



128th Chemical Company trains at Golden Coyote

Spc. Zane Craig
109th MPAD

RAPID CITY, S.D. — Soldiers of the 128th Chemical Company, 213th Regional Support Group, trained to spot and react to improvised explosive devices while conducting convoy operations June 10 in the Black Hills of Custer State Park, S.D.

The mountainous terrain, covered in pine forest and open pasture, is comparable to what the Soldiers would encounter when deployed to Afghanistan or Kosovo.

“My job with the [opposing] forces here for this mounted lane is two parts: the first is to give the Soldiers a realistic training environment, and the second is to allow them to train themselves,” said Staff Sgt. Troy Anderson, noncommissioned officer-in-charge of Opposing Forces with the Utah Army National Guard and a Price, Utah native.

Anderson conducted IED route clearance missions in Iraq during his deployment from 2003 through 2004. His team simulated that on the lane by setting up three roadside bombs, one of which exploded with talcum powder. The opposing forces, or Op For, then engaged the convoy with small arms fire.

“Anytime you’re on a daytime lane looking for IEDs, you’re looking for a threat in your immediate area; look for wires, they’re a key indicator; anything that might blow up on you and look for aiming points,” said Sgt. 1st Class Dusty Kiner, IED lane noncommissioned officer-in-charge with Joint Forces Headquarters, South Dakota National Guard, and a Rapid City native.

Kiner briefed the 128th Soldiers, before the convoy rolled out, the training would be conducted at their pace because his goal as facilitator of the lane was simply to have them leave with more knowledge and awareness than they had prior to the lane.

“We have a lot of new Soldiers here, and for me, this is my first time being a convoy commander, so we’re here to learn, we’re here to train,” said Staff Sgt. Ernest Hilburt, 1st Decontamination Platoon Sgt. with the 128th Chemical Company.



U.S. Army National Guard Photo by Spc. Zane Craig, 109th MPAD

Staff Sgt. Danny Jensen, a Soldier with the Joint Force Headquarters, South Dakota National Guard and a Roslyn, S.D. resident, hammers a warning sign into place with a rock, notifying visitors to Custer State Park they will encounter mounted lane training as part of Golden Coyote 2013, June 10.

Some of the young drivers, with no overseas experience, might need to stop and reevaluate midway to learn what to look for, said the Philadelphia native.

Many members of the 128th Chemical Company are part of the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, High-Yield Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package, or CERF-P. CERF-P teams are used for state missions and CERF-P Soldiers train for extensively with the teams throughout the year. Annual training at Golden Coyote gives these Soldiers an opportunity to focus on honing the warrior skills they may use during an overseas deployment.

“I saw the contact, reacted, tried to take him out but got hit. It kind of stinks to be the first casualty but it happens, it comes with the territory,” said Spc. George Aaroe, chemical specialist with the 128th Chemical Company,

and a Philadelphia native.

Kiner said Soldiers should remember going forward not to exit an up-armored vehicle, it’s the safest place to be in an attack.

“We’ll never leave a scenario without stopping to talk about it and make sure everyone understands what’s going on before we move forward,” he said.

When the head truck in the convoy noticed the next roadside bomb and halted, it turned out the one they noticed was a decoy and the main IED was hidden in a woodpile close to the middle of the convoy. It sent up a billow of white smoke while Op For engaged with small arms fire.

In this part of the simulation, two Soldiers were killed and one severely injured. Kiner advised Hilburt of the correct steps to respond to the attack, who directed his Soldiers. The

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British Engineers Create New Path at Golden Coyote



U.S. Army National Guard Photo by Sgt. Adrian Muehe

Paul Bosworth, a civil engineer for the Black Hills National Forest, shows available parts to British Warrant Officer Class 2 Joe Carroll, troop commander of the 103rd Field Squadron, 72nd Engineering Regiment, Royal Engineers, based out of Manchester, England, at Pectola Lake, located in the Black Hills National Forest, S.D., June 13.

