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Sgt. Marcus Butler

A Paratrooper with Company B, 3rd Battalion, 509th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division, searches through the house of an improvised explosive device cell member during Operation Salcha Oct. 17.

Six IED cell members captured

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4TH BCT (ABN.), 25TH INF. DIV.

KALSU – Paratroopers captured six members, to include two lieutenants, of an improvised explosive device cell responsible for attacks against Iraqi Security and Coalition Forces in North Babil Oct. 17.

Paratroopers from Company B, 3rd Battalion, 509th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division, detained the men during Operation Salcha, an early morning raid.

“The men were members of an IED cell,” said Capt. Eric Nylander, commander of Company B. “The cell is part of the al-Qaeda network in North Babil.”

“Last week, we arrested the leader of the cell,” Nylander continued. “After tonight’s operation, we have captured most of the cell’s senior leadership.”

Nylander believes security in the area will visibly improve since Paratroopers have begun to target the cell

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— Capt. Eric Nylander
commander, Co. B, 3-509th IR.

so effectively.

“I think we will definitely see a decrease in IEDs,” Nylander said. “I think it will also embolden the local population. We are seeing an increase in Concerned Citizens Program participation and the people are standing up for themselves.”

The two lieutenants were implicated by numerous sources for their involvement in several IED attacks along Iraq’s Highway 1, as well as the bombing of another roadway east of Haswah. That incident completely severed the road, making it impassable.

U.S. medics take back seat, Iraqi doctors treat 217

SGT. LUIS DELGADILLO
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FOB KALSU – The rural backdrop of Al Buaytha seems an unlikely setting for a medical clinic. Still, setting matters little when the welfare of a community is at stake. In Al Buaytha, the location chosen proved to be ideal.

In an effort to bring healthcare to local residents and improve their relationship with the community, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment Soldiers hosted the most successful medical operation in Al Buaytha to date near Patrol Base Dragon Oct. 16.

Taking the lead providing medical

care was a group of visiting Iraqi doctors, including a pediatrician and three other specialists.

Medical personnel from the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, treated patients as well, but due to the presence of the Iraqi doctors they minimized their role.

“Right now I’m not seeing patients I’m just acting like an assistant to the doctors,” said Capt. Ricardo Swenness of the 1-30th Inf. Regt.

Swenness said this medical operation was substantially different compared to other operations held in Arab Jabour and Al Buaytha thanks to the attendance of the Iraqi doctors and the

abundance of medical supplies.

“I see an improvement, especially today because we have a pediatrician, also because we’ve been doing this often enough now that the other health care providers – myself included – are now becoming more learned in treating children,” Swenness said.

To date, 1-30th Inf. Reg. Soldiers have hosted six medical operations and treated a total 627 patients. This event, which was the first hosted by Co. D, treated 217 local residents.

As healthcare providers busied themselves inside the building, chil-

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CARE: Iraqi doctors take lead in providing care in Al Buaytha

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dren outside clamored for the attention of the Soldiers and concerned citizens who passed out food items, clothes, and personal hygiene products.

While having difficulty organizing a rowdy group of excited children into a single-file line, Pfc. Josh Kopp, a fire support specialist with Company D, said that he felt good about pulling security for the medical operation.

Kopp said that he welcomed the change of pace from his normal duties, "It makes you feel like you're helping, doing something finally."

Though it is unclear if this same group of doctors will be available to visit the next medical operation hosted by Soldiers of the 1-30th Inf. Reg. the hope is that through concerned citizen involvement with the Iraqi Ministry of Health a clinic will be permanently established in the Arab Jabour region.



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Capt Keri L. Mullen, brigade surgeon, examines a young girl during a medical operation in Al Buaytha Oct. 16. Iraqi doctors provided most of the medical care.



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Capt. Ricardo Swenness, a physicians' assistant with 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, assists a pediatrician examining a toddler in Al Buaytha Oct 16. Healthcare providers, including Iraqi doctors, came to provide medical treatment to residents of the rural farming community.

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Spartans find huge EFP cache in North Babil

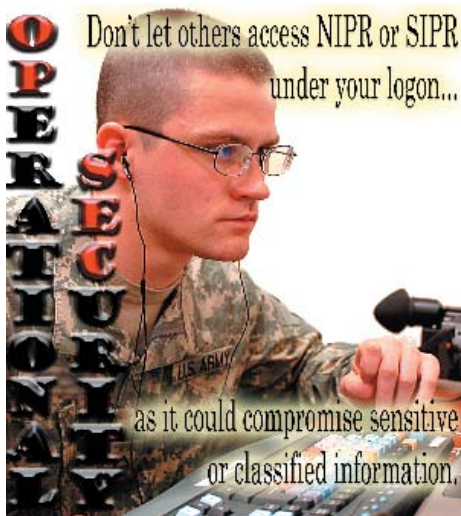
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4TH BCT (ABN.), 25TH INF. DIV.

KALSU – Soldiers discovered a massive explosively formed projectile cache in North Babil Oct. 17.

Soldiers from Company A, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armored Regiment, attached to the 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division, discovered more than 100 copper disks used to construct deadly EFPs east of Haswah during a follow-on mission to Operation Seven Mountains.

“This is a great find. It feels awesome to know that these EFPs will never see the streets,” said Staff Sgt. Joseph Lagas, a squad leader from Macedon, N.Y.



“It actually feels like we’re making a difference when we capture this much stuff.”

