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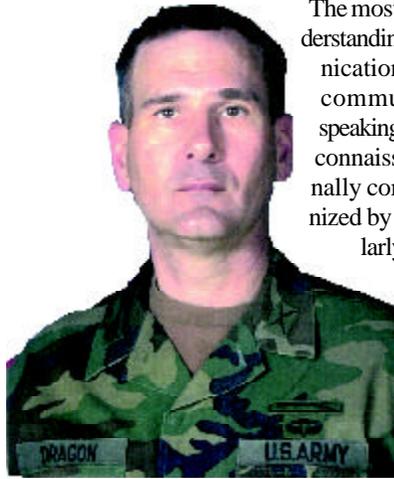
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BEHIND THE LINES

Operating in a Multi-National environment

By Col. Randal Dragon



The most important aspect of understanding one another is communication. Soldiers overcome communication barriers by speaking in doctrinal terms. A “reconnaissance patrol” is a doctrinally correct term that is recognized by all of our armies. Similarly, a “cordon and search” is executed almost universally the same. By using proper doctrinal terms when speaking or issuing orders, we narrow the communication gap. Using clear, concise operational

One of the best opportunities we have as soldiers in MNB(E) is to work with soldiers from other countries. The multi-national nature of the KFOR mission allows us to become familiar with the perspectives of soldiers from around the globe as both professionals, and as individuals. Each country that provides soldiers to this brigade—Great Britain, Germany, Greece, Italy, Lithuania, Poland, Russia, Ireland and Ukraine—contribute to our diversity. This inherent diversity is the single greatest strength of our brigade.

When the citizens of our sector watch us, they see a brigade that is multi-national and multi-ethnic—working together for a common purpose. There is no better example of strength in diversity for the people of Kosovo than the soldiers of KFOR. Every soldier of the brigade understands that we have differences. We speak different languages and come from different cultures, but one of the magnificent attributes of our common culture—soldiering—is that we look past those differences to seek common ground and mutual understanding in the accomplishment of the mission.

language is the best way to ensure a common understanding.

In our final months together, I challenge all soldiers in the brigade to take advantage of the opportunity that the multi-national environment presents. We have been given the chance to work with soldiers of different nations in an operational environment. This is a rich training opportunity at all levels. Junior leaders will begin to appreciate working with soldiers who speak a different language, use different equipment, and operate with different command and control systems. At the same time, working through the complexities of integrating different nations’ soldiers into various operations will challenge our senior leaders.

Multi-National operations work—and we have proven they work—in both framework operations and in high profile operations like Iron Fist, Rapid Guardian, and most recently in the operation at Saint Uros Church in Urosevac. Multi-National operations are not the way of the future: they are the way of the present, and they are here to stay. As professionals, we must understand the dynamics of operating in a multinational environment and then lead the way in making these relationships strong and enduring.

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By Tony Velkov

Multinational cooperation

6 NATIONS WORK TOGETHER IN MASS CASUALTY EXERCISE AT CAMP ABLE SENTRY — MISSION SUCCESS

The Camp Able Sentry Emergency Response Teams, in conjunction with their colleagues from the Belgian, Norwegian, Italian, French, and Polish National Support Entities, conducted a mass casualty exercise in Petrovec, near the Former Republic of Yugoslavia Macedonia border, Sept. 7.

The coordination between the NSE's was multitiered.

At the command level, a new Command and Control Center, specially designed and located at CAS, was used for the first time. This allowed liaison officers from all participating nations to establish a single command and control cell that guided all aspects of the operation.

At the execution level, soldiers and leaders got firsthand experience working in a true multinational coalition that responded to a MASCAL scenario with wounded patients from six nations.

Capt. David Goforth, the CAS base support battalion operations and the proponent officer of the event said, "It was easy in the CCC to communicate between the nations because all the LNO's could speak English, but in the field it was a different story."

The end result was a well-coordinated field exercise that required 3 months of planning between the six participating nations. Further, they coordinated with the NATO headquarters in the FYROM. The exercise tested the teamwork and resolve of emergency responders while also testing the command and control of security forces to safely secure the scene.

The exercise started when a KFOR bus full of soldiers was blown up by a terrorist's bomb. This resulted in a massive casualty situation that no NSE could handle alone.

Upon hearing of the explosion, the French NSE was the first to react when they sent a team to secure the area and send notification with a request for help to the CCC. The French fire and medical teams followed to start sorting the injured categorically by establishing a triage area.

Soon thereafter, Norwegian and Polish ambulances arrived with medical teams. Immediately, they established a casualty collection point with the French doctors.

