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Cav troops practice clearing exercises until they get it right

By PFC RANE PAKIZ

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3rd BCT/101st AIRBORNE DIV. PAO

Buildings ravaged by time cast an eerie resemblance to Iraqi homesteads at the Muscatatuck Urban Training Center where Soldiers of 1st Squadron, 33rd Cavalry Regiment, conducted room and building clearing exercises as part of a week-long training rotation at Camp Atterbury recently.

"Some of these floor layouts are exactly the kind of thing you'll see in Iraq," said Spc. Chris Meehl, 3rd Platoon, Troop C, 1-33 Cavalry.

The veterans of the platoon used several of the dilapidated buildings at the site to walk their newest Soldiers through some of their first experiences clearing buildings.

"Right now, we're trying to establish basics at the lowest level," Meehl said while watching one of the entry teams tactically move down a hallway. "We are first walking through things like footwork, muzzle awareness and communication. Then we can move into the 'run' phase."

Each of the veteran Soldiers in the platoon works to ensure that the new troops do everything right, said Spc. Shane W. Irwin, one of the platoon's team leaders. They need to catch all the new team members' mistakes.

"These guys are going to go in green in Iraq," Irwin stressed. "They need to go in 110 percent

sure that they're going to all come back out."

The Soldiers worked in teams on breaching doorways, entering and clearing rooms, tactically moving down hallways and between danger areas, as well as checking for booby traps and IEDs.

"The new guys are learning important things like being careful, but learning how to check for anything that's out of place, like wiring or trip wires before they go kicking the door in," Meehl said.

In addition to eliminating immediate dangers, the teams are working on Sensitive Site Exploitation, as well.

"Anyplace where there is suspected or confirmed enemy movement, we want to secure the area, and then look around for papers or anything that can be used for intelligence," Meehl said. "Small things like that can save lives."

It's important for these guys to repeat the motions over and over until it becomes automatic, Meehl said.

The Cavalry Soldiers traveled to Camp Atterbury to utilize training sites that might not otherwise be available at Fort Campbell.

"Getting a MOUT site of this caliber is next to impossible," said 1st Lt. Daniel Rodriguez, platoon leader in Company C. "It is hard to coordinate such an extensive facility for this type of training."

By taking the Soldiers out of their home environment and giving them the time to repeatedly work on task-specific training, they will get more out of it, Rodriguez said. The field eliminates multiple distractions and allows the training to focus on individual platoon and squad-level exercises.

Soldiers from 2nd platoon, C Troop, 1-33 Cavalry, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division practice Military Operations in Urban Terrain training at the Muscatatuck training facility in conjunction with training operations being conducted at Camp Atterbury recently.

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Veterinarians leave their animals behind to ensure food safety

By AMY MAY
CRIER STAFF WRITER

A variety of skills and occupations have been called to fight the global war on terror, but who would think a detachment of veterinarians would be needed?

But the 994th Medical Detachment and Veterinary Services will make a huge difference for fellow Soldiers in Afghanistan ... the difference between eating safe, nutritious food or being laid low for a week with the unpleasant symptoms of food poisoning.

The 25 Soldiers of the United States Army Reserve unit, headquartered in Roundrock, Texas, are training at Camp Atterbury for deployment at the end of March. They will spend at least a year overseas, said Lt. Col. Kindall Jones, commander of the detachment.

Their primary mission will be to inspect all the food coming into the country for consumption by U.S. troops. That will include canned and packaged goods, MREs and fresh vegetables, as well as any packaged food that comes in for the fast food restaurants on the bases, Jones said.

Jones explained that food can spoil if the temperature and freeze-thaw cycles aren't properly maintained. If the convoys carrying food are delayed or the cargo they are carrying gets damaged in attacks, the

food might not be safe to eat.

There is also the possibility that the food could be sabotaged, so the 994th is trained to look for signs of tampering.

"The biggest cause of non-battle related injuries is eating unhealthy food," Jones said. "(The inspections) will preserve troop health and strength. Food-borne illness can wipe you out."

The unit will also work with the commanders to educate the Soldiers about zoonotic diseases, or illnesses people can catch from native animals they may encounter.



