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703rd BSB maintains line at Kalsu

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4TH BCT, 3RD INF. DIV.

FOB KALSU — Soldiers of the 703rd Brigade Support Battalion are putting their motto “maintain the line” into action at Forward Operating Base Kalsu’s guard towers and entry control points.

The Soldiers of Company B, 703rd BSB, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, are responsible for recovery and maintenance of all combat assets within their area of operations.

They have also accepted the mission of guarding and securing FOB Kalsu and its thousands of tenants.

The Soldiers responsible for this task do not seem fazed.

“It pumps me up,” said Pfc. Justin Rich, a Company B mechanic from Amarillo, Texas. His shiftmates agreed, crediting their confidence to training they received throughout 2007.

“We had very diverse training,” said Pfc. Richard Cutter, from Phoenix, Ariz., also a mechanic in Company B.

Cutter noted their experience during the 4th BCT’s rotation at the National Training Center in April 2007.

“NTC was the best training we had. We learned how to do thorough vehicle searches, personnel searches, everything,” Cutter said.

Company B, while comprising the majority of the Base Defense Operations Center, is not alone.

Manning the BDOC is a team effort. It is also staffed by Company A, 703rd BSB, and Soldiers from other battalions on the FOB.

After arriving in November 2007,

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Sgt. Kevin Stabinsky

Spc. Edward Graves, a 153rd MP Co. medic, works to stabilize Mohammed Ali Abas Jan. 7. Abas lost his foot in an IED attack.

MP Soldiers save Iraqi man’s life

SGT. KEVIN STABINSKY
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FOB KALSU — U.S. Soldiers’ quick thinking and care helped save the life of an Iraqi man Jan. 7 in Arab Jabour.

Soldiers of the 153rd Military Police Company, Delaware National Guard, were on a mission to survey the site for a future police station with engineers from a construction company.

Arriving at the site, the convoy’s lead vehicle began making a U-turn when a white pickup truck came speeding toward them. The gunner sounded the siren on the humvee to stop the vehicle.

The pickup driver stopped the

truck, got out and began frantically waving his arms.

Staff Sgt. Bruce Ashby, the lead truck commander, did not understand the Iraqi’s cries, but knew something was wrong by his facial expressions.

“He had this frantic look on his face, was motioning his arms to indicate an explosion,” said Ashby, a native of Smyrna, Del.

Ashby got out of the humvee and approached the truck with a second Soldier. The man, still motioning, pointed to his leg and then to the back of the truck.

In the back of the truck, surrounded by two other men offering com-

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Take the next small step

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Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. – Psalm 119.105

It's a New Year and many of us have set new goals for what we want to accomplish in 2008.

It is always good to take some time, especially at the beginning of the year, to evaluate the direction of our lives. And this year all of us will have to make some important decisions.

There will be opportunities and choices set before us and we will have to decide what direction to take. This can be difficult. In fact, many people get paralyzed by indecision, particularly when the right choice is not immediately clear.

Life's most important decisions are always the most difficult. Even after going through a good decision-making process, we can still be in doubt about the best course of action. Usually this is because we don't have all the information we would like, and we can't see the future.

Naturally, it would be easier if there were some kind of sign or miracle to show us the way, but we don't always get the direction we need. What do we do? Where do we go? How do we proceed?

Just take the next small step. We usually cannot see very far down the road, but we can see what is right at our feet. In fact, many times we are only given enough light to see what is directly in front of us.

And yet, even that small amount of light is just enough for us to take the next small step. As we start taking small steps, the path becomes clearer. Often the direction we need is in the small steps that lead us in the right direction.



