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By Command Sergeant Major
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With a wave of new soldiers coming in, it's time for leaders to once again focus on the basics.

I have been talking for months about how noncommissioned officers must guard against complacency. As each new soldier arrives, NCOs should brief him or her on the basic guidelines they should remember while serving in MND (N). Here are a few tips to keep in mind.

To avoid accidental discharges NCOs should train their soldiers on how to clear their weapons properly. On a long deployment it's easy to get complacent about routine tasks such as cleaning weapons. NCOs should check their soldiers weapons daily or when necessary.

Convoy operations is another subject that needs emphasizing. I am starting to see our new soldiers either speeding or failing to be in the proper position in the gunner's compartment. Another key area is soldiers who are not wearing Kevlar helmets on convoy, which is a sure indication that they have become complacent.

Leaders should remember that soldiers perform better when they know their families are being taken care of. Frequent contact with the soldier's family will go a long way in the performance of a soldier's duty.

Also, remember to counsel your soldiers on a regular basis. Thoroughly brief them on safety measures and other "how to" topics they need to know. You can help encourage your soldiers to make this operation one of the most professionally rewarding in their careers.

They will follow your lead, so take care of them and remember: **"Today is the best day to be a soldier."**



On the Cover

Captain Kenny Mintz peers through his binoculars to the Hotel Dowavia, where Muslim delegates gathered briefly in the Serb-held town of Srebrenica Tuesday, March 24. Mintz's men were on hand to provide area security and force protection for the OSCE. (Photo by Staff Sergeant Jack McNeely).

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Soldiers provide Hill 562 security

Story and photos by Sergeant Tim Fischer
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Sitting on top of the world, looking out over miles of beautiful mountains and countryside may look like an advertisement from a travel agency, but for the soldiers in a small unit located on Hill 562, it is their daily mission.

The country of Bosnia is predominantly mountainous with rolling hills and many green, secluded valleys with snow still visible in the shadows at the higher elevations. It is much like the Appalachian area of the United States with conifers standing erect on the steep slopes. The mountains and hills make up around 80 percent of the overall landmass here in the former Yugoslavia.

For Private First Class Roger D. Leach, pulling daily guard duty is a way of life up on Hill 562. Leach is a Bradley M2-A2 driver for Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment out of Baumholder, Germany. The mission this month is to provide security for the hill.

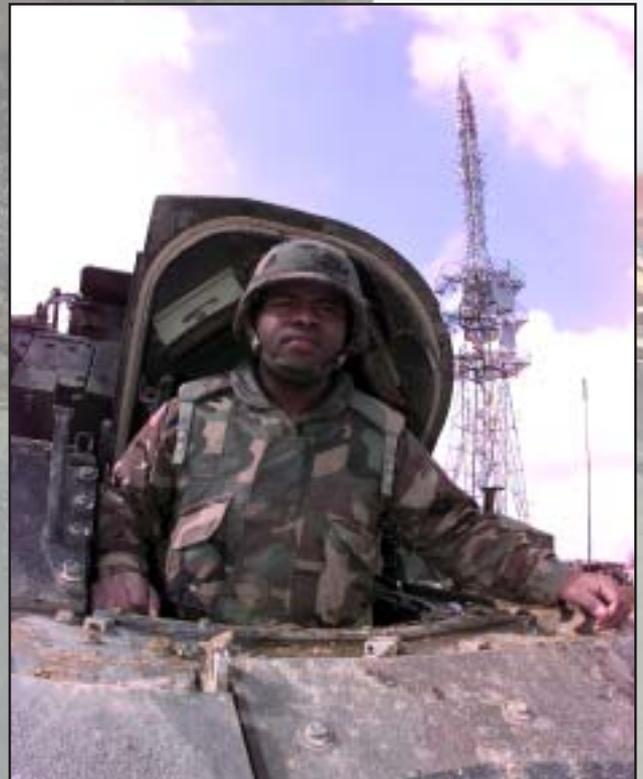
"Our main Mission here is the overall security on Hill 562. The life here is not glamorous, but our mission is just as important as the other soldiers participating in Operation Joint Guard," said Leach.

The men up on the "Hill" must, in many ways, be self-sufficient, as they do not have the same "luxuries" that the rest of the U.S. soldiers enjoy at Camp Bedrock. They do not have a Post Exchange, Cappuccino shop or a Movie Tent. This, however, does not deter Leach and the rest of the unit from performing the important duties related to maintaining the security on Hill 562.