Sgt. Adrian Muehe 135th MPAD

RAPID CITY, S.D. – British Soldiers with the 72 Engineering Regiment, based out of Newcastle, England, constructed a set of stairs, June 13, to be part of a new path at Pactola Lake, located in the Black Hills National Forest, S.D.

The British combat engineers constructed the stairs as part of their training during the annual Golden Coyote exercise hosted by the South Dakota National Guard.

“The stairs that are there now are very steep, dangerous, and not fun to go up and down,” said Rebecca Ratcliffe, a Sapper with the 72 En. Reg. and native of Newcastle.

The engineers started the project by tearing down the existing stairs that were fashioned from landscaping timbers held in place by dirt that was shaped into steps going down a steep hill. This created a falling hazard and many visitors to the lake elected to walk alongside the constructed path, choosing that as a safer route, said Paul Bosworth, a civil engineer for the Black Hills National Forest.

After the project is completed, there will be a new trail going across the hill, which will

lead to a new set of eleven stairs that are made with sturdy wooden blocks, said Warrant Officer Class 2 Joe Carroll, of New Castle, and commander of troops for the 72 Eng. Reg.

Unfortunately, the soldiers with the 72nd Eng. Reg. won’t get to see the finished project, the trail will be completed by civil engineers with the Black Hills National Forest. The British engineers are placing the new stair set, which will lead to the lake, and removing the existing path.

This is one of many engineering projects the 72 Eng. Reg. will assist with while they are training in the Black Hills, said Sgt. 1st Class Jay Spaans, of Corsica, S.D., a platoon sergeant with the 155th Vertical Engineer Company.

“We’re just here to supervise,” said Spaans. “They’re using our tools, and we supplied the materials, but I’m sure we’ll jump in at some point to help them measure and cut the wood.”

Prior to bringing their skills to Pactola Lake, the 72 En. Reg. resurfaced the Crooked Creek Bridge located at the Bell Camp Ground, said Spaans.

“It’s a win-win scenario,” said Bosworth. “They receive training and we get new additions added to our parks.”

While the British combat engineers are already proficient in their trade, they are learning new skills while working with the 155th VEC.

“It’s been great working with all the different units,” said Ratcliffe. “We’ve learned new, more efficient ways to do our job. We’ve learned how to build things easier and in less time.”

Along with the construction, the British Soldiers received training in warrior tasks from U.S. Soldiers, such as how to react to improvised explosive devices, and military operations in urban terrain, said Spaans.

“On the urban patrol lane, we used paintball guns, so we could know if we hit our target or not,” said Ratcliffe. “It was a lot of fun; we never trained like this back in England.”



U.S. Army National Guard Photo by Sgt. Adrian Muehe, 135th MPAD

British Soldiers with the 103rd Field Squadron, 72nd Engineering Regiment, Royal Engineers, based out of Manchester, England, remove a steep stairway at Pectola Lake, located in the Black Hills National Forest, S.D., June 13. The British Soldiers are participating in the annual Golden Coyote training exercise, and chose this endeavor from a list of projects that needed to be completed in the area.

Civil Affairs Vaccinates to Improve Quality of Life

Staff Sgt. David K. Strayer
109th MPAD

EAGLE BUTTE, S.D. – Members of the Army Reserve’s 308th Civil Affairs Brigade, accompanied by a member of the South Dakota Army National Guard, provided an open-door, free-of-charge rabies and distemper vaccination clinic at the Harry V. Johnston Lakota Cultural Center located on the Cheyenne River Lakota Native American Reservation in Eagle Butte June 13.

The vaccination clinic took place as part of a larger effort by civil affairs teams to provide animal vaccinations to anyone who wanted to take advantage of the service in any some other Native American Reservations across the state. Despite being part of the South Dakota National Guard-hosted Golden Coyote training exercise, the vaccination effort by civil affairs Soldiers has real-world mission implications and far-reaching effects.

“This is the first time that I have worked with a civil affairs team like this,” said Capt. Adam Weichmann, a veterinary public health officer with the 407th Civil Affairs Battalion, 308th Civil Affairs Brigade, and resident of Ardon Hills, Minn. “The effort we are making here really comes from a push from the Indian Health Services to spread awareness and vaccinations regarding the spread of rabies in domestic animals.”