PHOTO BY SGT. ANDRE REYNOLDS

Army Spc. Heather Kikulski gives a sheep deworming medication during a village medical outreach conducted by Task Force Orion in Gumbad, Afghanistan. Kikulski is assigned to the 719th Medical Detachment Veterinary Services. The 994th will replace the 719th in March.

The detachment has four veterinarians, including Jones, four animal care technicians, 15 food inspectors, a warrant officer and a supply clerk.

The Soldiers will be split into four areas with each group headed by a veterinarian to staff the routes that bring in food.

They will also get some opportunity to care for animals. They

will be responsible for the care of the government-owned animals in Afghanistan, which include security dogs, horses and donkeys.

Members of the unit have been

constantly activated since November 2001 to Afghanistan and Uzbekistan, Jones said. They are often cross-listed with other units in smaller groups. There are approximately 50 Soldiers in the unit and half of them are activated for this mission.

Jones said the 994th did its military occupational specialty training at its home station, but the Soldiers are at Atterbury for tactical training. They are going through the FOB exercise and the convoy training, qualifying on their weapons and doing computer simulation and cultural exercises at the Joint Simulation Training Exercise Center.

The work has been beneficial, Jones said. "My Soldiers have enjoyed the training and the enthusiasm of the instructors here. It's a different type of op-tempo now," she said.

Although the 994th is not an infantry unit, the Soldiers are training to deal with ambushes and attacks as if it were.

"I'm glad our Soldiers are being exposed to the training. It's a little bit of comfort to know how to react out there," Jones said.

The morale is good, too, because of the efforts of Staff Sgt. Keith Busby, the detachment sergeant, Jones said.

"I've been really happy with the motivation and morale. They're going through this at a quick pace, but they're still keeping up a good morale. It's a pretty strong group of people."

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intelligence gathering of the area they will be serving. All of the training done at Camp Atterbury is theater specific. Soldiers deploying to Iraq receive training specific to Iraq. We are even able to tailor it to the specific region in Iraq. Soldiers deploying to Afghanistan receive training 100 percent relevant to Afghanistan. All Soldiers also receive valuable training on personnel recovery.

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Transportation Center of Excellence parameters.

Last October, 1,500 Soldiers received mobilization training here to prepare for a peace-keeping mission in Kosovo. We are already preparing and planning for the next KFOR rotation. This mission requires a totally different training approach, with an emphasis on peacekeeping as opposed to rebuilding missions. The Soldiers in Kosovo do not face the same threats as Soldiers going to Iraq or Afghanistan.

No matter what country American Soldiers are deploying to, no matter what mission the mobilizing Soldier faces, the trainers of the 205th Infantry Brigade are ready to teach, coach, mentor and train mobilizing Soldiers to expertly accomplish their wartime mission.

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'Call for fire' coordinates air, ground troops for maximum punch

By PFC. RANE C. PAKIZ
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The dangers posed by enemy forces are powerful and diverse. In response, U.S. Army Soldiers have capabilities that are stronger, faster and more adept than their adversaries.

One of the punches in the arsenal is the "call for fire," an assault upon an enemy objective using troops on the ground, as well as in the air, to engage and destroy their objective. Using a combination of forward observers, radio communications, mortars, Kiowa Warrior helicopters and F-16 fighter jets, troops from 1st Squadron, 33rd Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, trained hard at Camp Atterbury to become proficient in such attacks.

"We've got the best job in the Army," said Spe. Jacob A. Bushno, a member of a mortar team with Troop C, 1-33 Cav. "We get to protect our troops out there in the field when they get into trouble. If they get into a tight spot, they call us."

Bushno and his team spent much of the day marking targets, identified by Soldiers in the field, called "forward observers," with 60mm white phosphorus mortars so they could be targeted from the sky by F-16s.

"The mortars have a kill radius of 30 meters, so we need to hit pretty close to right on top of the enemy," Bushno said.

To be effective, the Soldiers need to

place the rounds within 5 to 10 meters of where the forward observer places the target. That is why, even though five of the six members of his mortar team have been to Iraq together before, Bushno said the training now is invaluable.

"We train hard to be quick," Bushno said.