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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday Commemoration

1. Multi-National Corps-Iraq will observe Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday on 17 January 2008, "Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day On, Not a Day Off." The emphasis for this year's commemoration will be on education. This observance is a reminder that Dr. King's prophetic voice reached out over the chasms of hostility, prejudice, ignorance, and fear to touch the conscience of America.
2. Dr. King's activism was rooted in patriotism. He cherished America's ideals and strived to narrow the gap between those ideals and reality. He took his stand, "because of this, his love for America, and the sublime principles of liberty and equality on which she is founded." He wanted to transform discords of our Nation into lasting brotherhood. The compassion of his message, the dignity of his bearing, and the righteousness of his cause are a lasting legacy.
3. Over forty-four years ago, Dr. King spoke to a quarter of a million Americans gathered near the Lincoln Memorial in Washington and to tens of millions watching on television. There he held up his dream for America like a bright banner:

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a Nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character... This will be the day when all God's children will be able to sing with new meaning, "My country tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride, from every mountainside let freedom ring!"

4. Today his dream continues to be realized in America and for our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines. The MNC-I Human Relations/Equal Opportunity Office will sponsor a commemoration for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on 17 January 2008, in the Al Faw Palace Rotunda from 1100 to 1200 hours. The event will feature a musical slide presentation, interactive display, reenactment of the speech "I have a Dream" and a guest speaker. Commanders, directors and supervisors should encourage their personnel to participate in this event.

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MP: *Combat medics save Arab Jabour man's life*

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fort, was a man, grunting and shaking in pain.

The man, a stocky, mustached, middle-aged Arab Jabour resident, was splattered in blood on his left side. His clothes were torn by shrapnel, and his left leg, dangling off the back of the truck, was missing below the calf and dripping blood.

Ashby is trained as a first responder but this was the first amputation he had encountered, he said.

"When you come across a situation like that, you don't have time to think. You just react," Ashby said.

He quickly applied a tourniquet on the injured man and directed the other Soldier to get a medic and a stretcher.

Spc. Edward Graves, a combat medic, arrived on the scene quickly, but knew at first glance his skills were not enough.

"We had to get him up the medical chain," Graves said.

The decision was made to evacuate the man, Mohammed Ali Abas, to the nearest trauma center at Patrol Base Murray, manned by Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division.

As the vehicles prepared to escort the Iraqis to the patrol base, Graves continued to check the wounded man's airway and stop major bleeding.

Besides his severed leg, the Abas' left arm was severely cut above the elbow, requiring another tourniquet.

"Your training just comes back to you, especially your military training," Graves said, explaining his focus despite the wails of Abas' brother and friend in the back of the truck. "It kind of becomes second nature; you mentally get rid of (the distractions)."

At the patrol base, medics were alerted to the incoming casualty and met the Soldiers as they arrived with the victim.

Once inside, the medics began to monitor Abas' vital signs, started an intravenous line and cut off his clothes to better assess the wounds.

Outside the clinic, Abas' brother Ehsan sat by the door, crying for his brother, two friends by his side.

Lt. Col Ken Adgie, 1-30th Inf. Regt. commander, joined the group to add his own words of comfort and determine exactly what had happened.

"Your brother is going to be okay," he said, assuring Ehsan the medics were skilled and would do everything possible for him.

Lt. Col. Hee-Choon S. Lee, 1-30th Inf. Regt. battalion surgeon, dressed Abas' amputation and wounds. He then decided to transfer Abas to the 86th Combat Support Hospital in Baghdad.

As the doctors worked inside, Adgie went to work ascertaining the day's events. Through a translator, he learned that Abas had struck an improvised explosive device near his house, approximately 200 meters away from a local school.

An explosives ordnance disposal team determined the IED was made of



Sgt. Kevin Stabinsky

Medics at Patrol Base Murray load Mohammed Ali Abas into a Humvee to transport to the 86th Combat Support Hospital in Baghdad. Abas was wounded by an IED Jan. 7 in Arab Jabour.

four 57mm munitions.

Soldiers evacuated Abas to the 86th CSH, where a team of surgeons waited to operate.

The morning of Jan. 8, Abas was in stable condition recovering from surgery at the intensive care unit in the hospital, said 1st Lt. Kristina Moffett, ICU charge officer, 86th CSH.

BSB: *703rd supply Soldiers maintain combat assets at FOB Kalsu*

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the Soldiers of the 703rd BSB wasted no time renovating existing base defense assets and implementing new security systems, from changes as simple as new camouflage and sandbags to high-tech monitoring systems with scanning

abilities similar to those found today in commercial airports.