Among his duties, Leach is responsible for the upkeep of his Bradley vehicle, gate guard, and dismounted patrols on the perimeter of the compound. Being isolated up on the hill, the members of Bravo 2-6 perform all the daily tasks required to maintain the entire Camp. They receive only two hot meals each day, because it takes about 45-minutes to get the food to the soldiers on the hill.

Leach and his platoon members on Hill 562 are excellent examples of soldiers doing their part in one of the toughest peacekeeping missions here in the Balkans.

Leach said that the size of the unit and its isolation from most of the other soldiers in Bosnia allows him time to realize just why he is here. "I like the fact that we are so small. It gives me time to reflect on the real reason that we are here," said Leach. "I feel good knowing that we are giving the children of Bosnia a chance to grow up in a safe environment."



Private First Class Roger D. Leach performs his daily guard duty on Hill 562, a strategic location in the U.S. sector in Bosnia. Leach is a member of the 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment out of Baumholder Germany.

Multinational platoon completes mission



An Explosive Ordnance Disposal team member is lowered from a Black Hawk during a rescue demonstration.



The Explosive Ordnance Disposal team prepare an injured soldier for movement from a mine field during a demonstration at Dobo.

Story and photos by Sergeant Gary Hicks
196th Mobile Public Affairs Det.

An armored personnel carrier navigated its way through a field of charred, mangled metal, when suddenly, a deafening blast pierced the cold morning air. Fire and clumps of soil were hurled skyward and smoke began to billow from the vehicle as it jerked to a stop.

The crew and its vehicle had suffered a mine strike. Within minutes, the Multinational platoon was dispatched to the scene.

The Multinational Platoon is composed of approximately 80 soldiers from nine different countries; Sweden, Norway, Finland, Denmark, Poland, Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia and the United States.

First, the platoon secured the area while a Psychological Operations team broadcast warning messages in several different languages to the locals who had gathered near the minefield.

Moments later, a Black Hawk helicopter hovered overhead and lowered a four member Explosive Ordnance Disposal team to the ground so a path could be cleared to the injured crew.

The team began to meticulously sweep for buried mines, with a point man at the head of the painstaking excursion. But the point man was not a man at all. It was an explosive detection dog trained to sniff out land mines. Straddling the bomb-sniffing canine was the handler, who guided the dog toward the stricken vehicle.

The third member followed in the footsteps of the handler, and spray painted blue lines on the ground to mark the narrow mine-free path.

Once a path was cleared, a registered nurse who was also trained in explosives made his way to the injured crew. He rendered the necessary aid and prepared them for evacuation out of the minefield.

The three soldiers loaded the wounded, one at a time, onto a stretcher and carried them to safety, where they could be transported to the nearest medical facility.

This event was only a demonstration and it was performed in front of over 100 spectators at the NORDPOL Barracks, on Saturday, March 21, by the Multinational Platoon during Brigade Day. This was the last demonstration of the Multinational Platoon's capabilities.

A ceremony was held shortly afterwards where Brigadier General Kari Rimpi (FIN), commander of NORDPOL Brigade, deactivated the platoon.

"There is no doubt that the platoon has embraced inter-cooperation within the brigade and has given soldiers of all levels the chance to see how other soldiers from different countries execute their tasks."

"We now have new times and challenges ahead which we must face with other solutions. The Multinational Platoon has fulfilled its duties," concluded Rimpi.

Even though the Multinational Platoon no longer exists, it leaves behind a spirit of cooperation and a blueprint for future joint endeavors.

Canine unit – certified peacekeepers

Story and photo by Specialist James E. Baker
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A physical and psychological deterrent is synonymous with U.S. fighting forces carrying out their missions throughout the world. Camp McGovern has soldiers with that mettle of a different breed. They are two Belgian Malinois military police dogs who can be man's best friend or his worst nightmare.

Arras, 10, and Ilja, 7, are a fixture with their respective partners, Sergeant Brian Stammeyer, 30, of Hanau, Germany, and Specialist Matthew Knetchel, 25, of Toledo, Ohio. Each team has developed a rapport with one another to make their missions flow smoothly. The dogs must maintain a 95 percent accuracy rating in sniffing out specific odors to meet the annual USAREUR certification. (Narcotics detection dogs must maintain a 90 percent accuracy rating.)

The responsibilities for the canine unit, the 104th Area Support Group based at Hanau, Germany and deployed at Camp McGovern, are to go out with the explosive ordnance detachment, search the tactical operations center, inspect the mailroom for incoming packages and search meeting areas of dignitaries.

