

Keeping watch



Sgt. Timothy Kingston

Sgt. 1st Class James Mattwig, a platoon sergeant in Troop A, 3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, provides security during a joint operation Jan. 6 in the villages of Al Bata and Al Hamidat in Iraq.

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Coalition Forces find common ground at range

Sgt. 1st Class Stacy Niles
214th Fires Bde.

FOB DELTA — Forward Operating Base Delta is home to armies from seven different countries; each has its own policies, procedures and mission.

For four days, those differences were set aside as the armies came together for one mission — firing weapons.

FOB Delta hosted four Coalition ranges to exhibit fire power from three armies based here.

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Spartan infantrymen take on Operation Mauser

Sgt. Luis Delgadillo
2nd BCT, 3rd Inf. Div.

FOB KALSU — Overnight rainfall and high winds boded ominously for the morning's mission but as the sun rose, clear skies greeted Soldiers of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.

Soldiers of Company B, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, conducted Operation Mauser Jan. 6, to re-familiarize themselves with

an area just two kilometers southwest of Patrol Base Hawkes.

Staff Sgt. David Springer, infantryman and squad leader with Co. B, said he and his fellow Soldiers were going to an area where just a month prior they had received enemy contact.

Even with sunlight breaking through, morning temperatures were in the low 40s and the night's stormy weather turned the dirt roads to muck.

The mud made movement slow, but the pace was steady. First Lt. Jenio Giorgi, platoon leader for 2nd platoon, cleared the first house and met its owner, then took his Soldiers to the neighboring residence approximately 400 meters away.

As they approached the farm house, Giorgi's Soldiers reported the dilapidated home was abandoned and had been padlocked.

In an instant the morning's silence ended. The fa-

miliar crack of AK-47 gun fire aimed in their direction forced the Soldiers to the nearest cover.

Immediately, the Soldiers nearest the contact side of the platoon located their adversaries 200 meters to the south and began exchanging rounds.

The suspected insurgents broke contact, but in an attempt to thwart their escape, Soldiers of Co. B used a gre-

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nade launcher to discourage the enemy's movement.

Firing three grenades, Spc. Carlos Lopez, an infantryman and team leader for Co. B, attempted to halt the enemy's retreat by denying them escape routes.

In another attempt at halting the enemy's getaway, Cpl. Keith McKern, a forward observer, said he called in the coordinates for mortars and delivered two high explosive 120 millimeter rounds on the opposite side of where the grenades had landed.

Believing they had pinned down their assailants, a squad of Soldiers maneuvered toward the enemy.

Moving quickly and carefully, the squad's caution paid off when they came across a suspected pressure plate improvised explosive device.

With the support of an explosive ordnance disposal team, the obstacle was removed and the search continued.

After a thorough search of the area, they determined the insurgents had indeed fled.

"To me, it's just like any other day," Giorgi said. Though their attackers had escaped, Giorgi said the tactics they use are a way for insurgents to harass Co. B and prevent them from gaining a



foothold as Coalition Forces move further south in Arab Jabour.

Since the 1-30th Inf. Regt. arrived in Arab Jabour and other nearby areas south of Baghdad, they have made steady progress in killing and capturing al-Qaeda leaders, effectively disrupting the terrorists' organizational structure and pushing them further south.

Since the establishment of PB Hawkes in mid-September, the Soldiers of Co. B have been at the forefront of 1-30th Inf.'s push south.

In addition to establishing security for their area, Giorgi said they are working to improve the quality of life for villages surrounding their patrol base through



Photos by Sgt. Luis Delgadillo

microgrants and access to clean water. By holding close the sacrifices of their fellow Soldiers and with the knowledge they've gathered over the past seven months, Co. B Soldiers will continue to work at what they do best: hunt insurgents, diminish their resources and help ordinary Iraqis take a stand against al-Qaeda extremists.

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Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Stacy Niles

FOB Delta hosted a series of four weapon ranges to build camaraderie and teamwork between different Coalition Forces. Weapons fired on the range were M60 and M240B machine guns, AK-47 assault rifle, MK19, M203 and rocket-propelled grenade launchers.

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The purpose of the ranges was to build camaraderie and teamwork, said Master Sgt. Christopher Lenning, the 214th Fires Brigade operations sergeant major and organizer of the event.

"The intent was to build a better bond by firing each other's weapon," Lenning said. "Everybody likes to shoot."

"Everyone seemed excited and enjoyed shooting the different weapons," Lenning said.

The first three ranges were run separately by different countries. Lenning ran the first range, the El Salvadoran 9th Cuscatlán Battalion ran the second range and the 3rd Georgian Brigade ran the third range.

The final range was run jointly by members of the U.S., El Salvadoran and Georgian armies.



