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Ninewa Operations Command Opens First Aid Station



Sgt. 1st Class Keneth Rogers, team medic for the Ninewa Operations Command Training Team, takes a look at the completed aid station that he and Iraqi Army Maj. Mohammed Aldulla, commander, Headquarters, Headquarters Company, along with Sgt. Amber Gordon from CP-North, set up at the NOC.

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FORWARD OPERATING BASE MAREZ, MOSUL, Iraq- Maj. Gen. Hassan Karim, commander, Ninewa Operations Command, accompanied by Brig. Gen. Robert Brown, deputy commanding general (support), Multi-National Division-North, attended the opening of a new first aid station for the NOC here May 23.

The aid station was given the name "Doc Rogers' clinic and Ambulance Section" in honor of Sgt. 1st Class Keneth Rogers, the team medic for the NOC Training Team, 25th Infantry Division, for training the Iraqi Army medics who will run the aid station, and in getting the aid station set up.

Rogers, with the help of Sgt. Amber Gordon, medic for Command Post-North, Task Force Lightning, fully stocked the aid station with supplies and required equipment needed to run an efficient aid station.

"I consider it a good step from the Coalition forces and especially Sgt. Rogers," said Maj. Mohammed Aldulla, commander, Headquarters, Headquarters Company.

"We named the aid station after him, so we can remember him and what he has done for us."

Rogers, honored by having the aid station named after him, stated that with the aid station in place, Iraqi Army Soldiers will no longer have to walk to Tiger Base, a support battalion area located a few miles away, for routine treatments. Furthermore, the medics working in the aid station have the ability to

stabilize a more severely traumatized patient until transportation to the support battalion is possible.

"Now I can feel safe," said Aldulla. "My Soldiers won't have to walk in the heat to the support battalion, or worse, go to a civilian hospital."

Following a ribbon cutting, Hassan stated that he was pleased with Aldulla in his coordination of establishing the aid station with the CF. Additionally, he spoke about plans of opening other aid stations large enough to accommodate a nursing staff and capable of treating more patients.

"We didn't have the capability, but Doc Rogers promise to help me open an aid station at the NOC that could treat our Soldiers instead of having to send them to the support battalion," added Aldulla.

IRAQI POLICE INVESTIGATORS TRAIN ON FORWARD OPERATING BASE WARRIOR



Brig. Gen. Razaq Hussein, one of the head officers at the Kirkuk police academy, speaks to a group of Iraqi police investigators during a training meeting at Forward Operating Base Warrior May 23. The training taught the officers new investigation techniques that will hopefully allow them to make progress on current cases and prepare them for future ones.

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FORWARD OPERATING BASE WARRIOR, KIRKUK Iraq – The rule of law is the foundation of any free nation. Aristototle said that "law should govern," and those in power should be "servants of the laws" nearly 2,500 years ago.

In the spirit of ensuring a fair application of its laws, special Iraqi police officers responsible for investigating crimes travelled to Forward Operating Base Warrior, May 23 to hone their unique skills and get new ideas on evidence processing.

"We want to improve our officer's ability to investigate crimes and crime scenes," said Brig. Gen. Razaq Hussein, one of the head officers at the Kirkuk police academy and an instructor during the training.

The officers came from around the city and province to participate and embrace their skills.

"This class can help increase their progress in the cases they are already working on," explained Razaq. "We are organize them helping refresh the lessons they learned at the police academy, and we

are showing them new ways to assess cases and According to Razaq, officers working evidence on a daily basis sometimes have old habits that are hard to break, and new skills can improve their investigative work.

"They need to know to do the systems of investigating that we taught them every time they get a case," Razaq said. "But, we are also teaching them new information. These classes are how we keep the wheels rolling."

A major point of discussion during the course of the class revolved around proper crime scene investigating.

Brig. Gen. Awad, the commander of the Criminal Evidence Unit, explained to the policemen the need to keep the crime scene pure of any new material. He also went in more detail about videotape and photographing the scene and how to find hard evidence.

"If you follow the right steps, you will get answers," assured Awad.

Awad also encouraged the policemen to stay current on the situations in their various cities and villages by reading cases that affect their areas.

