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Sgt. 1st Class Tami Hillis

Pfc. Takeysa Washington, a medic assigned to 4th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division, checks the temperature of a child during a medical civil action program in Abu Amer, Iraq.

Abu Amer residents receive medical treatment

SGT. 1ST CLASS TAMI HILLIS
4TH BCT, 3RD INF. DIV.

FOB KALSU – Residents of Abu Amer, a small village in the Wasit province of Iraq, received medical assistance March 28 from Coalition forces during a medical civil action program designed to provide basic primary care.

Using a school as a makeshift clinic, Company A, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, attached to 1st Battalion, 76th Field Artillery, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division,

secured the area before announcing, via loudspeaker, the opportunity for residents to receive health care and humanitarian assistance.

Once word of the MEDCAP was broadcast, people began to pour in from the streets, forming a line just outside the school.

Maj. Howard Curlin, 703rd Brigade Support Battalion surgeon; Capt. Jacob Turnquist, 4th BCT surgeon; and Maj. Marilyn Lazarz, an Army public health nurse with Company B, 415th Civil Affairs, led the team examining, diagnos-

ing, treating and advising the patients, along with the help of nine medics.

At the initial screening station, combat medics, assisted by translators, interviewed each patient for medical history and previous treatments and noted his or her ailment on a slip of paper. Then the medics measured each patient's vital signs—pulse, temperature and blood pressure.

“The locals who were seen at the medical event were grateful for the

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medical care provided to them by the doctors, medics and nurse,” said Lazarz, who has been a public health nurse for 18 years. “Coalition forces continue to build relationships with the locals and continue to make a difference in their everyday lives.”

As the day continued, medical personnel saw 212 patients, ranging from infants to elderly, with various ailments. Medical issues ranged from common joint and back pain to infections and gastrointestinal disorders.

“We’re only equipped with a limited supply of medications,” said Turnquist, a pediatrician by trade. “We know going in there that we’re potentially going to see hundreds of people.”

Most of the medications handed out were over-the-counter medicines, said the Rockford, Ill. native. Cold medicines, multivitamins, antibiotics and topical medicines for rashes were also distributed.

Each patient received an evaluation, treatment, medicine if needed and humanitarian assistance—food, soccer balls, beanie babies, candy—donated by various Soldiers in the support battalion, said Capt. Casey Woody, commander of Company C, 703rd BSB.

“We went in there assessing what the people were coming in with, what complaints they had, what their age range was and what their demographics were,” Turnquist said. “That information itself is helpful hopefully down the road when we can provide that to the Ministry of Health to see if they can get more long-term medical support to that area.”

Overall, Woody felt the MEDCAP achieved its objective.

“I’m proud of my Soldiers and how they conducted themselves,” said the father of two from Plymouth, Mich. “If you can help a person, it’s a good feeling. I think we’re doing a lot of things, and we’re working in the right direction with the ePRT (embedded Provincial Reconstruction team) and civil affairs ... We know we’re not going to fix this problem in a year, but we want to get them on the right start.”

Rememberance ceremony Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith



Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action with an armed enemy near Baghdad International Airport, Baghdad, Iraq on April 4, 2003. On that day, Smith was engaged in the construction of a prisoner of war holding area when his Task Force was violently attacked by a company-sized enemy force. Realizing the vulnerability of over 100 fellow Soldiers, Smith quickly organized a hasty defense consisting of two platoons of Soldiers, one Bradley Fighting Vehicle and three armored personnel carriers. As the fight developed, Smith braved hostile enemy fire to personally engage the enemy with hand grenades and anti-tank weapons, and organized the evacuation of three wounded soldiers from an armored personnel carrier struck by a rocket propelled grenade and a 60mm mortar round. Fearing the enemy would overrun their defenses, Smith moved under withering enemy fire to man a .50 caliber machine gun mounted on a damaged armored personnel carrier. In total disregard for his own life, he maintained his exposed position in order to engage the attacking enemy force. During this action, he was mortally wounded. Read more about Smith’s heroism in the next edition of the Dog Face Daily, and go to www.taskforcemarne.com to watch a 60-minute special on his life and legacy.

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Coalition Soldiers visit Kutimiyah school

SGT. LUIS DELGADILLO
2ND BCT, 3RD INF. DIV.

FOB KALSU – Many schools in the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division's area of operation have been rebuilt through the efforts of Coalition forces.

There were a few schools though, such as the Manahel Primary School in Kutimiyah, which had eluded Coalition assistance.

In the last two months, Soldiers at Joint Security Station W-1, south of Kutimiyah, have reached out to the untouched area. They have opened routes into the community and begun to assess the needs of residents who felt left out of reconstruction efforts.

"They felt isolated because no one has been up there to start projects, but that's changing," said Capt. Richard Aaron, commander of Battery B, 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery, 2nd BCT, 3rd Inf. Div.

A recent route clearance operation brought Soldiers into the community, changing that perception.

The condition Soldiers found the school in struck a chord with 1st Lt. Greg Highstrom, from Cedarburg, Wis., a platoon leader with Battery B.

Residents said al-Qaeda insurgents used the school as a base of operations for conducting missions against Soldiers at JSS W-1. The insurgents destroyed the building when they left the area to prevent its use by Coalition forces.