"This training is good because the ground guys can learn what our capabilities are," said 1st Lt. Adam C. Keller, a Kiowa Warrior pilot with Troop C, 2nd Squadron 17th Cavalry Regiment, who spent the training mission working with ground troops on ground-to-air radio communication procedures.

"When we first went to Iraq, we had to work a lot of this out for the first time on the ground," Keller said. "It's much

better this way, in a training environment, than when the bullets are flying."

The more the troops on the ground and in the air work with each other, the more effective they will be in actual combat, Keller said.

As the thuds of the mortar team's rounds pounding in the distance faded out, F-16s came flying in and dropped their payloads right on target.

"Look at that," Bushno said to one of his team members, pointing toward the designated enemy target. "That one was perfect."



Far left: An F-16 drops its payload as part of the "call for fire" training exercises at Camp Atterbury. The targets are identified by ground observers and then marked by mortar rounds to help pilots hit the objective.

Above: Soldiers from C Troop, 133-CAV, call for support from Kiowa Warrior helicopters. Right: A Kiowa Warrior helicopter responds to a call for fire from troops on the ground. When airborne, the Kiowa can respond to instructions on the ground and engage the enemy target within seconds.

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A look back in history

— By Jim West, www.indianamilitary.org

March 30, 1942: Army takes bids to remove 3,500 graves from area.

60 years ago
March 5, 1947: 38th Division Headquarters federally recognized.

60 years ago
March 25, 1957: Veterans' housing program accounts for one-fourth of all

homes being built.

40 years ago
March 20, 1967: 211 Americans, 2,675 Viet Cong and North Vietnamese were killed this week, 1,874 Americans wounded.

30 years ago
March 28, 1977: 1st U.S. mission to Hanoi seeks information on 771 missing U.S. servicemen.

20 years ago
March 30, 1987: Pakistan confirms

it can build a nuclear bomb.

5 years ago
March 2, 2002: U.S. and Afghan forces attacked hundreds of suspected al-Qaida and Taliban fighters in eastern Afghanistan in Operation Anaconda.

1 year ago
March 19, 2006: Improvised explosive devices have caused more than half of the 2,300 U.S. troop deaths in Iraq.

65 years ago
March 4, 1942: First footings poured for Camp Atterbury building.
March 6, 1942: Camp named in honor of Brig. Gen. William Wallace Atterbury.

450th Movement Control Battalion keeps the troops supplied

By 2nd Lt. Anthony D. Buchanan
Crier Staff Writer

For Soldiers to be successful in military operations, they must have the necessary tools to fight. Over time, necessities like food, water and ammunition diminish, possibly leaving troops in a precarious situation. When essential items reach low levels and need to be replaced, someone has to see that supplies are delivered and reach the troops in the field. The 450th Movement Control Battalion is currently at Camp Atterbury preparing to handle such tasks.

The Soldiers of the 450th MCB from Manhattan, Kan., will be charged with monitoring, controlling and supervising the movement of personnel, equipment and cargo when they arrive in Afghanistan in a few months. Although they are a movement control battalion and specialize mostly in transportation tasks, all of the Soldiers of the 450th MCB received additional training that they'll need in Afghanistan.

"The training we received was very thorough and detailed," said Staff Sgt. Belinda Hilton, a human resource specialist with 450th MCB. "I learned a lot from

vehicle and personnel searches, but actually, doing what we learned was the best part of the training. We will be a better team once we get there. The training has helped the unit come together as a whole."

Spc. Brain Gerriets, a transportation management coordinator with the unit, was also grateful for the theater immersion training.

"Entry control point training is definitely going to come in handy," said Gerriets. "At the (forward operating base), they really hit us hard with non-stop training, giving us the confidence we are going to need when we go overseas. They definitely challenged us and made us think. Overall, the training was really good. It's going to be very useful."

In addition to their training preparing them for their upcoming mission, the Soldiers were also very pleased with their trainers, mostly volunteers with combat experience participating in the Operation Warrior Training Program.

"We had very good relationships between the trainers and trainees," Hilton said. "They are not here just to teach but to help us understand."