To Maj. Ahmar Issad, a police investigator, the class was essential.

"You cannot finish an investigation

without this type of training," he explained. "Every investigator needs to know this; you will never catch and arrest a criminal without it."

Issad, who graduated from a police academy in Baghdad in 1996, has been investigating crimes ever since.

According to him, a lot of training is required in order to become and remain an investigator.

Issad went on to explain that although the methods of investigating are nearly the same as when he first learned, technology has continued to improve.

For Issad, this was especially true when coalition forces brought new equipment to the IP investigators that allowed them to gain a more detailed picture from crime scenes.

"You can find out exactly what happened while you are still standing at the crime scene," he explained.

The policemen who attended the training, new skills were learned that they could apply to their present and future cases.

So, while the rule of law is not new technology and techniques continue to evolve to ensure a fair enforcement of Iraq's laws.

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Iraqi Army, Coalition Forces Remember Fallen Heroes Through Sports Day



Iraqi Soldiers of 4th Mobile Transport Regiment, 4th Iraqi Army Division play alongside Soldiers of 325th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division who actively engage each other in a competitive game of soccer during a combined sports day designed to honor fallen U.S. Soldiers on Memorial Day, May 25.

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**CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE
SPEICHER, TIKRIT, Iraq** – "Jamban Lej Jamb!" This Arabic phrase, which means "side-by-side," describes the goal for effective partnership that was adopted by the 4th Motor Transport Regiment, 4th Iraqi Army Division and Soldiers of 325th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division.

In keeping with the motto, Iraqi and BSB Soldiers honored the fallen heroes of the U.S. Army during a sports day event on Memorial Day, May 25.

"We are here to commemorate the lives that were lost. Take this example, any family that needs support from other family members during a hard time will receive what they need; this is the same way we are treating our American family – we are here today to support them," said Sgt. Maj. Abid Hussien Raheim, sergeant major, MTR, 4th IA Div.

The Iraqi MTR partners with the BSB and both mutually benefit by learning each other's logistical support procedures used for their respective battalions.

The BSB's sports day was designed to build and showcase existing relationships through competitive sports events such as soccer, softball, volleyball and ultimate football.

"Today was to foster partnership between 4th MTR and 325th BSB – we did this with a Memorial Day remembrance – to share this day the same way we would back in the states, to merge our culture with the Iraqi culture, sharing this important day," said Maj. Joseph Ritter, executive officer, BSB.

"We shared a moment of silence for our fallen Soldiers – in that silence a moment of strength was shown between both countries where the Iraqis showed their respect for our honored Soldiers – this was truly inspiring to see our countries come together," he continued.

The sports day was yet another way the BSB and IA have created stepping stones to improve relations, according to Ritter.

"We started off with a soccer match, later we had a little American football match, and we are ending the event with a feast and a presentation of awards to our Iraqi counterparts. This will give us a chance get to know them more as individuals and vice versa," said Master Sgt. Gregory Binford, acting sergeant major, BSB.

He explained that the sports event also gave ample opportunities for U.S. Soldiers to build stronger ties with Iraqi Soldiers.

"I am truly happy to see Iraqis and U.S. Soldiers participating in combined events such as these – this is truly making us appreciate our relationship as friends," said Iraqi Cpl. Ali Sabbar Kadim, Iraqi Soldier, 4th IA Div.

Whether by conducting side-by-side patrol operations, or commemorating Memorial Day, both forces have decided to truly combine activities to ensure that the fostered relationship goes deeper than work, and evolves more into family ties.

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MOSUL, Iraq – Nestled just off a main truck route between the Turkish border and Erbil, the vice mayor's office in Ainsifini became a conference hall for Shekhan district's local government leaders, key business and agricultural leaders and economic project advisors from the Ninewa and coalition forces provincial reconstruction teams on May 20.

The focus of the meeting was to discuss economic stability and growth in the Shekhan District with the local government and address industrial and agricultural issues that the PRT and CF reconstruction advisors, dubbed "Team Ninewa," could offer assistance with.

"We are doing what we like to call and 'Econ Recon'" said Bob Jachim, key economic project coordinator with the PRT. "Our goal is to work with the Iraqi people in this district on their ideas that will provide economic stability in the region."