The United States NSE was required to follow security measures for terrorist attacks, which caused a delay in their reaction. When mobilized, the U.S. arrived with two fire trucks, three ambulances, a MASCAL support truck, a command and control vehicle, and a MEDEVAC Black Hawk helicopter.

Although the language barrier was always present on the scene, the professionalism of the teams in the field crossed that barrier. But with all the barriers, the medical response teams were able to get the casualties en route to higher medical care in less than two hours.



TOP: After preparing the FLA M997 Ambulance for transport of casualties, Spc. Marie Fils-Aime, a medic in 557th Med. Co. Ground Ambulance, guides the litter bearers to load the rest of the casualties properly.

ABOVE: Lt. Col. Denis Castelet, commander of the operational support for the French camp, points out the Incident Control Point during a rock drill, as Capt. David Goforth places the markers on the terrain model.

RIGHT: Cpl. Sean Vereecken from the Belgian NSE and Spc. Frenel Henty, a medic in 557th Med. Co. Ground Ambulance, transport a casualty from the ambulance to the Casualty Collection Point to receive further medical care.



Photos by Tony Velkov

By Spc. Jasmine Chopra

KPS benefits from Mult-National training

AUTHORITIES ENSURE LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT

We are a team of three – (United Nations) Civilian Police, KPS and KFOR,” said Lt. Col Richard Vanderlinden, Task Force 709th Military Police commander. “We are all working toward the same goal of ensuring law enforcement support to the people of Kosovo.”

In municipalities such as Kacanik, teams from the 630th MP Co., attached to TF 709th MP, contribute to this goal. Operating out of a substation, they conduct intelligence operations, which include gathering, reporting, and disseminating information among KFOR and law enforcement agencies.

“The benefit of working together — KFOR, KPS, and UNMIK (CIVPOL) — is that we have all these skilled people from different resources

that are here to make Kosovo safe and secure and prepare the KPS to take care of police operations themselves,” said Spc. Peter Bushacker, a military police specialist with the 630th.

The 630th also acts as liaison between CIVPOL and the Polish Ukrainian Battalion as well, said 2nd Lt. Yesenia Garcia, a platoon leader in the 630th.

POLUKRBAT is the maneuver element in Kacanik.

Together they conduct mounted and dismounted security patrols, cordon-and-search operations and checkpoint operations, trying to seize illegal weapons, drugs and other contraband.

“I’ve had good experiences working with American soldiers because they are professional and experienced,” said Polish army Capt. Pawel Brzek, commander of Company Hawk, a military police unit in POLUKRBAT.

On some POLUKRBAT-led missions, U.S. MPs fall under Polish team leaders.

“I’ve been on missions where Captain Brzek is my team leader,” Garcia said.

“It’s been like an officer professional development experience ... We have an advantage over soldiers who haven’t worked with international armies because we’ve gained that experience and we know what to expect.”

Polish army Capt. Hubert Glica, of the Civil Military Cooperative, said that the POLUKRBAT can serve as an example of ethnic tolerance for Albanians and Serbs.

Peacekeeper profile



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unit: B Co. 54th Eng. Bn.

Why did you join the Army? I joined the Army for job satisfaction.

What is the best thing that has been mailed to you here? Pictures of my niece.



From a balcony at the Kacanik Military Police Substation, Pfc. Ashley Gardiner, a military police specialist with the 630th Military Police Company, looks over Kacanik, the city where she conducts police operations.

“After World War II, relations between Poles and Ukrainians were not good,” Glica said. “Now we work together as one battalion with common goals contributing to progress.”

“Strpce was closed to Albanians; now it is open. We removed our checkpoint in Drajkovce, and the president of the Strpce Municipality, who is Albanian, is free to work there. Albanian internally displaced persons are returning to the area on their own. The situation is getting better each month.”

The joint policing efforts are paving the way for a transfer to civilian authorities, such as KPS.

“The progress I’ve seen in the KPS within the last 18 months is one to be proud of”, said Donnie Hensley, CIVPOL commander for the Gnjilane region.

At the Kacanik police station, civilian police from more than 30 nations work with KPS members.

KPS is not only learning from the multi-national policing effort, but they are providing valuable knowledge to others as well.

“Working with CIVPOL and KPS is a great opportunity,” said Pfc. Ashley Gardiner, a military police specialist with the 630th. “I’ve learned what the local customs and traditions are from the KPS, and this helps us when we conduct interviews with locals.”

Bushacker and Gardiner both work at the substation.

CIVPOL conducts law enforcement technique training sessions at the Kacanik police station. KPS members benefit from the instruction, and so do MPs, since the military substation is inside the Kacanik police station.

