

Medics conduct critical mission

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COB ADDER, Iraq – Across the Army, the primary job of medics is to provide medical treatment to wounded soldiers. They are a staple of Army combat functionality, and are found in every stage of medical treatment in a combat zone.

Yet, their job encompasses much more than just emergency care.

The medic section at the Special Troops Battalion, 4th Brigade, 1st Armored Division, fulfills many critical roles at Contingency Operating Base Adder and the outposts in the surrounding areas.

The ten-person section, headed by Capt. Isaritz Rosello, from Puerto Rico, is trained to initiate medical treatment at the accident or injury location, maintain medical treatment during evacuation to healthcare facilities and provide medi-



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Medics and personnel at the 10th Combat Support Hospital triage injured victims during an exercise with Army and Air Force personnel, as well as civilian contractors.

cal treatment in the medical facilities.

However, some may not realize what a key role they play in the day-to-day medical treatment of Soldiers.

Medics Pfc. Bianca Ragan and Pfc. Erin Lake currently work at the 10th Combat Support Hospital. They screen patients, administer vaccinations and assist with procedures. They do rotations through the emergency room and are involved with all patients who are triaged through the CSH.

Several of the medics also see to patients through “sick call” Monday through Saturday.

“Ninety percent of the injuries and illnesses that people have can be treated through sick call, because we have a physician’s assistant assigned to the battalion,” said Sgt. Sarah Jean Wicker, Woodbury, Minn., native and noncommissioned officer in charge for the medic section. “Most people we can treat without having to send them to the Combat Support Hospital.”

Specialized requirements, such as physical therapy and internal medicine, are sent to the CSH.

Another medic, Spc. Courtney Sloat

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STB medic section NCOIC

from Grand Blanc, Mich., is currently serving a rotation at Joint Security Station Soto, an outpost in the Highlander Area of operations.

“My primary job is to provide medical coverage for the Special Troops Battalion’s Military Police there,” Sloat said, “but I also assist with any emergencies that arise with the armor unit at Soto.”

The Special Troops Battalion medic section is also hosting a post-wide mass casualty exercise at COB Adder. It will include Army and Air Force personnel, as well as civilian contractors.

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The 4th Special Troops Battalion Medic Section: Sgt. Vanessa Bessa, Spc. Cathlin Irvine, Capt. Isaritz Rosello, Sgt. 1st Class Michael Dees, Pfc. Erin Lake, Pfc. Bianca Ragan, and Sgt. Sarah Jean Wicker.

Teaming-up with ISF helps maintain forces

By 2nd Lt. Brandon Duncan
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As U.S. forces in Iraq prepare for their eventual withdrawal from the country, the fruit of their partnership with Iraqi forces is beginning to ripen.

The mechanics of "Enforcer" (E) Company, 121st Brigade Support Battalion work alongside their Iraqi counterparts from the Headquarters Support Company and all five Iraqi Army Brigades that 4th Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment is partnered with.

"The partnership is working pretty well. The mechanics all have a good working relationship," said Staff Sgt. Ed Brown, team chief of (A) Combat Readiness Team from Pennsylvania. "The Iraqis are pretty good mechanics,



Photo by Spc. Jayson Carr

Sgt. Jimmy Hibbler, a Bradley Fighting Vehicle Systems Maintainer assigned to E CO, 121st Brigade Support Battalion from Caruthersville, Mo., poses for a picture with Iraqi Army Soldiers after over-watching an oil change and basic services.

and they appreciate the help that they receive from our Soldiers."

Sgt. 1st Class Gary Parks, maintenance control sergeant from Louisville, Ky., said the planning can be a challenge, and the CRT has worked long hours with the Iraqis. Still, the interaction has been rewarding.

"[The partnership] offers a great opportunity for the Soldiers to interact; not only through our cultures, but also through our work ethic," said Parks.

Vehicle mechanics Sgt. Jimmy Hibbler from Caruthersville, Mo., and Spc. Clayton Fesender from Longwood, Fla., were called upon to provide assistance with a humvee oil change and

some other basic services.

"The Iraqis are good people," said Hibbler. "Sometimes it is difficult to communicate with them, but they are easy-going and easy to work with."

"Enforcer" is working on a more in-depth joint training schedule with their counterparts from Sparrowhawk, an Iraqi training base nearby. The company is looking forward to doing more training and establishing stronger relationships to help them and their Iraqi partners be successful now and in the future.