Shekhan, the northern-most district in Ninewa, primarily relies on agricultural trade. The farming community operates small family-owned farms and trade primarily to a local market. It's approximately 110,000 residents work in agriculture and small businesses throughout the district.

The local government hopes to bolster economic growth in the region by addressing some key issues in agriculture and business.

"We would like to see more agriculture in the hopes that it will bring some industry to this area," said Shaban Abdullah, vice mayor of the district. "Hopefully, the reconstruction team coming into this area will help our people."

According to Abdullah, the community has also seen an influx of internally displaced families over the last few years, primarily from southern Iraq.

"This was a secondary reason for us to take a look at the economic stability of Shekhan," Jachim said referring to the displaced Iraqis in the region. "There are more than 3,600 displaced families living in the district. We needed to assess that situation and see how we could facilitate some sort of employment for them as well."

In diplomatic style, the vice governor introduced key business and agricultural leaders to Team Ninewa over chai and customary greetings. After initial introductions, the main body broke into smaller, topic-focused discussion groups to discuss the two key areas.

Shekhan's community leaders indicated that they are looking to expand their agricultural business and focus on local business growth.

In their discussions with the reconstruction team, community leaders addressed the possibility of conservation

Local Government Building Economic Plan in Shekhan District of Ninewah



Vice Mayor, Shaban Abdullah, addresses a group of Shekhan District's business and agricultural leaders and asks for their input on key economic issues in the region. The roundtable discussion gave these key community leaders an opportunity to discuss items that would frame their communities for economic independence and success.

tillage farming, a technique that requires no ground tilling from season to season and has been shown to produce a higher yield of crop, and the use of an agribusiness model in which they could begin to expand their market. They also discussed funding for farming supplies and equipment.

"One of the big issues that came out of the discussions was securing loans for their farms," said Maj. Dominic Kusomoto, the 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division civil military operations officer. "They are willing to secure and pay for loans, but traveling to Mosul for that presents its own challenges. One of the ideas that spawned from that was to establish an agriculture bank so that they could secure loans and fund their farms locally."

After reviewing some of the key issues brought up by the district, Team Ninewa will take the data they've collected back to their table and begin brainstorming projects that are feasible in the area.

"The next step after an initial meeting is to come up with project ideas that will be successful in the community," said Jachim.

"Then these project ideas are given to the communities so that they can begin planning them and figuring out how to implement them."

Projects involving agriculture and business have been implemented in other districts throughout Ninewa as well. There are currently six other districts in the province that have had success with the help of the reconstruction teams. According to Jachim, they will use these successes as a model for some of the project ideas involving Shekhan.

Economic projects are ongoing throughout Ninewa with a focus on Iraqis creating successes that will sustain their communities long after coalition forces have left Iraq. Projects for districts like Shekhan will leave an immediate, lasting impact on the quality of life for its citizens.

"The economic impact that these types of projects have on these communities is that they put money directly back into their communities and serve as a successful model for their neighbors to follow," said Jachim.

This Week In TROPIC LIGHTNING History

TROPIC LIGHTNING NEWS

JUNE 3, 1968 – 3RD BDE – In a blazing exchange of gunfire, the gunners on the command helicopter of COL Leonard R. Daems Jr., CO of the 3rd Bde, killed five Viet Cong fleeing across a rice paddy.

The five VC killed were credited to SP4 Louis R. Beam, Jr. of Lufkin, Tex. and SP4 Tony Grosso of Derby, Pa.

The 20 minute engagement with an estimated force of 50 VC took place 30 kms northwest of Saigon. It was part of a day long action by elements of Task Force Daems, which netted 183 enemy bodies.

The task force consisted of the 4th Bn, 9th Inf; 4th Bn (Mech), 23rd Inf; and the 2nd Bn, 34th Armor.

On a reconnaissance flight near the village of Bao Tre, COL Daems and crew members of his command ship spotted the enemy force. The door gunners of the "Little Bear" chopper of Co A, 25th Avn Bn, opened fire on the enemy, as the pilot, WO Clay Maxwell of Midland, Mich. and aircraft commander WO Alan E. Gould of Stroudsburg, Pa., maneuvered the ship into position.