“We work directly with KPS, so we know their strengths and weaknesses,” said Bazibi Dube, primary field training officer with CIVPOL.

“They’re making progress and have a positive attitude. I’m a trainer back home in Zimbabwe, so when I came here, I came with the desire to teach the people of Kosovo the best way to police. My goal is to see the KPS become a strong and capable police force. Like KFOR, we will move out, but we must prepare the KPS to take over police operations.”

KPS training officer Aida Kycyku said KPS is making progress.

“I had American instructors who gave me the best knowledge and training they knew how,” she said. “Now I’m a trainer and this is an important responsibility. We are the Kosovo Police Service. We must always remember that we are a service for all the people, no matter the ethnicity or religion. The people will trust us, and we must be a service worthy of that trust.”

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By Spc. Kate Mclsaac

Greek, U.S. doctors conduct MEDCAP

Medics from Task Force 1-7 Field Artillery, and a doctor from the 501st Mechanized Greek Battalion, set up shop in a small clinic in the town of Softovic to conduct a Medical Civilian Assistance Program Thursday.

“The 501st requested that we help with a Medcap,” said 2nd Lt. Rafael Cohen, officer-in-charge of the medical section for Task Force 1-7 FA. “The doctor is new and asked us to take him along and show him the ropes. The doctor was really receptive and it went well.”

In addition, Cohen had a chance to train a local Albanian doctor.

“Having the Albanian doctor in the room really adds credibility for the patients,” Cohen said. “We are also able to show the people that the Albanian doctor is just as good as we are.”

All three doctors were kept busy. More than 80 people filed into the small clinic for treatment. Cohen, alongside Greek doctor, Lt. Christos Petropoulos from the 501st Mech.,



TOP: Second Lt. Rafael Cohen, officer-in-charge of the Medical Unit for TF 1-7 FA, cleans up a cut for a little boy during the Medcap Thursday. **ABOVE:** Lt. Petropoulos Christos, a Greek doctor in the 501st Mechanized Battalion, examines a four year old girl. Petropoulos and U.S. soldiers held a Medcap in the town of Softovic.

Peacekeeper profile



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Why did you join the Army? I wanted to see the world.
What is the best thing that has been mailed to you here? Starbucks Coffee

saw patients with a wide variety of ailments.

“We have seen some really interesting cases today,” Cohen said.

A small blond-haired boy with enormous green eyes, had fallen earlier that day and cut his eye badly. The bruises near his left eye were swollen and discolored.

Cohen applied some ointment and cleaned the wound. He was able, with the help of a translator, to instruct the mother on how to care for the little boy.

“It was really neat to see an injury that had happened that morning, and then be able to do something to make it better,” Cohen said.

Cohen then saw an elderly man who complained of abdominal pain. During the exam, Cohen discovered a bowling ball sized hernia.

“I am going to try and link him up with an Albanian provider so he can get this taken care of,” Cohen said.

Outside the exam rooms, the waiting room was packed with people. Everyone gathered around the optometrist, who had set up some chairs in the middle of the room.

Capt. Thomas Damiani, an optometrist attached to Task Force Medical Falcon, saw more than 40 patients during the Medcap.

“A lot of the elderly and kids aren’t able to see at a distance,” Damiani said. “By giving them glasses you give them a whole new perspective on life.”

“For many, they can do things they haven’t been able to do in a very long time.”

Damiani and his optometry technician, Sgt. Nakia White, use a portable machine to determine a patient’s prescription needs. Then, they reach into one of the half dozen footlockers filled with donated glasses to meet the patient’s needs.

“It’s not Lenscrafters — but it’s free,” he said with a smile.

The Medcap proved to be rewarding for both soldiers and patients alike.