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A Soldier with the 450th Movement Control Battalion searches for threats around his vehicle in a training scenario at Camp Atterbury.

Rosetta Stone helps overseas-bound Soldiers speak like locals

By 2ND LT. ANTHONY D. BUCHANAN
CRIER STAFF WRITER

In addition to learning tactics, techniques and procedures for their upcoming missions, Soldiers mobilizing through Camp Atterbury now have a new facility that offers something else that will be useful in another country: language training.

Camp Atterbury has designed and created a language lab that contains 48 Internet capable computer stations and one master computer for instructor presentations. This offers mobilizing Soldiers specialized training in a variety of languages, customs and foreign culture before deploying. Soldiers use the Army E-Learning Web site to access Rosetta Stone software and are exposed to the language lab very early in their training.

"On the fourth day of their training, units and their leaders come in and register for language training," said Sgt. 1st Class Allen Gray, a language lab instructor participating in the Operation Warrior Trainer program assigned to the 205th Infantry Brigade. "In addition to language training, they receive counter insurgency training and personnel recovery training."

Gray and Sgt. 1st Class Scott Kelley, also a language lab instructor participating in the OWT program assigned to the 205th Infantry Brigade, walk Soldiers through the



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Sgt. 1st Class Allen Gray (left) and Sgt. 1st Class Scott Kelley (right) walk a Soldier through sign-up procedures for Rosetta Stone software on the Army E-Learning.

procedures for signing up for various languages and give them guidance in group discussions.

Gray and Kelley said that Soldiers participating in Operation Enduring Freedom learn Pashto and Dari, while Soldiers participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom learn Arabic.

"We want them to learn three units before deploying which is 12 hours of language training," Gray said. "They have the opportunity to come in and use the language lab in their free time to learn more."

Gray and Kelley both bring many years of knowledge and experience to the

language lab. Gray has deployed eight times to various locations and Kelley has two deployments under his belt. Both wish they were afforded the opportunity to learn the language of the countries they were deployed to when they went through their mobilization training.

"When you make an effort to speak their language, it gives you more credibility," Kelly said.

Their officer in charge shared the sentiment.

"Just in my brief encounter with this training, I wish I would have had the opportunity to use it before my deployment to Iraq as a Military Transition Team (MITT) Member to the Iraqi Army, said 1st Lt. John Montalbano. "It would have greatly improved my initial communication with the Iraqis in my battalion."

All Soldiers now have the ability to use Rosetta Stone software by logging on to Army Knowledge Online. Once there, choose "Self Service" and then pick "My Education." Click on Army E-Learning and a link will open. Choose new registration and type in your user name and password for your AKO address. You should receive a confirmation from the Army E-Learning Web site with your password within a few hours.

International group visits Atterbury

By 2ND LT. ANTHONY D. BUCHANAN
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On Feb. 5, a group of dignitaries from an array of countries escorted by Emily Kalogeropoulos, an English Language Officer working with the State Department, visited Camp Atterbury to gain knowledge about the role of local National Guard troops.

"The dignitaries are sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and are selected by the U.S. embassy in their country," said Kristin Garey, director of operations and government relations for the International Center of Indianapolis. "They are identified as up-and-coming individuals in their country."

The group of 12, composed of government officials, foreign policy analysts, politicians, scholars, journalists and decision-makers, viewed a presentation about Camp Atterbury and the Indiana National Guard. They had the opportunity to ask questions of Brig. Gen. Michael Kiefer, Joint Forces Land Component Commander, and Col. Barry Richmond, Camp Atterbury commander.

Questions about the Indiana National Guard ranged from recruiting to the morale of deployed National Guard troops from the Hoosier state. They were particularly interested about how the

deployment of local National Guard troops to the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq affects local communities.

"The briefing was very informative," said Henrik Von Sydow, a member of Parliament from Sweden. "It showed the link between the civil community and the National Guard."

Kiefer and Richmond explained to the delegation how supportive the communities surrounding Camp Atterbury have been. They highlighted how supportive the Indianapolis Colts have been by giving mobilizing Soldiers tickets to view highly publicized NFL playoff games. The group related well to the Colts topic because they had the opportunity to participate in the celebration of the Colts' Super Bowl victory in downtown Indianapolis.