The VC answered with volleys of small arms fire and RPG rockets, while racing toward jungle cover nearby. Numerous tracers whizzed by the command chopper.

While the enemy force fled in the direction of the jungle, COL Daems called in a cut-off force from the 4th Bn (Mech), 23th Inf, in an effort to head off the VC.

Cathy's Tip Of The Week...

A clean rifle and dirty ammo do not mix. Ammunition and magazines must be cleaned daily. The only part of the magazine that needs lubrication is the spring, and it only needs a light touch of LSA. Do not oil your ammo—it just collects dirt and grit and fouls up the operations.



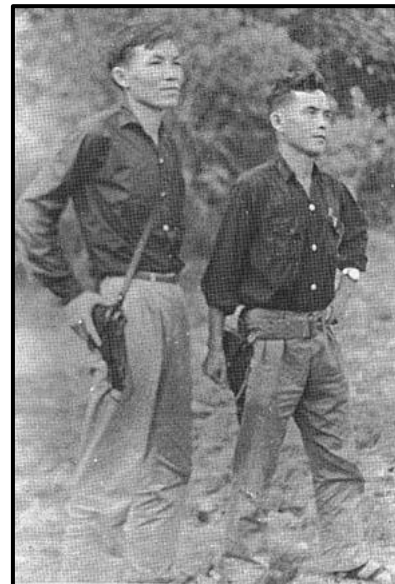
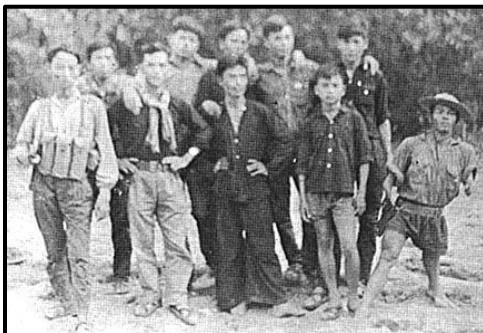
Your weapon may save your life! Treat it like a friend and keep it clean.

TROPIC LIGHTNING NEWS

JUNE 1, 1970 – NEAR TASUOS, CAMBODIA -- The photographs shown on this page were part of a cache captured by Delta Company, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry, inside Cambodia.

The photographs illustrate the type of weapons, uniforms and equipment used by the enemy.

The hootch complex, located about 22 miles northwest of Tay Ninh Base Camp, also yielded several tons of rice, four motorcycles, about 50 bicycles, documents and medical supplies.



NEWS FROM THE HOME FRONT

HAWAII

HONOLULU – "Let's All Work Together to Save Our World" was the slogan Justin Heltman chose in designing a poster depicting the negative effects of marine debris in our oceans.

The 11-year-old's artwork calls attention to the demise of sea turtles, seals and fish due to the presence of harmful plastics and fishing lines in our oceans, which are ingested by sea creatures or lead to their entanglement and eventual death by strangulation or drowning.

Eddie Joaquin, 11, also chose to focus on habitat destruction.

"My artwork is about plastic and rope destroying coral. I hope my drawing will show people why they shouldn't throw rubbish in the ocean."

Joaquin said he didn't really think about these issues in the past.

"I didn't know that it hurt the animals," he said.

He and fellow fourth, fifth and sixth-graders at Alvah Scott Elementary and other schools learned about these issues through Beach Environmental Awareness Campaign Hawaii (BEACH), an organization founded in 2006 by Suzanne Frazer and Dean Otsuki to raise environmental awareness.

"Hawaii is located in the middle of the Pacific, and we are collecting a bunch of unusual trash," said Frazer. "We find Asian characters on buoys; plastic cones from Korea, things that come from various countries. It takes years for these things to get here. We want people to understand that something needs to be done about it."

The kids appeared to receive the message loud and clear. Now, Joaquin said he stops to pick up trash he finds along the shoreline during visits to the beach.

"I was surprised at how much stuff is found in the ocean," said 11-year-old Jayvin Alcantra. "We need to try to take care of the ocean because it's getting polluted with debris. ... And, the sand is eroding," he said.