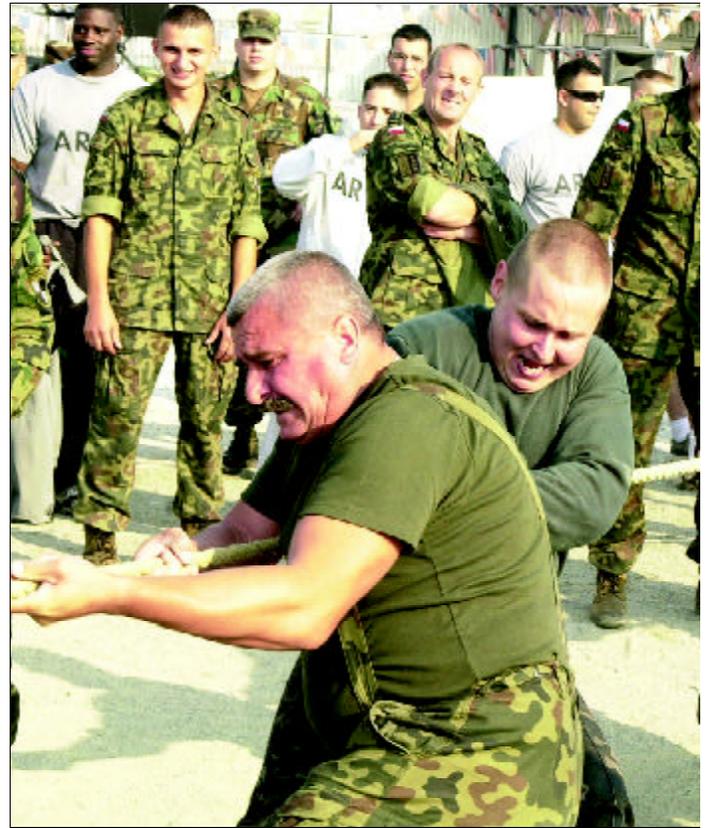
“The ability to make a difference in people’s lives is what brings us to towns like this,” said Staff Sgt. Colin Little, noncommissioned officer in charge of the medical section for TF 1-7 FA.

After three games of basketball with some local children, Little gave away the basketball to a 10 year-old boy. He also handed out toys donated by his relatives.

“If we can influence the younger generation positively, I believe we can influence the future of Kosovo,” Little said.

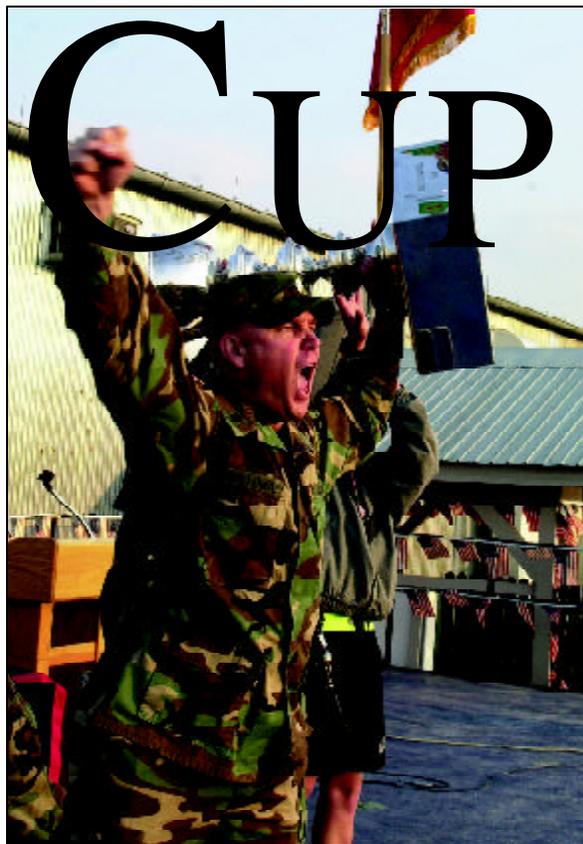
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TASK FORCE 1-7 FIELD ARTILLERY TOOK HOME THE WINNING TROPHY AT SPORTS DAY, SATURDAY. SOLDIERS REPRESENTING 18 BATTALIONS IN MNI



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BATTALIONS IN MNB(E) PARTICIPATED IN THE DAY'S EVENTS.



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT

VOLLEYBALL — *Right*, Sgt. Dimitrios Giakoudis of the 501st Mechanized Battalion prepares to spike the ball as his POLUKRBAT opponent, Warrant Officer Mariusz Rodak, prepares a return.

TUG OF WAR — Soldiers from the POLUKRBAT dig in and hold tight in a heated battle against TF 1-7 FA.