"Working with a dog gives me a different perspective of police work," said Knetchel, who is considering a career in law enforcement after his military service. The level of involvement and commitment to each other is evident in the controlled aggression exercises that the dogs undergo weekly with their partner.

The six phases of controlled aggression include false run, false run into a bite, standoff, search and retrieve, search and call back, and escort. A burlap sheath insulated with hard rubber is used on the arm to keep from being bitten during training. The dogs use this time to learn their commands, keep their gums and teeth healthy and be rewarded.

Four hours on patrol and explosive training per week is required to keep the dogs in peak condition, according to Knetchel. Working further with their partners enhances their initial 12-week training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio with them in a steadfast manner.

The dogs are given a firm pull on their steel link collars to get their attention and to make them heel appropriately. "The dogs reflect the discipline that comes with proper training," said Stammeyer.

When the leashed U.S. dogs find an odor during a mission, they will sit. On the other hand, the British dogs – without a

leash – have been trained to continue to search out for the explosive device.

The path to becoming a military policeman within a canine unit requires patience and dedication. After one year as a military policeman, soldiers may volunteer to attend the canine school at Lackland.

The soldiers are assigned a dog after course completion. Before the team can be placed into the field, they must be certified. After successful certification, they become part of their military police company.

Dogs can detect odors better than humans can, but they cannot detect a mine underneath the ground; the explosive scent is inside the mine, according to Knetchel. In Bosnia, where mines have been left out in the open, hanging from the ceiling or lying against a wall, the dogs have detected the device.

Stammeyer and Knetchel both cite President Bill Clinton's



Sergeant Brian Stammeyer and his canine partner Arras, search the undercarriage of a Camp McGovern HUMM WV for explosives.

1997 Christmas visit to Sarajevo as the most challenging and rewarding experience that they have had with their dogs. Each team had the opportunity to search the buildings that the president would be attending.

A physical and psychological deterrent is present when the dogs are in attendance at locations where potential crowds may gather. During dismounted patrols such as those that existed during International Forces (IFOR) patrols of the Zone of Separation communities, the dogs helped the soldiers to keep the peace during the hours of darkness.

Their impact is considerable because people are less likely to either commit crime or cause trouble when the dogs are visible," said Stammeyer.

The international brotherhood

Story and photos by Staff Sergeant Robert A. Powell
196th Mobile Public Affairs Det.

It's a brotherhood of blue. Police officers, military police and bomb disposal experts from around the world work together to train and supervise a new police force for Bosnia.

Members of the International Police Task Force work along side M.P.s from the U.S. and other Stabilization Forces (SFOR) member nations, to monitor the rebuilt police force. The IPTF is volunteer group established by the United Nations to reorganize police forces in war-torn countries. IPTF volunteers have worked in Haiti, as well as Bosnia-Herzegovina (BiH).

Sergeant James Murphy, 44, a policeman from Dublin, and a native of Wexford County, Ireland, is station commander for the IPTF in Tuzla. He is responsible for coordinating and planning the operations at the IPTF office. Their mandate is to train the Bosnia police force and serve as advisors to the housing, judiciary and other branches of government in matters of law enforcement.

"Volunteers for the IPTF serve for up to a year," he said. "There are thirty-one monitors from 20 countries, with eleven language assistants representing forty-two countries overall."

Murphy said that the IPTF in Tuzla has their work cut out for them. They have daily and monthly weapons-site inspections covering 10 sites, the IPTF in the Tuzla valley have the most to inspect in the BiH.

Murphy pointed out that human rights are becoming the most pressing issue for the IPTF. He and his fellow police officers are also becoming monitors for refugee housing. They work directly with the housing authorities to establish housing for returning displaced Bosnians to their homes.

Murphy's IPTF office works with 6 American and the Swedish SFOR bases in the valley. He says that his work with U.S. military police began with small problems.

"The cooperation has improved. Working with Captain Holmes and the 351st Military Police Company has worked out well. Sometimes the U.N. and SFOR have different rules, but it works out."

"We have similar jobs," he says describing the relationship with the M.P.s and IPTF. "But we have different functions. None the less, we've worked well together."

The 351st Military Police Company, an Army Reserve unit from Ocala, Fla. has been working with the IPTF since October. Staff Sergeant Nathaniel L. Mulkey, 40, an M.P. from Lakeland, Fla. described the relationship the M.P. company has with the IPTF.

"You meet people from the States and from all over. We work well together. They talk with us, let us know if things are happening. They call and tell us about hot spots so we can take care of them."