Ten-year-old Kyle Madriaga titled his piece "Help Pollution Before It's Too Late" and included sketches of baby turtles being eaten by birds.

"If there is marine debris, baby turtles can't make it to the ocean, and birds might eat them," he said.

Kealani Young-Rios, 11, painted a sad-looking turtle entangled in rope attached to a rock.

"If a turtle gets stranded in ropes, it has to struggle to get to the surface and could get stuck. That's sad."

Anesha Bee-Henriques, age 10, decided to sketch a turtle eating a plastic bag.

"The turtle thought the plastic bag was a jellyfish," she explained. "Lots of people are littering and don't seem to care, and lots of animals are dying. Birds are feeding

garbage to their babies that they can't digest."

Small plastic items are major culprits, according to Frazer. These include bottle caps, bottles, plastic spoons, lighters, toys, toothbrushes and combs.

Frazer hopes that the children's artwork – to be displayed in local libraries and at the Capitol – will also raise awareness in the community.

"This covers all kinds of things, including science and social studies," said fifth-grade teacher Mary Agor. "We're always talking about the reef, so it fits into our lesson plan."

"It's such an important message," said the school's librarian, Sharon Browne. "Our student council started a recycling program, and we held a recycle fair. We really try to promote this stuff."

ALASKA

FAIRBANKS – Yes, you felt it again. At 9:35 p.m. Sunday night, a 3.8 magnitude earthquake rocked the Fairbanks North Star Borough, as recorded by the Alaska Earthquake Information Center at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. No damage has been reported.

This latest earthquake was centered two miles southwest of Ester, just north of Goldhill Road, and was the largest of a series of noticeable tremors that began May 23 when a 3.6 magnitude shaker trembled homes and businesses across the borough. A magnitude 3.72 quake was felt in Fairbanks on May 29.

Several small aftershocks followed the quake, and these could continue through Monday.

TEXAS

KILLEEN – Young women donned extravagant dresses of many colors as Reynas on Sunday. They strolled from the chapel in St. Joseph Catholic Church to the nearby Knights of Columbus building in a processional.

Six fully garbed Knights of Columbus members led the way as several young men escorted the women through the parking lot and dividing street.

The parade was only part of the Santacruzán celebration that was put together by Cultura Filipiniana Arts Inc. and St. Joseph Catholic Church that took place Sunday afternoon. About 150 Central Texas residents of Filipino descent observed the celebration.

The young women represented the Virgin Mary and other prominent female characters of the time, or Reynas, said Lily Cruz, a St. Joseph church member who helped organize the event.

"They celebrate the Santacruzán, because it is part of our heritage and culture," Cruz said.

Santacruzán, which was brought to the Philippines by the Spaniards, is a festival that depicts the finding of the Holy Cross by Queen Helena. It is characterized by celebrations of thanksgiving, according to information from the celebration. It has been practiced in many cities, towns and small villages in the Philippines since its arrival in the country.

A processional into the church was followed by a Mass, a second processional out of the church to the hall, food and entertainment.

The entertainment included cultural dances from Cultura Filipiniana Arts Inc., the MECA Ballet Folklorico dance troupe and Sociedad Cultural Hispano Americana.

Amber Alava, 17, of Harker Heights, and Lynee Agnas, 18, of Killeen, have participated as Reynas – the representations of the Virgin Mary – for as long as the church has been hosting the event, seven years.

Amber was the St. Joseph Queen-of-All and Lynee was Reyna Elena.

"It brings us closer to our heritage, and your heritage is a main part of everyone," Amber said. "Knowing your culture brings it into the future."

Lynee believes the celebration allows her family and other Filipinos to bond, she said.

Shiela-Marie Trinidad agreed with the two younger ladies.

Trinidad was hoping to take her two children to the celebration so they could see a part of their culture, she said.

Being Trinidad's first year to attend, she didn't know what to expect, but she was surprised and pleased.

"It brings people together," Trinidad said. "I didn't know there were this many Filipinos in Killeen."



St. Joseph Catholic Church "angels" participate in a procession as part of the seventh annual Santacruzán festival Sunday at the Killeen church.