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A LESSON IN HISTORY: The ancient ziggurat of Ur

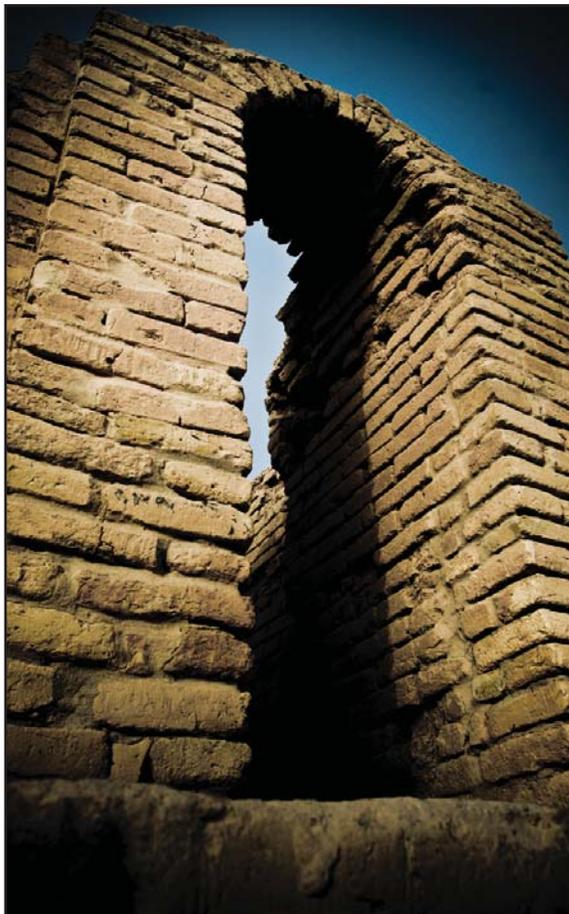
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Of 25 known ziggurats in Iraq and Iran, The ziggurat of Ur, near the modern city of An Nasiriyah, Iraq, is the best preserved. It was restored in the 6th century B.C. by King Nabonidus, last king of the Neo-Babylonian Empire.



Sumerian king Ur-Nammu built the ziggurat of Ur in the 21st century B.C. as a shrine to the moon god Nanna. The step pyramid is thought to have towered 100 feet.



In the shadows of the ziggurat of Ur lie several ruins, including this archway, often considered the oldest in the world.



The ziggurat of Ur was damaged in the first Gulf War by some 400-bullet holes. In addition, the structure was shaken by explosions, recognizable by four nearby bomb craters.



"Do not walk on top of these rocks. Keep our history safe." Since 2003, security of the 5000-year old ziggurat of Ur has mainly been under control of Coalition forces. However, responsibility for the ziggurat was transferred to Iraqi Security Forces, May 13, 2009.



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Around the world in 34 seconds



LONDON - The Afghan government would quickly be overthrown if NATO troops pulled out of the country now, British Foreign Secretary David Miliband said Friday. "If international forces leave, you can choose a time -- five minutes, 24 hours or seven days -- but the insurgent forces will overrun those forces that are prepared to put up resistance and we would be back to square one," he told the Guardian newspaper. At the end of a visit to Kabul for the inauguration of President Hamid Karzai, Miliband said Afghans were "sad that they need anyone, but if they weren't here their country would be rolled over." More than 230 British troops have been killed in Afghanistan since 2001, and British public opposition has grown to involvement in the international coalition fighting the Taliban.



MIAMI - The ringleader of a group of Miami men convicted of plotting to blow up Chicago's Sears Tower and government offices was sentenced to 13-1/2 years in prison on Friday. The sentence for Narseal Batiste was handed down by a federal court judge in Miami, who earlier this week announced lighter prison terms ranging from five to eight years for Batiste's four co-conspirators. The case was touted as a major blow against terrorism and a victory in government efforts to dismantle domestic "sleeper cells" when federal agents arrested the men in Miami's poor and predominantly black Liberty City neighborhood in June 2006.



PARIS - The French Football Federation (FFF) has ruled out a replay of their controversial World Cup playoff against Ireland, saying on Friday world governing body FIFA's decision that the result should stand was final. The FA of Ireland (FAI) appealed to FIFA for a replay after France striker Thierry Henry handled the ball setting up William Gallas's extra-time equalizer in Wednesday's 1-1 draw in Paris. FIFA wasted little time in rejecting the plea. The FAI board met on Friday and issued a statement saying it had called on the French federation to "join with it and the captains of the French and Irish teams... to request a replay from FIFA that would protect the integrity of the game worldwide and the pride of the French national team."



WELLINGTON - A Santa in New Zealand with a droopy eye has received a NZ\$100,000 (\$74,000) face-lift in the run-up to Christmas, so that his aging face does not scare children. The 66-foot tall fiberglass Santa has been among the festive decorations in Auckland since 1960 but in recent years began to struggle with one of his eyes that was made to wink and a mechanical finger that moved in a welcoming gesture. "There was a concern the guy did look a little creepy," Heart of the City chief executive Alex Swney told local media. His face remains bandaged ahead of a public unveiling on Sunday.