During Operation Seven Mountains, the Soldiers captured a militant suspected of constructing and planting EFPs in North Babil Oct. 16. They also discovered EFPs, homemade explosives, and blocks of C4 hidden in a drainage ditch and canal.

The two caches combined are one of the largest EFP caches discovered in North Babil in more than a year.

EFPs are a particularly deadly type of roadside bomb used by Shia extremist groups.

The 2-69th Armored Regt. is part of the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, out of Ft. Benning, Ga.

Deployed Soldiers Morale Call System

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Safety Thought of the Day

Track Replacement Safety.

- Ensure crews always use eye protection and gloves while breaking track as sledgehammers are used to drive track pins out of the track sections.
- Ground Guides are imperative as the Bradley will be driven forward till a break point in the track is identified. During this process Bradley is coasted to a stop and brake pedal is not depressed.
- Ensure track which is not being broken is blocked once the break

point is achieved.

- Always stand to the side of the track being broken to mitigate the chance of track sections breaking free and causing injuries.
- During the reassembly process, ensure the fastening nuts on the track pins are properly torqued. This will prevent a thrown track during movement which can lead to a catastrophic situation.
- Further information see TM 9-2350-284-10-1

Headline Highlights

Oscar for sale; murder yes — cannibalism no

Gather ye Rosebuds while ye may

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) — It won only one Oscar, but Orson Welles' 1941 film "Citizen Kane" is widely considered his best movie. Now the Academy Award Welles received for his masterwork can be bought for a cool million -- or maybe more.

Sotheby's said it will auction off the statuette Welles won for screenwriting with Herman Mankiewicz on December 11. The auctioneer estimates it could fetch between \$800,000 and \$1.2 million for the Oscar given to Welles by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

The movie, about a power-hungry newspaper baron with political aspirations, is one of the most critically acclaimed films ever, which enhances the statuette's value, said Leila Dunbar, senior vice president at Sotheby's.

"The movie had a star-studded cast. Welles was fearless in the filmmaking and he had complete autonomy, all of which helped him create a landmark movie," Dunbar said.

The Oscar has almost as tangled a past as the film's protagonist, Charles Foster Kane. The award was believed to have been lost until it surfaced at another Sotheby's auction in 1994 after being held in secrecy by a Los Angeles cinematographer who once worked with Welles and received it from him as payment.

Welles' youngest daughter, Beatrice, sued Sotheby's and the cinematogra-

pher and eventually claimed the Oscar. When she tried to sell it, the academy sued her as part of its longstanding goal of keeping Oscars off commercial markets.

Since 1950, the academy has required Oscar-winners to give it the first right of refusal to buy back an Oscar for \$1. Because this particular Oscar had been given before 1950, among other reasons, Welles was able to prevail in court.

In 2003, Welles sold the Oscar to the Dax Foundation, a Los Angeles-based nonprofit group that supports various educational, health and other causes. Dax is auctioning the Oscar.

Dunbar said Welles' Oscar is hard to value because so few from classic or iconic movies come on the market.

In 1999, the best picture Oscar for "Gone With the Wind" sold for more than \$1.5 million and Vivien Leigh's best actress statuette for the same movie fetched more than \$550,000.

Suspect says he killed, not ate, his girlfriend

MEXICO CITY (Reuters) — A Mexican writer suspected of frying and eating pieces of his ex-girlfriend after strangling her has confessed to murdering the woman but denies being a cannibal, a government prosecutor said on Tuesday.

Police burst into Jose Luis Calva's Mexico City apartment last week and found fried human flesh on a dining table set with cutlery. They found more

flesh in the refrigerator and an unfinished book by Calvo called "Cannibal Instincts."

The mutilated body of Alejandra Galeana, 32, was in the bedroom closet.

Calva told prosecutors he killed Galeana after an argument, then cut an arm and a leg off of her body so that he could dispense of it in parts.

"He denies having tasted her flesh," Mexico City's chief homicide prosecutor Gustavo Salas told reporters. "According to him, he thought it was better to cook the meat so he could feed it to the dogs."

Prosecutors also suspect Calva of strangling and dismembering two other women in the last two years. One victim, Veronica Martinez, had lived with Calva before her death.

Calva denied any involvement in those crimes.

Galeana's mother had reported her missing for two weeks and said she suspected her daughter's former lover was involved.

Calva kept books on black magic and apparently made a living selling his writings on the street. He was injured falling from his balcony when he tried to escape police as they forced their way into his apartment.

Police found copies of the Hannibal Lecter films, which tell the tale of a genius serial killer who eats his victims.

A former girlfriend told police Calva was a jealous, possessive lover who believed in witchcraft and practiced rituals, including hammering a cow's tongue to a board.

Sudoku

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	4		8					
		8				5		
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1	8		4	2		3		5
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				5			9	2

from Sudoku: The Original Brain Workout From Japan

Solution to yesterday's puzzle:

7	8	1	2	9	5	6	3	4
2	9	3	1	4	6	5	7	8
4	6	5	3	7	8	9	2	1
5	1	9	8	2	7	3	4	6
6	2	4	5	1	3	7	8	9
8	3	7	4	6	9	1	5	2
3	5	2	6	8	1	4	9	7
9	4	6	7	5	2	8	1	3
1	7	8	9	3	4	2	6	5

ARABIC WORD OF THE DAY

Enemy

AAh-doo