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LIGHTNING HERO OF THE WEEK

PFC Randall Glahn
HHC, 1-12 CAV, TASK FORCE ABLE
Portland, OR

While on a combat patrol on 24 April in the city of Quarrya, PFC Glahn's section was heading north on Route Atlanta through a busy market when his vehicle, the third vehicle in the convoy that day, was suddenly hit by an RKG-3 grenade, rocking the vehicle. As smoke filled the cab and the Halon fire suppression system went off, PFC Glahn remained calm and expertly maneuvered his vehicle out of the kill zone and away from the attack. PFC Glahn's tactical knowledge, professionalism and quick thinking during the attack ensured that no further damage occurred to his MRAP and that his unit experienced no casualties.

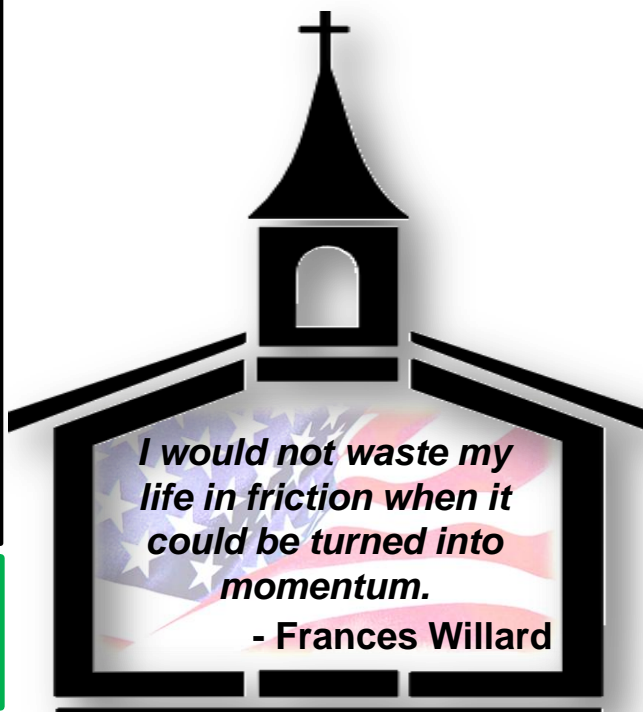


IRAQI FACTS

Some consider Iraqi cuisine to be the oldest in the world. During the rule of the Abbasid Caliphate, Baghdad served as a central trading and education hub; many Muslims and scholars came from all over the world to study and live in Iraq's capital. As Baghdad assimilated these visitors, each introduced their respective cultural influences to Iraqi cuisine. Consequently, most Iraqi food is similar to other regional cuisines, but Iraq's is unique in that it usually contains more spices. Two well-known dishes were born from Iraq's geographical location between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers. Iraq's national dish is river fish, while the national dessert is a biscuit filled with the dates that grow in the vast palm groves between the two rivers.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



*I would not waste my
life in friction when it
could be turned into
momentum.*

- Frances Willard



Darfuri Women Live 'nightmare,' Harvard-Backed Study Says

An American human rights group documenting widespread sexual violence against Darfuri women in Sudan and Chad has called for "vigorous prosecution of rape as a war crime."

Physicians for Human Rights, based in Cambridge, Massachusetts, issued a report Sunday "documenting the scope and long-term impact of rape and other sexual violence" experienced by women who fled the war-torn Sudanese region of Darfur and now live as refugees in neighboring Chad.

The report – titled "Nowhere To Turn: Failure To Protect, Support and Assure Justice for Darfuri Women" – is based on interviews with 88 female refugees living in Chad's Farchana refugee camp. The study was done with the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative.

"Many Darfuri women refugees live in a nightmare of memories of past trauma compounded by the constant threat of sexual violence around the camps now," said Susannah Sirkin, the physician group's deputy director.

"Women who report being raped are stigmatized, and remain trapped in places of perpetual insecurity. There's no one to stop the rapes, no one to turn to for justice for past or ongoing crimes, and little psycho-social support to address their prolonged and unimaginable traumas."

Dr. Sondra Crosby, a Physician's for Human Rights consultant and expert in refugee trauma, said "the atmosphere of intimidation was palpable as we listened to women describing their profound suffering and fear, and their yearning to return safely and with dignity to their former lives."