Highstrom said students who attended class at the primary school are now studying in a house lent by a nearby land owner. In five rooms, each



Sgt. Luis Delgadillo

First Lt. Greg Highstrom (left), a platoon leader, and Spc. Nick Waterman, an artilleryman, both with Battery B, 1-9th FA, 2nd BCT, 3rd Inf. Div., speak with students of the Manahel Primary School in Kutimiyah.

not more than 40 square meters in size, children attend school five days a week from 8 a.m. until noon.

The seven teachers, helped move school desks into the temporary building; however, when the school year ends in two months, the owner of the house will return and the students will once again be without classrooms.

The Ministry of Education, alerted to the situation facing the students, has put in a request for Government of Iraq funds to rebuild the school.

In northern Kutimiyah, the Tatwir School, which had also been damaged by insurgents, already has funding for reconstruction approved thanks to the

Soldiers' efforts.

One of the biggest concerns for Manahel Primary School's teachers, in addition to rebuilding the destroyed school house, is rebuilding a bridge which leads to the main highway into Baghdad from the south and connects the communities of Maderiyah and Kutimiyah.

Aaron, a native of Middleboro, Mass., said the bridge allow farmers of Kutimiyah easier access to markets where they sell their crops.

Though details of the project haven't been finalized, Aaron said people in both communities simply want life to return to normal.

Safety Thought of the Day

Tent Safety Reminders

- Hot plates and microwaves pose a fire hazard and are not to be used.
- Make sure all lights and electrical devices are turned off when exiting the tent.
- Visually check electrical cords, outlets, and power strips for signs of overheating, arcing, and cut or frayed wires.
- Don't hang wet cloths or put other objects from interior wiring.
- Be sure of the voltage entering the tent - use a transformer if necessary and do not overload.
- Use of candles, or any other devices that burn with an open flame, or smolder, is not authorized.
- No smoking within 50 feet of tents.
- Station an inspected fire extinguisher by each door and do not block doors or aisles.
- Remember PASS:
 - Pull the pin
 - Aim the fire extinguisher at the base of the fire.
 - Squeeze the handle/trigger.
 - Sweep from side to side.
- Inspect tents monthly to ensure compliance.

Headline Highlights

Funeral home burglar; violent kids; collectibles take over

Under dressed burglar plays dead at funeral home

MADRID, Spain (AP) - A burglar who broke into a funeral home tried to fool police by playing dead, but two things gave him away. First, he breathed. Plus, he wore grungy clothes rather than the Sunday best of those settling in for eternal rest.

Police and the Crespo Funeral Home said Wednesday they had no idea what the 23-year-old Spanish man was trying to steal in the March 17 break-in at Burjassot, a small town just outside Valencia.

Neighbors living nearby alerted police when they heard the front door of the business being forced open in the middle of the night.

Police officers arrived with the owner, and eventually found the suspect lying on a table in a glassed-in chamber used for viewings of deceased people during wakes, a local police official said from Burjassot.

"The custom here is for dead people to be dressed in suits, in nice clothes that look presentable. This guy was in everyday clothes that were wrinkled and dirty," the police official said. Department rules barred her from giving her name.

"He was trying to fake being dead, but he was breathing," the officer said.

The suspect's name was not released. Police said he had served jail time in the past for robbery.

The funeral home said it was mys-

tified about what the man could have been after, because there were no valuables or cash inside the funeral parlor.

Nine-year-olds plotted to tie up, hurt teacher

ATLANTA (Reuters) - Nine-year-olds at a school in the U.S. state of Georgia brought a broken steak knife, handcuffs and electrical tape to school in a plot to injure their teacher, authorities said on Tuesday.

Teachers at Center Elementary School in Waycross, Georgia, uncovered the plot on Friday when a pupil reported that a child in the third grade had brought a weapon into the school.

"The plan was to handcuff the teacher, put tape over her mouth and hit her over the head with the paperweight and possibly cut her," said Lt. Duane Caswell of Waycross police, adding that some students said the knife was simply there to cut the tape.

"It was a rather elaborate scheme for children of that age," he said.

The students spent a week planning the attack and planned to carry it out on the day they were caught, Caswell said.

Nine pupils in the grade, most of whom were 9 years old, have been disciplined and some were given long-term suspensions, said Theresa Martin, spokeswoman for the Ware County school district in the southeastern part of the state.

Caswell said police were also plan-

ning to charge three of the children in the juvenile court system with conspiracy to commit aggravated assault and possession of a weapon on a school property.

Man crowded out of home by collecting passion

BERLIN (Reuters) - A German man was such an avid collector of weapons and other paraphernalia that he ran out of space at home and had to sleep in a hotel, neighbors said following the 71-year-old's death.

Executors found an arsenal of weaponry and assorted goods at the man's two-story home in the western city of Aachen, police said on Wednesday.

"There were 71 guns -- one for each year of his life," said police spokesman Paul Kemen. "He also had 41 cases of ammunition and five walking sticks fitted with retractable blades."

Heiner Hautermans, a reporter at the Aachener Nachrichten paper, said neighbors related how the man, who lived alone, collected everything from clothing to garden tools and watches.

"The house was stuffed to the rafters," he said. "By the end, the neighbors said he had to sleep in a hotel sometimes because there was no more room."

One neighbor sometimes handled up to 14 deliveries of goods a day for the man when he was out, he added. "At some point she got fed up with it."

No heirs have yet been found for the man, police said.

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from Sudoku Easy Presented by Will Shortz

Solution to yesterday's puzzle:

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ARABIC WORD OF THE DAY

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