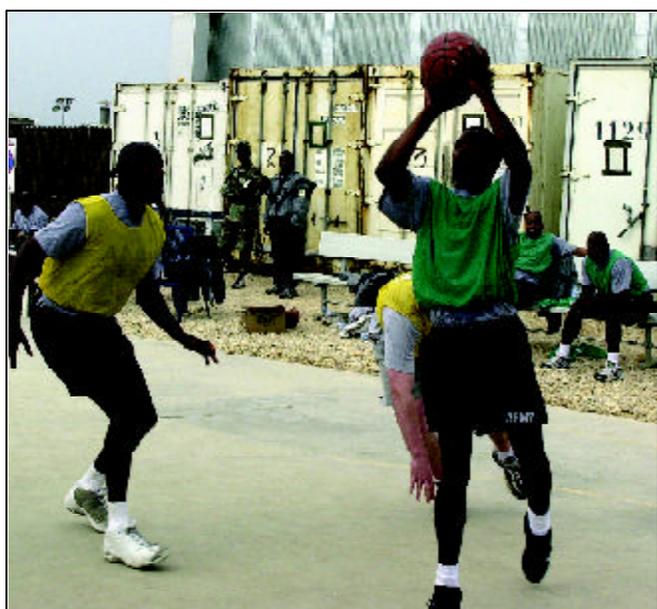
VICTORY — Lt. Col. Gerald Galloway, commander of TF 1-7 FA, raises the championship trophy and yells at the crowd during the closing ceremony.

BASKETBALL — Spc. James Harris, administrative assistant in Headquarters and Headquarters Company, pulls up for a jump shot. Harris led his team to the overall basketball victory.

SAND BAG RACE — *From left to right*, Sgt. Dmitrijus Kozuchovskis, Pvt. Jan Bara, and Pvt. Damian Sobczak, of the POLUKRBAT team, scramble to build a fighting position.

HUMVEE RACE — *Front row*, Sgt. John Thomas, *left*, and Spc. Jose Trejo, lead the efforts of Task Force 1-18 Infantry during the Humvee pull.

Photos by Spc. Jasmine Chopra, Staff Sgt. Keith Robinson and Master Sgt. Mark Van Leer



AROUND THE WORLD

headlines

World

Taliban's Omar: No rest until U.S. leaves

The Arabic al-Jazeera television said on Thursday it had received a statement from ousted Taliban leader Mullah Omar in which he vowed his group will not rest until it ousts U.S. forces from Afghanistan. "God willing the rule of (Islamic) sharia will return to Afghanistan and the believers will bask in God's victory."

— Reuters

Bush to U.N.: 'Show some backbone'

President Bush said Saturday that the United Nations should "show some backbone" and confront Saddam Hussein but that the United States was willing to do it alone if necessary. Bush issued his challenge a day after returning from New York where he called on the United Nations to demand that the Iraqi president destroy his weapons of mass destruction.

— Associated Press

Norway bans contact with Keiko

Norwegian officials on Friday barred people from getting near Keiko the killer whale, hoping to protect the star of the "Free Willy" movies from hordes of fans he appears to enjoy. Six weeks after he was released from his pen in Iceland, the six-ton orca turned up 870 miles away in a western Norwegian fjord last week, drawing crowds wanting to pet him, swim with him, and even climb on the friendly whale's back.

— Associated Press

United States

Victim's names read at ground zero

One by one, the names of the 2,801 souls lost at the World Trade Center echoed across ground zero on the anniversary of the attack Wednesday in a 2 1/2-hour roll call of the dead that underscored the scale of the disaster. The names were read off after thousands of victims' friends and relatives stood for a moment of silence at 8:46 a.m., exactly one year after the first hijacked jetliner hit the twin tower complex.

— Associated Press

N.Y. lottery drawing pops up 9-11

On the anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, a date often repeated as 9-11, the numbers that popped up for the New York Lottery were 9-1-1. "The numbers were picked in the standard random fashion using all the same protocols," said Lottery spokeswoman Carolyn Hapeman. "It's just the way the numbers came up."

— Associated Press

Military

U.S. Army facilities in Germany to close

Department of Defense officials announced Sept. 12 the closure of the following U.S. Army, Europe facilities in Germany:

- Oberdachstetten Family Housing Area in Ansbach
- Regensburg Housing Area in Regensburg
- Rheinau Coal Point D1 in Mannheim
- Johnson Barracks in Nuernberg
- The Garmisch Shopping Center

will also be partially closed.

These facilities have been identified as excess to the Army's needs in Europe and are expected to be turned over to German officials by the end of September.

— Army News Service

U.S. pilots charged with manslaughter

Two U.S. F-16 fighter pilots have been charged with manslaughter and assault in the April "friendly fire" bombing of Canadian troops in Afghanistan that killed four soldiers and injured eight, the Air Force said on Friday.

— Reuters

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Local citizens observe 9-11

People lit candles on the streets of many of Kosovo's towns on Wednesday to remember those killed in last year's terrorist attacks on the United States. Sept. 11 was declared a "day of remembrance" in Kosovo.

— Associated Press

6 nations prepare for joint training

From Sept. 15 to 25, six nations; Italy, Poland, Netherlands, USA, Romania and Argentina will deploy "Strategic Reserve Force" (SRF) headquarters and troops to Bosnia-Herzegovina and Kosovo to take part in an operational rehearsal, named Dynamic Response 2002.