Of those refugees interviewed, "32 reported instances of confirmed or highly probable rape" – 17 in Darfur and 15 in Chad, the group said.

"Among the instances of rape reported in Chad, the vast majority (10 of 11 confirmed reports) occurred when women left the camps to gather firewood. " And just over half of the 88 women interviewed – 46 of them – live in fear of sexual assaults around the refugee camp.

The group supports the issuing of International Criminal Court warrants against the Sudanese perpetrators.

The group also called for "legal reforms in Chad to end impunity for sexual violence."

SPORTING NEWS

Two-for-Two: Red Wings Top Penguins 3-1 in Game 2

DETROIT – Defenseman Jonathan Ericsson is four days removed from an appendectomy, and he scored a huge goal. Justin Abdelkader is a month removed from being a minor leaguer.

But both rookies scored for the Detroit Red Wings on Sunday as their depth showed again in a 3-1 win against the Pittsburgh Penguins.

"The minutes Abdelkader has played have been very valuable," Red Wings veteran Dan Cleary said. "He's a young player who is going to be a great NHL player."

Ericsson scored at 4:21 of the second period to tie the score at 1, and Abdelkader scored on a long-range shot during a 1-on-3 charge into the offensive zone in the third period to provide an insurance goal. He also scored an important goal in Detroit's 3-1 win Saturday.

"A little surprised (it went in)," Abdelkader said. "It kind of went on end. I think it caught everyone off guard. That's why you throw pucks on net; you never know how they're going to bounce."

Abdelkader played five minutes Saturday and fewer than nine minutes Sunday, yet he has two goals. Pittsburgh captain Sidney Crosby has none, even though he looks dangerous every shift.

"When we got the first goal, we got an energy boost and we took advantage of that," Ericsson said. "They got some chances, but we controlled the game pretty good."

Although much was written about Ericsson playing in Game 1 just 72 hours after having his appendix removed, he simply credits modern medicine.

"Just a couple years ago, it took people a month to recover. It took me three days," he said.

He played 16 minutes in Game 2 and said he continues to feel better each day.

"I don't think there will be a big thing when I get grandkids," he said. "I think it'll be an everyday situation. In 20, 30, 40 years, maybe surgery will develop to another level."

Pittsburgh forward Chris Kunitz said Detroit's ability to roll four lines and three solid defensive pairings is making a difference in this hard-checking series.

"They're a good team," Kunitz said. "They've shown that for the last 10, 12 years. You have to stay on them. We have to grind our game down, get them in behind the net, wear them down. We have to keep putting

pucks toward the net. There were free pucks there tonight that we got to make sure we bat in. We can't have those second, third chances escape from us."

Rampage, Evans will Coach Heavies in 'The Ultimate Fighter'

LAS VEGAS – Former UFC champions Rampage Jackson and Rashad Evans will coach heavyweight fighters in the 10th season of the mixed martial arts league's popular reality television show.

In a season dubbed *The Ultimate Fighter: Heavyweights*, the show will follow two teams of the UFC's largest fighters for the first time since the show's second season.

Jackson and Evans also will fight in December after the series concludes.

The show will be filmed this summer, premiering Sept. 16 on Spike TV.

Jackson and Evans both are former light heavyweight champions, with Evans losing the belt to Lyoto Machida last weekend.

Jackson has recorded two impressive wins since losing the belt last year. He will be a coach on the show for the second time in four seasons.

Dog that bit James Harrison's son finds a home

PITTSBURGH – Steelers LB James Harrison has found a new home for Patron, the pit bull who bit his son last week.

The *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* reports that Harrison will cede the dog to an unnamed woman who rehabilitates pit bulls.

Harrison's son, James III, spent several days in the hospital after being bit on May 21.

Bill Parise, the agent for Harrison, said the Defensive Player of the Year last season wanted to find a new owner where the dog would not be near children or with a someone who would use it in dog fighting.



TASK FORCE LIGHTNING – THROUGH THE LENS



Staff Sgt. Eddie Fonoti, CP-North, Task Force Lightning and NCOIC of Brig. Gen. Brown's PSD, provides security at Mosul Dam during a visit to the dam as part of ongoing negotiations between the Iraqi Army and Peshmerga forces, May 25.