"It was very exciting," Von Sydow said. "It was like the World Cup in Sweden."

At the end of the briefing, the group was given a tour of Camp Atterbury and the opportunity to meet with Soldiers.

"The Soldiers here are very patriotic," Von Sydow said. "Their morale is very high."

Overall, the visitors were very pleased with their American experience, which they will share with other high-ranking officials from their countries and cherish for a lifetime.

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Inmates help camp grow, operate smoothly

By AMY MAY
CRIER STAFF WRITER

As Camp Atterbury experienced its building boom, the inmates at Edinburgh Correctional Facility helped grow the camp, too, often working alongside paid construction workers.

The men in the minimum-security prison, which has been on the grounds of Atterbury since 1991, are serving short sentences for nonviolent crimes. One of the prison's goals is to get all the inmates working and benefiting the community.

There are 28 work crews and the facility is near its maximum capacity of 320 inmates.

"There's a need to get these guys out to work. We'd like to have them out every day,"

Superintendent John Hardwick said. "We'll take any ideas or suggestions. Our mission is to take care of home first; take care of the military base."

A crew will go to Muscatatuck Urban Training Center to run the laundry. The National Guard also plans to open Hoosier Youth Challenge, a boot camp for troubled youth, across the street from Camp Atterbury and prison work crews are requested for that.

Col. Barry Richmond, Camp Atterbury commander, said the inmates are a huge benefit to the camp. Camp officials estimate that if they had to pay people the average state wage of \$15 per hour, the inmates saved the camp more than \$1 million in 2006.

Richmond said it's not just the money, though. The extra help

means that projects that might have been put off because of lack of available staff can get done in a timelier manner.

"Plus, there's the intrinsic value of helping someone learn to do a good job," he said.

The inmates do everything from help out in the environmental department's tree nursery to hauling plywood for a project. They do a variety of special, one-time jobs, as well as more regular work in the camp's cafeteria.

The men have even remodeled their own barracks and dining hall. Three 1970s-era buildings that were displaced when Atterbury built the Joint Simulation Training Exercise Center were moved to the prison. The inmates made them livable and they are now staying in them.



PHOTO BY PVT. CHRIS MCKENNA

A Soldier from 1st Squadron, 33rd Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, prepares to fire some shots downrange during sniper training at Camp Atterbury.

Snipers right on target

By PFC. RANE C. PAKIZ
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The sniper lies perfectly still. He aligns his body and his weapon. He gauges his distance and adjusts his aim. He controls his breathing. In and out. In and out. He squeezes slowly on the trigger. The shadow and the whisper that is his partner next to him gives the command of fire, and then BANG! The 7.62mm hollow-tipped round goes screaming through the sub-freezing air and nails the target an amazing 800 meters away.

"You're five inches right and a little high," said the sergeant who is overseeing the whole process. "Do it again."

This was what it was like as Pfc. Nicholas Dulinawka of Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1st Squadron, 33rd Cavalry Regiment, qualified with his M-224 sniper rifle as part of the battalion training exercises taking place at Camp Atterbury recently.

This training allows the snipers to work on the discipline and accuracy required to be a Rakkasan sniper, said Sgt. Jose Rivas.

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Rivas said.

Each member of the sniper team, which operates at a squadron level, is trained to be a lethal force, Dulinawka said.

As well as aiming and firing, the snipers are efficient at identifying targets, stalking an enemy within 200 meters without

being seen and approximating distances that are hundreds of meters away, accurately, he said.

"The shooter approximates the distance using his scope and a system

called a mil-dot formula, and then I can check it with the Viper," Rivas said, holding up a device that looks similar to a pair of binoculars.

The Viper uses a laser system to measure the distance from the shooter to the target. In this way, technology is used to help the sniper plan his shot, as well as giving him an opportunity to hone in his own skills for times when such a device isn't available, Rivas said.

"It's something that needs to be practiced again and again to make sure it's perfect," Rivas said.

Bang! Another round out of Dulinawka's rifle flies down range and hits the same target it struck moments before. "Center mast, good," the sergeant said. "Do it again."

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