Prior to opening the all-day clinic, members of the 308th partnered with local officials within the Cheyenne River Lakota tribe and used flyers, social media and radio broadcasts to spread word of their vaccination campaign and welcome the public to be part of it.

“The main goal of this mission has nothing to do with us,” said Sgt. 1st Class Chris Shriber, non-commissioned officer-in-charge of the civil affairs vaccination campaign and resident of Saint Clair Shores, Mich. “The overarching mission for us, as



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Randolph Runs-After, a Cheyenne River Lakota Native American and resident of Eagle Butte, S.D., resident, places one of his two domestic cats into a pet carrier after having it vaccinated at the Cheyenne River Lakota Native American Reservation, S.D., June 13.

always, is to partner with the local government and its officials to find out what they need and identify problems, in this case,

rabies awareness and large-scale vaccinations.”

“We have had great success so far, and I would like to see

more efforts like this for civil affairs as routine missions,” said Weichmann.

Who is the Danish Home Guard?

By 1st Lt. Rasmus Kooelby
Danish Home Guard

FACTS ABOUT DENMARK:

- Denmark is situated just north of Germany.
- The population is app. 5.5 million people.
- Denmark has a queen – but also a democratic government.
- Denmark has its own language – Danish.



Who We Are

- The Danish Home Guard was founded in 1949
- 1.6 percent of our nation's population serve in the Home Guard.
- In peacetime, members volunteer with no pay
- The Danish Home Guard consists of about 48,000 troops (2011),
 - 20,000 are active
 - 28,000 are reserves
- You must be 18 years old to join the Home Guard
- Must complete an evaluation and background check
- In crisis or wartime, members can be ordered on duty and paid like regular soldiers
- We first participated in Golden Coyote in 2012 and returned in 2013 with 50 soldiers.

More about the Danish Home Guard

- Support the following forces in Homeland Defense
 - Army
 - Air Force
 - Navy
- Aide civilian authorities in emergency response.
- Support the Danish Defense Forces internationally
 - Afghanistan
 - Kosovo
- We dedicate ourselves to
 - Protection
 - Defense
 - Society's needs



goal was to call for a medical evacuation, treat the wounded, and secure the area for the helicopter to land.

“The casualty’s left leg was blown off in an IED explosion, so we brought him into the Humvee to provide extra security for him and placed a tourniquet three-to-four inches above where the leg was blown off so we could stop the bleeding,” said Spc. Devon Deputy, chemical specialist with the 128th Chemical Company, and a Philadelphia native.

The casualty, once again Aaroe, was moved to the casualty collection point, and Hilburt directed the vehicle to form a perimeter in the open meadow to provide security for the medevac to take place.

“While we waited for the bird to get here, we set up teams to secure the area, and we sent up a SALUTE report,” said Hilburt, who was able to exit the vehicle and consult with Kiner to gain a greater perspective on the situation.

The 128th’s response to the second attack improved noticeably from the first, said Kiner. The cooperation between Kiner, the lane NCOIC, and the Op For ensured the unit could test its standard operating procedures and learn at its own pace.

“This is good stuff, you guys do concentrate a lot on [homeland emergency readiness response force] and [chemical enhanced response force packages]

and it’s been a little while since you’ve been able to come out and do this stuff in the woods,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Matt Hensinger of the 213th RSG and a Mertztown, Pa. native.

More than 600 Soldiers from the 213th RSG and its subordinate units and nearly 3,500 Soldiers from across the United States and around the world participated in a wide variety of military training during Golden Coyote 2013.



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Spc. Kevin Davis, heavy equipment operator with the 116th Engineer Co. and a Payson, Ut. native, works on a decoy improvised explosive device that realistically explodes for the mounted training lane in Custer State Park as part of Golden Coyote 2013, June 10.



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Soldiers of the 228th Chemical Company convoy through the Black Hills, Custer State Park, S.D. as part of Golden Coyote 2013. The 228th participated in a mounted lane, where they practiced spotting and reacting to roadside improvised explosive devices as a team.

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