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Maj. Gen. Ghulam Haidar, 201st Corps chief of staff, inspects supply inventories and other Camp Zai-u-haq documents at Laghman Province, Dec. 23. The inspection came after Soldiers complained about the food.

Checking unit's quality of food



A Soldier checks bread provided by the Dining Facility during the inspection to make sure it is fully baked.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Ramin Sahmadi

Search and control

A Security Guard Company soldier checks a ranger truck for explosives at the Pol-e-Charkhi main gate Dec. 23. Capt. Abdul Qaseem instructed his personnel on how to check and control vehicles before allowing them unto the post.

Commander's Message Regard Media Policy

Recently, it seems that some commanders and officers at different levels have gone against the adopted policy of the 201st Corps, and the policies of the Ministry of Defense, and are making contact with media reporters without the guidance of those responsible for the resources they are discussing.

Inviting foreign and afghan media without permission, or to be interviewed without notifying the chain of command or public affairs, is against Order #61 of the defense minister. I repeat, all commanders and officers are to remember Order #61 of defense minister Abdul Raheem Wardak.

Whenever a commander or officer would like to have a media event, they must coordinate it with the 201st Corps public affairs department. The PA officer has permanent communication with parliament public affairs and the social affairs of the department of defense, so he can make sure you are informed of media trends and that you provide the media the correct information.

Conducting a press conference without my approval is unacceptable.

Maj. Gen. M. Raheem Wardak
201st Corps commanding general

3rd Battalion, 1st Brigade learns M-16 at Pol-e-Charkhi



Lt. Col. Rais Khan, the 201st Corps training officer, reviews training materials used to give guidance to students of the M16 course, Dec. 26.



Afghan National Army personnel help each other perform a functions check with the M-16 rifle during training at Pol-E-Charkhi Dec. 26.

Story by Capt. M. Osman Khamoosh
201st Corps Public Affairs

Soldiers from 3rd Battalion, 1st Brigade, conducted M-16 rifle training at Pol-e-Charkhi, as part of their preparation to deploy in support operations in southern Afghanistan.

The two-weeklong training was supported by expert international instructors and the 201st Corps training officer, Lt. Col. Rais Khan.

“If we equip the personnel, they will have stronger morale, be more patriotic and have a better ability to defend the country even under difficult circumstances,” Khan said. “The enemy will not be able to accomplish the courses of action they would most like to.”

Because the 201st Corps was given priority to training qualified people, about 2,500 Afghan National Army Soldiers were trained here last year.

Courses taught at 201st Corps have included heavy weapons; M-16A4 rifle; battalion, company and platoon commander’s courses; logistics; engineering; medical training and more.

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Photos by Sgt. Rafiullah Mohibat

Sgt. Abdul Quayoum explains radio operation during a practical exercise with his personnel.



Sgt. Shamsuddin, a communication sergeant with 3rd Battalion, explains how to dial a frequency on the radio to one of his Soldiers.



Sgt. Maiwand instructs Soldiers on how to search a suspect at a checkpoint during the vehicle control training practical exercise.

1st Brigade training

By Sgt. Mirwaiz
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Based on the 1st Brigade command group's training schedule, Soldiers received a variety of training from experienced officers, noncommissioned officers and international partners, Jan. 4.

Conducted by a combination of lecture and practical exercises, 3rd Battalion personnel trained on such events as communication, reacting to ambush, intelligence, map reading and sand tables, vehicle control points, and tactical movement.

"This type of training can increase personnel's combat skills and capabilities, so that the battalion will be able to conduct successful missions," said Lt. Col. Nabi-uallah, 3rd Battalion commander.



An MPRI instructor shows 3rd Battalion Soldiers how to use a sand-table during a map reading class.



Sgt. Ahasanullah, 3rd Company, 3rd Battalion, puts his unit through a tactical movement drill during the react to ambush training.

ISAF VIP visits 201st Corps

Maj. Gen. M. Raheem Wardak, the 201st Corps commanding general, speaks with French Maj. Gen. Jacques Lechevallier, commander of Forces Headquarter at Limoges, France, about the corps' responsibilities in regional command east during the ISAF officer's visit to Pol-e-Charkhi Jan. 4.



Photo by Sgt. Rahmudeen Nangarhari

201st Corps Inspector General's office keeps units effective

By 201st Corps Inspector General's office

The Afghan National Army has many qualified personnel who are serving honestly for peace and stability in security missions all over Afghanistan. They follow training according to plans with international forces and conduct missions to eradicate the enemies of this nation.

Sometimes though, those plans are not followed, and whether it is due to misunderstanding or corruption, the Inspector General's office is here to help.

The success, improvement and achievements of the ANA are all dependent upon following the policies, regulations and orders from higher authorities in the corps headquarters to subordinate units. The IG office inspects these organizations and conducts control climate surveys to advise commanders on where they need to improve, how to fix their mistakes, and offer solutions to their problems.

The inspection system benefits the ANA administration as well, working with the personnel office for changes in structure, and identifying to commanders where they may have a shortage of personnel. There may be areas of concern due to international experiences and standards.

The IG office can even help evaluate activities that lead to more effective combat preparedness for ANA personnel.

The inspection department is also a control measure for officers -- judging when commanders make fair or unfair decisions -- and is always on the look-out to remove problems. The IG office has the right and authority to solve problems for officers, noncommissioned officers, soldiers and even their families.

Honesty, confidence, trust and hardwork are the specialties of a good inspector, and all Soldiers can trust the IG office to look out for them.

The 201st Corps IG office is even planning inspections for



Photographic Illustration by Sgt. Rahmudeen Nangarhan

Any Soldier can turn in an inquiry for the Inspector General's office to investigate without fear of retribution.

headquarter units, and providing professional training about discipline systems to the commanders. Supply and expansion inspections are also planned, and we will always accept inquiries about the performance of an officer-in-charge.

We are looking for the personal concerns of the Soldiers, so we can open discussion and eradicate the problem. Nothing will be solved by staying quiet -- if there is a problem it will only be fixed by informing a higher authority.

The 201st Corps IG office also registers items that were never registered before -- the registration book oversees and keeps an inventory of many expensive items from the supply officers.

By working with the Inspector General, you are part of the fight against corruption within the ANA.

201st CG meets with 45th SBDE

Maj. Gen. M. Raheem Wardak, 201st Corps commanding general, meets with Col. Clay Hatcher, commander of the U.S. 45th Sustainment Brigade, to discuss the future of platoon-level training in the Afghan National Army. The two officers discussed three phases of training from the platoon to command level that would focus on warrior skills, communication and transportation.



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