Mulkey, a deputy sheriff from Polk County, Fla. said that being a cop in Bosnia is different.

"The job is different than being at home because I am dealing with a people, language and the culture, that I don't know. There's a diversity (of people) over here. At home I know whom I'm dealing with and I can communicate with them real well. Here, the communication really breaks down. But they

are friendly."

According to Mulkey, the 351st usually provides the muscle for the IPTF.

"We're setting up security, a 360 degree security for the IPTF headquarters personnel while they do a daily inspection of the headquarters of the Bosnian police."

Police stations have been catchall for weapons storage. The IPTF and M.P.s work together on the daily and weekly inspections usually include bomb disposal experts. Civilians have been bringing homemade weapons and explosives to police stations. As the IPTF make their regular inspections; they report excesses to the Task Force. The TF passes the disposal tasks along to the Explosive Ordnance Disposal teams.

Specialist Christopher L. Hagler, Memphis, Tenn. an EOD team member with the 703rd Ordnance Company, Fort Knox, Ky., describes the team's mission.

"Our job here is to destroy ordinance that is hazardous. Like, today we did a cache of arms from a police storage site. We take it, we take it all to our range, and we blow it up. We



(Left to right). Sergeant Wilford Lundy, Specialist Christopher L. Hagler examine a pair of grenades seized during a police station inspection in Tuzla, Bosnia.

of the 'shield'

do a lot of civil relations with the civilian police, civil defense, and the International Police Task Force.”

Hagler has worked with the IPTF for nearly three months.

“They send in nine-lines...a nine-line is an Unexploded Ordinance report. They tell us when it was found, how it was found, what it is, placed, fired, everything about it, through our headquarters here on Bedrock. Whenever they call us up, it's like regular police. We take care of it.”

Police officers around the world are known for helping children and disadvantaged kids on their “beats.” Sgt. Murphy said that's why he volunteered.

“The most important thing about what we're doing here is getting these explosives out of the hands of the children,” Murphy said. “Can you imagine what it must be like for these kids to just walk off the street with a landmine and hand it to a policeman? That's why I'm here and why I'm working with the U.S. M.P.s, so the kids won't have to do that anymore.”



Sergeant James Murphy of Dublin, Ireland, flanked by IPTF volunteers from the Netherlands discusses the inspection of police stations in Bosnia with Captain Keith A. Holmes.



Staff Sergeant Nathaniel L. Mulkey removes extra ammo from a weapons storage site in Tuzla, Bosnia.



Specialist Christopher L. Hagler examines a homemade rifle and spare barrel that had been left at a Bosnian police station near Tuzla.

Squadron TAC provides big picture



Specialist Christopher Moore a member of the 2nd Squadron, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment from Fort Polk, La., helps to put up a small tent during an Observation Point exercise.

Story and photo by Sergeant Oreta M. Spencer
196th Mobile Public Affairs Det.

A gentle, cold breeze sways the branches of snow covered trees. All is quiet, serene and undisturbed on top of this mountain overlooking the Bosnia countryside.

Suddenly, the roar of Humvee engines climbing up the mountain breaks this peaceful setting.

Once at the top, it takes less than an hour for the soldiers of HHT 2nd Squadron, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment from Fort Polk, La., to move in and set up a Tactical Action Center (TAC).

"It is a lot like the Tactical Operation Center (TOC) at Camp Dobol," said Private First Class Nicholas Thompson, 19, from Oregon City, Ore.

"The observation point or TAC is very important," Thompson explains, "we provide radio transmission for the soldiers out in the field or in town and pass along information to our higher command."

According to Thompson, it is important due to the fact that everyone can't be out on a mission; and those who are out cannot get all the information about what is going on around them.

"We take all the information and make it into one big

picture. Ironically, we can't physically see what is happening, but with all the radio relays; we know more about what is happening than the soldiers on the ground know," said Thompson.

Thompson also commented that in order for the peacekeeping mission to go on successfully, all ground units need to stay in contact with the higher command. Without the TAC, this would not be possible due to the distances from the elements to their base camp.

"We have done this many times before," said Private Clinton Gibson, 19, of Williamstown, N.J.

"We drive up to the top of a mountain, set up the equipment, such as a tent and radio antennas," Gibson said, "After that we prepare everything for the higher command to operate, then we pull radio watch and guard duty at night for security. We are also available during the day if anything else needs to be done."

Thompson says he enjoys this duty, "It is a nice change sometimes to be out here. It breaks the day-to-day scenario of base camp."

