their similarity.

They dismissed the likeness as coincidence until late last year, when neighbors complained that a young man they thought was Wang Yiwen often ignored them.

"Often people said that when they saw Wang Yiwen in town he ignored their greetings," the paper said. "When his parents told Wang Yiwen he mentioned Xiang Nan."

Medical tests have now shown that Wang Yiwu has no blood relation to the brother and parents he grew up with, while Xiang Nan was 99.999 per cent certain to be one of the biological twins.

The boys and their parents are de-

manding a total of 1.16 million yuan (\$154,000) in compensation and an apology from the hospital, which has said too much time has passed for any court case and the families' claims are "hypothetical."

Thief steals case, leaves \$13k

BERLIN (Reuters) — A thief stole a briefcase and threw it away without noticing it contained 10,000 euros (\$13,660) in cash, German authorities said Thursday.

"I think they'll be annoyed when they find out," said a spokesman for police in the western city of Duesseldorf.

The case's owner, a 57-year-old Iranian businessman, had reported it missing as he prepared to board a flight in Duesseldorf airport.

A policewoman later found it — ransacked, but still containing the two cash-filled envelopes.

Teen driver held over 140 mph YouTube video

LONDON (Reuters) — A teenager has been arrested on suspicion of having posted a video of himself on YouTube driving at speeds of more than 140 mph, police said Thursday.

The car, a Ford Escort, was filmed on the A76 single-carriageway road in southwest Scotland.

The detained 19-year-old has not been named.

Sergeant Scott McLachlan, from the Roads Policing Unit at Dumfries and

Galloway police, described it as "completely foolish behavior."

"Not only did he endanger his own life, but that of other road-users. It is unacceptable, and to post a recording of such driving on the Internet is entirely stupid."

One-in-three fatal accidents involve drivers under the age of 25, he added.

"Young men in particular seem to think they are invincible behind the wheel — but the facts tell a different story."

Woman steals baby to keep boyfriend

BEIJING (Reuters) — A Chinese woman who stole a baby in a desperate attempt to convince her boyfriend that she had borne a child has been jailed for 18 months, Xinhua news agency said Thursday.

The 36-year old woman, surnamed Liu, pretended to be pregnant after her prospective in-laws vetoed her marriage because a tumor in her womb had made her infertile.

Two days after entering the hospital in east China's Zhejiang province on her "due date," she stole a baby boy from the maternity ward while the mother was napping. She then called her boyfriend and asked him to take her home.

Liu turned herself into police two days later and the child was returned to his family. Her voluntary surrender ensured her a light sentence, Xinhua said.

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from Sudoku: The Original Brain Workout From Japan

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