"It was good seeing everyone together doing something instead of every one doing things separately," Lenning said.

Weapons fired on the range were the M60 and M240B machine guns, the AK-47 assault rifle, the MK19, M203 and rocket-propelled grenade launchers.

Sgt. William Bailey, a 214th range safety said he enjoyed the event and shooting weapons.

"It brought us all together and it

showed that we could work as a team," said Bailey, a range safety who ran a station at two of the ranges.

"It was a good time to get out of the office and blow off some steam," said Senior Airman Jonathan Leal, a tactical air control party, radio operator and driver. "What would you like to do — spend two or three hours behind a desk or go to a range and have some fun shooting weapons especially stuff you don't get to shoot that often and that would be illegal in the States?"

Safety Thought of the Day

The Duke System

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- Verify all cable connections are securely fastened. System is still operational, but must be checked directly after completion of mission.
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Headline Highlights

Billiard table trap; Mexican dope 'pedalers'

Men freed from billiard table

PRAGUE (Reuters) — Two Czechs stuck in a billiard table while searching for a ball had to call the fire squad and were freed only when rescuers took the table apart, a newspaper reported Tuesday.

At first, the two players in the western Czech city of Karlovy Vary thought it was funny when both of their hands became trapped inside the table. But panic struck when they could not free themselves, daily Lidove Noviny reported.

"Their trapped hands hurt them quite a bit," a fire brigade spokesman said. "We have no clue at all how they could become stuck in there. In the end we had no other option but to dismantle the entire table."

Cops nab dope 'pedalers'

PHOENIX (Reuters) — Dope "pedaling" took on a whole new meaning in recent days after U.S. border police nabbed two Mexicans smuggling bundles of marijuana into the United States loaded onto bicycles.

Border Patrol agents in Calexico, California, said on Monday they arrested the two men after they slipped over the All American Canal from Mexico in a raft early on January 4.

"Once on the north bank, the two individuals were observed getting out of the raft and dragging what appeared to be large bundles of contraband onto the shoreline," the Border Patrol said.

"The two individuals then pulled bicycles out of the raft and loaded the

bundles into prefabricated boxes attached to the bike frames," it added.

Agents arrested the two men shortly afterward as they pedaled along a darkened farm road with 110 pounds of pot valued at \$88,000 packed into their panniers. The marijuana, bicycles and both men were turned over to the Imperial County Sheriff's Office, the Border Patrol said.

Each year, Mexican smugglers haul hundreds of tons of marijuana, cocaine, heroin and methamphetamines over the border to market in the United States. Much of the contraband is packed into vehicles and driven north through the ports of entry, or walked over the wilds of the 2,000-mile border on foot or on horseback. Smuggling on bicycles is less common.

224,000 fake anti-impotence pills seized in France

PARIS (Reuters) — French customs officials have intercepted a shipment of 224,000 fake Viagra and Cialis anti-impotence pills worth 2.4 million euros (\$3.5 million), the Budget Ministry said Monday.

The copies of the bestselling drugs were found Dec. 18 during a search at the French capital's main air hub at Roissy, in a freight cargo on its way to Brazil from India.

"Branded Powergra and Erectalis, each box contained, in fact, four tablets in the characteristic shape and color of Viagra or Cialis pills," Budget Minister Eric Woerth's office, which is also in charge of customs, said in a statement.

"The companies Pfizer and Eli Lilly,

which respectively own the Viagra and Cialis brands, quickly confirmed the counterfeit nature of these products and the 224,000 pills were seized," Woerth's office added.

Official fired for lavish funeral

BEIJING (Reuters) — A Chinese official has been sacked from his Communist Party post and demoted for putting on an over-lavish funeral for his mother, state media said on Tuesday.

Xie Pingfa, former director of a highway administration in the southern province of Guangdong, was punished for violating Party rules on "self-discipline and integrity for officials and cadres," the China Daily said.

China is in the middle of a crackdown on official corruption, which the ruling Communists say is so widespread it could threaten the Party's survival. Xie organized more than 1,000 people to attend his mother's funeral in November, according to a report of the Guangdong provincial discipline watchdog.

"Xie and his siblings erected a stage more than 20 meters high for people to pay their tributes and employed a 20-member band to perform music during the funeral procession," the China Daily said.

Xie also hosted a banquet with more than 100 tables and accepted gifts of money from guests after the ceremony, the newspaper said. The extravagant funeral caused a stir among local residents and the Guangdong provincial discipline watchdog decided to remove Xie of his post because the case had "negatively affected the community."

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from Sudoku: The Original Brain Workout From Japan

Solution to yesterday's puzzle:

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ARABIC PHRASE OF THE DAY

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