In Kosovo, the Italian San Marco Regiment will be operating in MNB(N), undertaking checkpoint and patrol duties and the U.S. 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit will be integrated into MNB (S) to carry out Peace Support Operations along the border region. Dynamic Response 2002 exercises NATO's ability to provide reinforcement troops at short notice to the Balkans, should the need ever arise.

— NATO press release

Macedonia PM swept from power

Macedonian moderate Branko Crvenkovski swept aside hardline nationalists, to take power after the country's first parliamentary elections since a violent uprising by the ethnic Albanian minority.

But the new government faces some huge challenges, including building bridges between the majority Slav population and ethnic Albanians.

— CNN.com

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At the World Trade Center site on Wednesday, a police officer knelt amid the offerings.

Trading places

By Staff Sgt. Keith Robinson

SOLDIERS IN C Co. 1-26th INF. ROTATE TO MNB(N) FOR A MONTH

Members of Company C., 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment rotated into the French sector of Multi-National Brigade (North) for a month-long mission in the city of Mitrovica. In Exchange, the French sent a company of soldiers to Camp Monteith to complete the multi-national exchange of forces.

In a small change of command ceremony, held August 23 at Camp Belvedere, headquarters for the French Task Force, Capt. Barrett M. Bernard, commander of C Co. 1-26th Inf., replaced a Belgian company. Each month a different multi-national force rotates into the French sector.

“Our roll here is to present an international presence in MNB(N)” said Bernard, whose company was augmented by a platoon from the 127th Military Police Company for the mission. “We want to show that the international community is united in our peacekeeping effort.”

According to Bernard, his soldiers are performing the same missions in Mitrovica as in MNB(E), where his company is responsible for patrolling small towns around the city of Gilane, with one difference. “The French soldiers are integrated into our patrols in Mitrovica,” Bernard said “We have French and American soldiers walking side-by-side showing multi-national cooperation.”

While in MNB(N), Company C’s primary responsibility is walking patrols in the predominately ethnically Albanian section of southern Mitrovica. “It is irrelevant where we work,” Bernard said, “because



Pfc. Chris Wynn, of 127th Military Police Company, attached to the 709th MP Bn., searches civilians crossing the Austerlitz Bridge in Mitrovica, as a French soldier observes. The MP’s patrolled the bridge with their French partners for four days out of their month-long stay in MNB(N). The bridge separates the predominantly Albanian section of the city from the Serbian sector.

KFOR’s job here is to be impartial. We are treating everybody we meet with dignity and respect.”

During their short stay on Belvedere, the U.S. soldiers slept and ate in the French facilities, as they adjust ing to life away from Camp Monteith. In addition, the U.S. soldiers participated in sporting activities with the French soldiers and conducted training exercises to keep their peacekeeping and warfighting skills sharp. The mission in Mitrovica gave our soldiers an excellent chance to learn how the French soldiers do things, which is important in a multi-national peacekeeping operation, Bernard said.

Approximately one week into their rotation, C 1-26th Inf. received the mission of patrolling the Austerlitz bridge, which separates the ethnic Albanian section of town from the ethnic Serb sector. The bridge has been the site of numerous riots and violence between the Kosovar-Albanians and Kosovar-Serbs. As recently as a week before the C 1-26th Inf. arrived on the

bridge, a grenade exploded on the Serb side of the bridge.

“Our mission on the bridge is to keep the Albanians and Serbs peaceful,” said Sgt. Tomas W. Bowman, of 127th MP Co., who patrols the bridge in rotating shifts. “The people here have welcomed us with open arms. I guess they like Americans.”

The U.S. soldiers guarded the bridge for four days, augmenting the French soldiers, who have witnessed several violent demonstrations on the bridge. According to Bowman, the Albanians and Serbs do not try to hide their activities on the bridge.

“There is a Serb watch tower on their side,” Bowman said, “and the Albanians are over here keeping an eye on the Serbs.”

Although the bridge has a history of violent riots, the U.S. soldiers experienced cooperation from the Albanians and Serbs who use the bridge on a daily basis.

“They (the French) are in charge of the bridge,” said Sgt. Samuel Cook, of Company C. “We are here to show the people a multi-national force. We are also showing that we (U.S. and French forces) can work together and maybe that will push them (Albanian and Serbs) to work together.”

As their rotation in MNB(N) draws to an end, Bernard feels that the assignment could not have come at a better time.

