

Soldiers find IED, weapons

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FOB KALSU — Soldiers discovered a weapons cache and improvised explosive device while conducting a morning patrol Oct. 22.

Soldiers of Company A, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga., located a 23mm anti-aircraft artillery gun with mount and base plate. While investigating, the Soldiers also noticed blue and white wires running away from the area to a nearby road.

An explosive ordnance disposal team was called in to investigate.

The EOD team discovered four fuses and three 60mm mortar primers. The wires were buried at least eight inches into the ground.

The EOD team cut the wires and called in an air weapons team to engage the site.

The site was engaged by rockets and 30mm cannon fire. The AAA gun was also destroyed by Soldiers on the ground using a thermite grenade.

"Every day our Soldiers are able to pull potential weapons, ordnance, and IED materials from caches in our AO (area of operation). This diligence pays off in eroding the resources the enemy has at his disposal to use against us," said Maj. Eric Weis, 1-30th Inf. Regt. operations officer. "The 23mm AAA gun is a great find, and will have a tremendous impact on limiting AQI (al-Qaeda in Iraq) capabilities in Arab Jabour."



Spc. Ben Hutto

Soldiers from Btry. A, 1-10th FA Regt., 3rd HBCT, help unload 200 backpacks for the children at a school in Al Zatia Oct. 21.

3rd HBCT delivers backpacks to children at Al Zatia school

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FOB HAMMER — Soldiers from the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team delivered 200 backpacks to children at a local school in Al Zatia Oct. 21. The delivery was one in a series of bag drops the Soldiers have conducted.

More than 10,000 backpacks have been delivered to date, according to Maj. James Carlisle, from West Palm Beach, Fla., 3rd HBCT civil-military operations officer.

Soldiers from Battery A, 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment brought the packs to the school after meeting with local leaders earlier in the week to assess their needs.

"The children, teachers and school administrators appreciated the sup-

port and look forward to a continuous relationship," said Capt. Pat Moffett, from Manhattan Beach, Calif., the commander of Battery A. "The muqtar of the village was out there to help us with the bag drop and he helped set up another one the following day."

Moffett explained that Battery A has been working with the Concerned Local Citizens in Al Zatia to provide a safe secure area there.

"Al Zatia is the first neighborhood outside of FOB Hammer," Moffett said. "The proximity of the town to us makes it an important area for us to focus on. We viewed this as an opportunity to help the people in that area."

Members of the Iraqi media were present to report on the event.

Rocket seized after attack at COP Cashe

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FOB HAMMER — Insurgents fired five rockets at Combat Outpost Cashe, with one detonating inside the outpost perimeter, Oct. 23.

No Soldiers were injured in the attack, but one truck was damaged.

Troop C, 3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, investigated the launch site and seized six rocket rails, one unlaunched rocket and a battery with timer. Rocket rails are fabricated

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3rd HBCT ops officer

from metal and used by extremists to aim and launch rockets. The 789th Ordnance Company, out of Fort Benning, Ga., currently attached to the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, disarmed the unlaunched rocket.

Further investigation indicated that the 107mm rocket had been manufactured in Iran in March,

according to Maj. David Fivecoat, from Delaware, Ohio, the operations officer for the 3rd HBCT.

“The capture of this 107mm rocket is another indicator of the Iranian logistics support to the insurgency southeast of Baghdad,” Fivecoat said. “This is the 40th Iranian manufactured rocket that 3rd HBCT Soldiers have captured in the last four months. Over the coming weeks, we’ll continue to hunt the cell that conducted this attack.”



Photos by Spc. Ben Hutto

Top: A robot controlled by Soldiers from 789th Ord. Co. investigates an Iranian 107mm rocket at a launch site Oct. 23.

Above: The 789th found six rocket rails and a battery with a timer.

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Sgt. Natalie Rostek

Soldiers from 203rd BSB and Airmen from 557th ERHS race to the start line during a dodge ball game Oct. 3.

Hammer units battle each other at sports day

SGT. NATALIE ROSTEK
3RD HBCT, 3RD INF. DIV.

FOB HAMMER — In keeping with the traditional rivalry between the Army and Air Force, Soldiers from 203rd Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, and Airmen from 557th Expeditionary Red Horse Squadron engaged in friendly competition Oct. 3 on FOB Hammer.

According to Chief Warrant Officer Jake Williams, electronic maintenance officer for 203rd BSB, the rivalry began days earlier during the championship game of a FOB-wide softball tournament.

When 203rd took the win in the final, the 557th ERHS prepared a barbecue dinner in honor of the winners as promised in a wager before the game.

"This recreational day gave the Air Force a chance to redeem themselves

after we killed them in the softball tournament," Williams said.

"It was a showcase of the natural Army vs. Air Force rivalry," said Spc. Kristina Sutton, Co. C, 203rd BSB. "The 203rd BSB has always dominated in all sports on the FOB. In every competition, the 203rd always brings home the win."

Approximately 80 participants took part in the seven events — volleyball, horseshoes, softball, dodge ball, kickball, tug-of-war, and a 15-mile relay race.

According to Fowler, 557th ERHS organized the tournament to celebrate the Air Force's birthday Sept. 18, and also as a farewell to the airmen.