Specialist Daniel Nelson, 145th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, sits in a decorative chair at the Al-Faw Palace during a recent trip to Baghdad, May 27.



Sgt. Siler, a PSD member from 3rd HBCT, 1st Cavalry Division, talks to United States Ambassador to Iraq, Christopher Hill, during his recent trip to Mosul, 31 May.



Brig. Gen. Robert Brown, deputy commanding general – north, Task Force Lightning, congratulates newly promoted captain Melissa Lewis, his aide-de-camp, immediately after promoting her in a ceremony on the CP-North Shore Lanai at FOB Marez, Mosul, Iraq, June 1.

HEROES OF THE 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION



- Master Sergeant Melvin O Handrich
- Company C, 5th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division
- Born: January 26, 1919, Manawa, WI
- Died: 26 August 1950
- Entered Service: Manawa, WI
- Place of Action: Near Sobuk San Mountain, Korea
- Date of Action: 25-26 August 1950



Melvin O. Handrich

Medal of Honor Citation:

M/Sgt. Handrich, Company C, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action. His company was engaged in repulsing an estimated 150 enemy who were threatening to overrun its position. Near midnight on 25 August, a hostile group over 100 strong attempted to infiltrate the company perimeter. M/Sgt. Handrich, despite the heavy enemy fire, voluntarily left the comparative safety of the defensive area and moved to a forward position where he could direct mortar and artillery fire upon the advancing enemy. He remained at this post for 8 hours directing fire against the enemy who often approached to within 50 feet of his position. Again, on the morning of 26 August, another strong hostile force made an attempt to overrun the company's position. With complete disregard for his safety, M/Sgt. Handrich rose to his feet and from this exposed position fired his rifle and directed mortar and artillery fire on the attackers. At the peak of this action he observed elements of his company preparing to withdraw. He perilously made his way across fire-swept terrain to the defense area where, by example and forceful leadership, he reorganized the men to continue the fight. During the action M/Sgt. Handrich was severely wounded. Refusing to take cover or be evacuated, he returned to his forward position and continued to direct the company's fire. Later a determined enemy attack overran M/Sgt. Handrich's position and he was mortally wounded. When the position was retaken, over 70 enemy dead were counted in the area he had so intrepidly defended. M/Sgt. Handrich's sustained personal bravery, consummate courage, and gallant self-sacrifice reflect untold glory upon himself and the heroic traditions of the military service.

HEROES OF THE 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION



- 1LT Robert Leslie Poxon
- Troop B, 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division
- Born: 3 January 1947, Detroit, Michigan
- Died: 2 June 1969
- Entered Service: Detroit, Michigan
- Place of Action: Tay Ninh Province, Republic of Vietnam
- Date of Action: 2 June 1969



Robert L. Poxon

Medal of Honor Citation:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. 1st Lt. Poxon, Armor, Troop B, distinguished himself while serving as a platoon leader on a reconnaissance mission. Landing by helicopter in an area suspected of being occupied by the enemy, the platoon came under intense fire from enemy soldiers in concealed positions and fortifications around the landing zone. A soldier fell, hit by the first burst of fire. 1st Lt. Poxon dashed to his aid, drawing the majority of the enemy fire as he crossed 20 meters of open ground. The fallen soldier was beyond help and 1st Lt. Poxon was seriously and painfully wounded. 1st Lt. Poxon, with indomitable courage, refused medical aid and evacuation and turned his attention to seizing the initiative from the enemy. With sure instinct he marked a central enemy bunker as the key to success. Quickly instructing his men to concentrate their fire on the bunker, and in spite of his wound, 1st Lt. Poxon crawled toward the bunker, readied a hand grenade and charged. He was hit again but continued his assault. After succeeding in silencing the enemy guns in the bunker he was struck once again by enemy fire and fell, mortally wounded. 1st Lt. Poxon's comrades followed their leader, pressed the attack and drove the enemy from their positions. 1st Lt. Poxon's gallantry, indomitable will, and courage are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the U.S. Army.