"We touched every location," noted Staff Sgt. Derek Oliver, Co. B, 703rd BSB, an operations NCO at the BDOC.

Cpt. Seth Olmstead, operations officer for the 703rd BSB, was intimately

involved with the process of transitioning and renovating.

Transitioning with their outgoing counterparts occurred during a 72-hour window.

"Our Soldiers rose to the occasion," Olmstead said.

Safety Thought of the Day

Hand Tool Safety Basics

- Wear approved eye protection.
- Wear hearing protection when needed.
- Watch your fingers.
- Keep your mind on your work.
- Keep work area and tools clean.
- Use tools as they were designed to be used.
- Keep cutting-edge tools sharp.
- Carry and store tools properly.
- DO NOT remove machine guarding; this is a safety feature for your protection.
- When using electrical power cords, use GFCI protection when possible.

Headline Highlights

Empire State Bldg. parachutist; twins' marriage

Prosecutors push for charge against stuntman

NEW YORK (Reuters) — U.S. prosecutors argued on Tuesday to have charges reinstated against a stuntman who tried to parachute off the New York City's Empire State Building, saying the man endangered the people who tried to stop him.

In January 2007 Justice Michael Ambrecht of the State Supreme Court in Manhattan threw out charges against Jeb Corliss, ruling that the stunt — while "dangerous and ill conceived" — was legal because there was no law barring it.

He also said Corliss, 30, had taken "affirmative steps" to ensure the safety of bystanders when he tried to scale the 10-foot security fence of the building's 86th floor observatory landing in order to jump off the skyscraper in April 2006.

Corliss' bid was thwarted when Police and security officers pulled the former Discovery Channel host back, shackled him to the security rail and arrested him.

"His effort was thwarted only by the Herculean labors of the Police officers and security guards, with whom he fought mightily when they tried to stop him," prosecutors said in court papers, saying one officer was seriously injured.

During brief oral arguments on Tuesday, prosecutors asked a four-judge appeals panel to reinstate a charge of recklessly endangerment against Corliss.

One of the judges, Justice David

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— Prosecutor, of man who tried to parachute from Empire State Bldg.

Friedman, commented that Corliss had subjected everyone involved to a "serious risk of harm." A ruling on the prosecutors request is expected later this year.

Corliss is a professional BASE jumper — BASE stand for bridge, antenna, span and Earth — and has made successful leaps from other world landmarks, including the Eiffel Tower, the Golden Gate Bridge and the Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

His lawyer, Mark Jay Heller, said the stuntman is pursuing his next goal: jumping from an airplane without a parachute and "flying like a squirrel."

Twins separated at birth met, married

LONDON (Reuters) — A couple discovered after they had married that they were twins who had been split up at birth and adopted by separate families, according to a member of Britain's House of Lords.

British peer David Alton recounted

the story to parliament last month to support his argument that artificially conceived children should be told who their biological parents are.

Alton said he had heard the story of the separated twins from a High Court judge who had dealt with the case.

"This did not involve in vitro fertilization: It involved the normal birth of twins who were separated at birth and adopted by separate parents," said Alton, an independent member of the Lords. "They were never told that they were twins."

"They met later in life and felt an inevitable attraction, and the judge had to deal with the consequences of the marriage that they entered into and all the issues of their separation," he said.

"I suspect that it will be a matter of litigation in the future if we do not make information of this kind available to children who have been donor-conceived," he said.

Alton could not immediately be reached for comment and no further information was available about the twins or where they were from.

"I think it's a very tragic story for the people involved," said Pam Hodgkins, head of a group that helps adults affected by adoption.

"It is a lesson that we need to learn and apply to the situation of donor-conceived children," she told Sky News.

"Whilst ... nowadays it would be most unusual for siblings to be separated ... the risk of secrecy affecting the lives of people born as a result of egg and sperm donation is exactly the same as the risks that have affected adopted people in the past," she said.

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from Sudoku: The Original Brain Workout From Japan

Solution to Saturday's puzzle:

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ARABIC PHRASE OF THE DAY

Calm down

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