“The change from MNB(E) to MNB(N) has re-energized the soldiers” Bernard said, “Mid-way through a deployment, soldiers historically start getting complacent. The change of scenery and mission was good for the soldiers.”

Peacekeeper profile



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Why did you join the Army? I like being in touch with people. I like to train them and teach them military science.

By Spc. Jasmine Chopra

Message is mission

RESERVE PSYOP UNIT

SPREADS THE WORD

They dispersed more than 300,000 print products, produced more than 1,560 broadcast hours, put up 12 billboards in the Multi-National Brigade (East) sector and developed a record-breaking 70 new print products and innovative items.

If the 304th Psychological Operations Company were a corporation, you might just want their stock.

The 304th, a reserve company based in Sacramento Calif. took charge of PSYOP for MNB (E) from an active duty company in April.

"These soldiers met every challenge with enthusiasm and exceeded goals," said Maj. Sharon Wagner, the first woman in the history of KFOR to command a tactical PSYOP company for MNB (E). In her civilian career, Wagner, 39, is a deputy project manager with United Technologies Corporation in San Jose, Calif.

Twenty-six reservists and three active duty soldiers comprise the 304th. They made it their duty to improve conditions in the towns and villages of Multi-National Brigade (East). This was accomplished daily by handing out informative literature and items, producing public service programming on local radio and T.V. stations and conducting face-to-face operations in the communities. Their interactions provided the command with useful information to

the local populace that Shaped the environment to achieve the MNB(E) stated goals and objectives, Wagner said.

"When I first found out that I was getting deployed to Kosovo, I was concerned for my safety," said Spc. Geegee Image, a reservist and PSYOP specialist in the 304th. "But then when I got here, I realized that the people from prior rotations had done such a good job of maintaining a safe and secure environment that there really isn't any reason to be scared.

"Although there is that chance (of danger), I am aware of my surroundings, and I'm careful. Kosovo is not as threatening as I thought it would be."

Image, a 21-year old dental assistant from Reno, Nev., is a member of the broadcast team. She and Spc. Michael Martinez, 32, also a reservist and PSYOP specialist in the 304th, host themed radio programs on several local stations. Some of these themes include the importance of going to school, the dangers of extremist groups, and how the black market affects economies.

Martinez uses his skills gleaned from his civilian job as a reporter with the "Oakland Tribune" in Oakland, Calif. to interview guests and offer commentaries.

In addition to broadcast teams, the company has Tactical PSYOP Teams.

TPT members distribute informative literature to the local populace including schools and community centers. Similar to the broadcast programming, the literature and items cover topics like land mine awareness, democracy education, freedom of movement, tolerance anti-extremism and the benefits of multi-ethnic communities.

"I'm most proud of the educational series we provided on democracy," Wagner said. "We provided information about media, justice, and elections in a democracy."

The municipal elections in Kosovo are sched-



Spc. Geegee Image, a PSYOP specialist in the 304th PSYOP Company, co-hosts the weekly "Big Show," a KFOR-sponsored program on the Radio Tema station.

uled for October, so it is critical to stress how a democratic society functions and the process of participating in the elections, Wagner said.

Although the 304th replaced an active duty PSYOP company, the integration with the active duty component has been seamless, thanks to preparation, training and guidance from three active duty PSYOPS soldiers brought in to augment the company, said Command Sgt. Maj. Philip Houseworth.

"The active duty counterparts that came with us are more tactically proficient and technically skilled. They do this all the time. For them, it is routine," said Houseworth, 40, an electrician for the El Dorado Irrigation District in Placerville, Calif. "Where we make up the difference is in our enthusiasm... For us it's exciting. My soldiers are 'hungry.' They want to go out and learn."

There are soldiers in the company who in their civilian careers are employed in the medical field. Some soldiers work in law enforcement. Others are mechanics still others are students and teachers.

Houseworth said that the skills reservists bring from their civilian careers to their military duties enhance mission success.

The 304th will transfer authority of psychological operations for MNB (E) to the 13th PSYOP Battalion Saturday.