"It was a beautiful day and everyone was out to have a good time," said Master Sgt. Donnie DeVaughn, NCO in charge of support operations for the 203rd BSB.

Both teams demonstrated extraordinary skill, effort, and sportsmanship, DeVaughn said.

Both teams agreed beforehand: the winners would have bragging rights over the second-place team. The Air Force came out on top.

DeVaughn, Fowler, and Sutton agree the tournament was a success.

"Morale was high. It was a good stress reliever. It took everyone's mind off of the deployment and gave them something else to think about besides work," DeVaughn said.

Sutton said the tournament gave everyone a chance to make new friends. Before the recreational day, people would just pass by, but now she said people who met at the tournament actually stop and talk.

"There was no rank on the field. We just played ball," Fowler said. "I felt like a kid again."

Safety Thought of the Day

CHU Living

- Personal hygiene should be accomplished in the wash area or trailer. Do not spit toothpaste outside of your room, because toothpaste and other products contain sugars, which subsequently attract insects. Insects carry diseases.
- Food also attracts insects. Do not leave crumbs, wrappers, or empty cans and bottles. Do police calls and keep the area clean.

- No smoking in the rooms or inside the T-walls. Use the designated smoking areas. Dispose of butts in the butt can.
- Ensure periodic inspections of CHUs are accomplished to mitigate the risk of electrical/fire hazards.
- Do not block door ways. Ensure fire extinguishers are readily available for use.
- Ensure all electrical devices are turned off when you leave.

Headline Highlights

Smoker-detector; Guy Fawkes bonfire ban

Test to catch fibbing smokers

CHICAGO (Reuters) — A simple device for detecting carbon monoxide in the blood may help doctors get an honest answer out of patients who smoke, U.S. researchers said on Monday.

The device, called a pulse cooximeter, is typically used to test for carbon monoxide levels in firefighters, but it can also detect carbon monoxide levels in people who smoke, offering a powerful tool for educating patients about the effects of smoking.

"We were trying to just solve a little problem," said Dr. Sridhar Reddy, a lung specialist in St. Clair, Michigan, who presented the study at a scientific meeting of the American College of Chest Physicians in Chicago, along with his 16-year-old son Ashray.

"There is no good way to screen people for smoking," said Dr. Reddy, who encouraged Ashray to take on the study as a school science project.

"You can ask them directly, do you smoke. But once they say they don't smoke and they lie about it, they will never volunteer that information," Dr. Reddy said in an interview.

Dr. Reddy was looking for a quick, convenient method to detect whether a person smokes. Current tests involve breath, blood or saliva samples, but the pulse cooximeter simply involves placing a clip-like device on a finger tip.

The pulse cooximeter reads percentages of poisoned blood through a light that is shined through the finger nail.

Dr. Reddy's son Ashray wanted to find out how much carboxyhemoglobin -- blood poisoned by carbon monoxide

— would indicate whether a person is a smoker.

Working with his dad, he devised a questionnaire to determine patients' smoking habits. Meanwhile, Dr. Reddy recruited 476 patients in his office to take the test.

Together, they determined that patients with blood carbon monoxide levels of more than 6 percent were smokers, a finding Ashray confirmed through his patient surveys. Ashray and his dad think the device might be a cheap, easy way to help doctors talk to their patients about smoking.

Dr. Reddy said most patients know what carbon monoxide is, and they respond strongly when they find it is circulating in their blood. He now routinely uses the test as part of a patient work-up. And instead of asking whether a patient is a smoker, he presents the test results and asks whether the finding could be related to smoking. He hopes this can become part of routine screening.

As for Ashray, the study earned him a medal at the local science fair.

Bonfire event banned in Guy Fawkes' home town

LONDON (Reuters) — A bonfire celebration in York, the home town of Guy Fawkes, has been banned on health and safety grounds, the local council said Tuesday.

Thousands were due to attend the spectacle on the 402nd anniversary of Fawkes' failed plot to blow up parliament.

But York City Football Club was told

their ground was too small to ensure spectator safety, a decision which left the head of the cathedral city's tourist board "lost for words."

York Council's head of licensing, Dick Haswell, declined to be interviewed Tuesday. But in an emailed statement he defended the decision, saying it was made on health and safety grounds.

"Because the football club was proposing to hold a firework display in a certified sports ground, legally, they had to apply to York's Safety at Sports Advisory Group for a Special Safety Certificate," he said.

"Unfortunately the ground was not large enough to provide the necessary distance between the area where fireworks could fall and spectators."

The chief executive of York Tourism Board, Gillian Crudass, said she was "lost for words" at the council's decision.

"We are very much disappointed because it is a British tradition," she told Reuters.

"It attracts a lot of interest not just from local people, but also from visitors from all around the country who come for a short break — as well as international interest."

A spokesman for the football club declined to comment.

Guy Fawkes was born in April 1570 in Stonegate, York and was in charge of executing the Roman Catholic plot to blow up parliament and the protestant King James 1 during the state opening of parliament Nov. 5, 1605.

The plot was uncovered at the last minute and Fawkes was caught and executed early in 1606.

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ARABIC WORD OF THE DAY

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