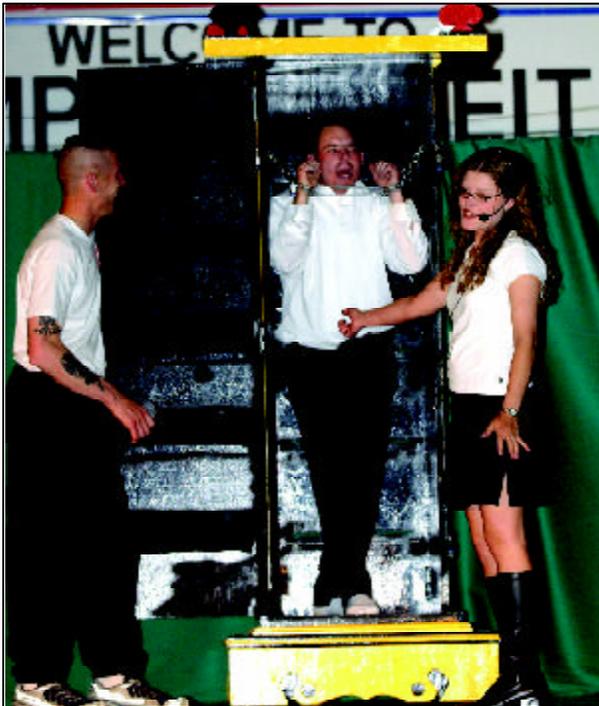


Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Silva, a tactical psychological operations team leader in the 304th PSYOP Company, distributes stickers with public service announcements to school children in Urosevac.

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Kosovo moments

MORALE, WELFARE AND RECREATION



LEFT: Inside the box: Pfc. Jason Morel, a welder with Company B, 299th Logistical Task Force, and Spc. Holly Carriker, a medic in Company C, 299 LTF, and an assistant prepare to saw through Morel during a magic show performed at Camp Monteith. *Photo by Spc. Patrick Rodriguez*

BELOW: Capt. Brian W. Chepey, chaplain for 2-1 Aviation and Chief Warrant Officer James McDonald, participate in a comedy skit during an MWR-sponsored variety show at Camp Bondsteel Sept. 7. *Photo by Spc. Jasmine Chopra*



Bless America



Col. George Lanning, commander of the Area Support Group, takes a photo with a group of school children from Mitrovica who came to Camp Bondsteel to show their support on Sept. 11. "Having the kids here was a significant event to us," said Capt. Tiffany Wright, deputy chief of the Joint Visitors' Bureau. "They wanted to show their support for us, and I believe that they were honoring us. I thought that was a great contribution." The class came to sing, light candles and recite poems to troops in remembrance of the terrorist attacks.

A DAY OF TRIBUTE: SEPT. 11 REMEMBERED



LEFT: Soldiers participate in an MWR-sponsored "Remembrance Run" Sept 11 at Camp Bondsteel. Runners were encouraged to wear patriotic red, white and blue.

BELOW: Cpl. David Tarvin, command group office administrator, plays "Taps" at the end of the 9-11 ceremony Wednesday in the Camp Bondsteel theater.



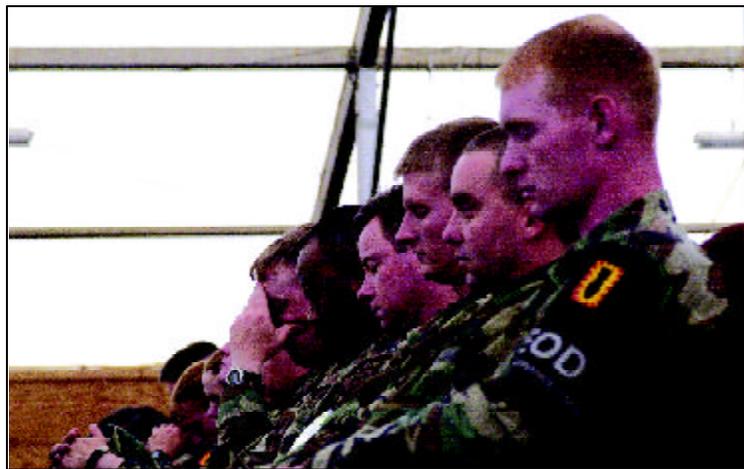
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ABOVE: Maj. Sheila Denham, commander of the 106th Finance Battalion, recites the oath of re-enlistment in mailpay noncommissioned officer-in-charge Sgt. Lawrence Cofer, during a re-enlistment ceremony Sept. 11.

"It's good day," Cofer said. "It's a patriotic day."

ABOVE RIGHT: 1st Lt. Elsa Bullard, 3rd platoon leader for 127th Military Police Company, Capt. Daniel Middlebrooks, chaplain for 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, and Chief Warrant Officer Cynthia Beard of the 101st Military Intelligence Battalion perform a gospel song during a Sept 11 ceremony held at Camp Monteith.

RIGHT: Soldiers bow their heads in prayer during a somber ceremony at Camp Bondsteel to honor those who died in last year's terrorist attacks. The 46-minute ceremony Sept. 11 was timed to conclude with the playing of "Taps" at the exact moment when the second tower collapsed in New York City.



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