After being out there for approximately two days, they pack up, tear down, move out and head back to base camp.

Once again this mountain becomes the quiet, peaceful setting it was before the arrival of the HHT Squadron TAC.

UFOs sighted in Camp Demi area

142nd FA BOC explains phenomenon

Story and photos by Sergeant Gary Hicks
196th Mobile Public Affairs Det.

A UFO was spotted over Camp Demi Shortly after 9 a.m. Sunday, March 15, while the soldiers at Camp Demi went about their daily routine.

The object was reported to be round in shape, approximately four feet in diameter with a red pyramid at the base. Suspended below the pyramid was a small cube. The flying craft was seen stationary approximately 15 feet above the ground for several minutes before it rose rapidly into the clouds and disappeared.

The flying object has been identified as a weather balloon, an integral part of a Meteorological Measuring System (MMS).

"We send up a balloon every morning," explained Sergeant First Class Terry Presley, the noncommissioned officer in charge of the 142nd Field Artillery Brigade meteorological team (MET).

The balloon is used to lift a radiosonde skyward over 30 thousand feet. According to Presley, the radiosonde is an electronic device that gathers upper air data such as wind speed and direction, temperature and barometric pressure.

The data is then transmitted back to the Marwind processor, which tracks the balloon and processes that information.

"Once the data is collected and processed by the Marwind, we disseminate that information to units and commanders whose mission is directly affected by the weather," explained Presley, a 13-year National Guard member and Gulf War veteran from Fayetteville, Ark.

His meteorological team supports such units as Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical (NBC), field artillery, target acquisition and the Air Force. The information they provide to these units is mission essential.

"Field Artillery primarily uses the data supplied by the MMS to account for atmospheric conditions that could affect the howitzer's accuracy," explained Presley. "When you fire a round 15 miles down range, wind direction and speed alone could throw the projectile way off its course."

Other units such as target acquisition use the data to adjust its radar systems to the atmospheric conditions to obtain maximum accuracy, whereas, NBC uses it to predict where fallout would go if an NBC attack occurred.

The Air Force, however, uses all the information collected by the MET to predict the weather for all branches of the military.

Should there be a report of a UFO in the Camp Demi area, no one should fear an invasion of aliens. It is just the MET doing its part to support the mission in Bosnia.



Sergeant First Class Terry Presley prepares to release a weather balloon at Camp Demi.



Sergeant Daniel Ferguson tracks a weather balloon with a radio direction finder at Camp Demi.

CA team leader checks contractors

U.S. teacher adds class to CA project

Story and photo by First Lieutenant Lillian Sydenstricker
196th Mobile Public Affairs Det.

As the old saying goes – you can take the teacher out of the classroom but you can't take the classroom out of the teacher.

This is the case with Captain Rozanne Edrington, a Civil Affairs team leader supervising the construction of Bjelovac primary school.

Edrington is a media specialist and teacher at Grain Valley Middle School near her hometown of Butler, Mo., but she is currently participating in Operation Joint Guard. "I am able to see how fortunate our students are compared to these students. We have more supplies and equipment designed to help our children learn. Here the teachers work on the black board and a map," Says Edrington, a 16-year reserve veteran.

Bjelovac's enrollment will be approximately 40 pupils in grades 1-4. Comparatively, 450 students attend Grain Valley, she noted.

Meanwhile, Edrington's main mission at Bjelovac is to ensure that CIRP (Community Infrastructure Rehabilitation Program) project money is being used correctly. Edrington and

her team check progress on the local contractors to see if they are actually working and that the quality is to standard.

"It is a more visual inspection to see if the work is being done to standards," added Edrington, a member of the 418th Civil Affairs Battalion from Belton, Mo. She is attached to the 2nd Squadron, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment from Fort Polk, La., which is currently at Camp Dobil.

This project was started in November 1997 with CIRP 2 project money, which can not exceed \$50,000 per project. The money is funded through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

"We are here to make sure U.S. dollars are wisely used," states Edrington, a 14-year veteran of the U.S. school system.

"These kids here are so anxious, yet have few resources to learn, whereas the kids back in the states don't realize how many luxuries they have."

Edrington said the Bjelovac school teachers are very appreciative of all that has been done for the school and for the kids.



Captain Rozanne Edrington, a member of the 418th Civil Affairs Battalion from Belton, Mo., talks to the teacher for Bjelovac Elementary.

Eagle Base rebuilds Tent City #2

Story by Sergeant First Class Sherry L. Claus
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Photos by Sergeant First Class Frank Casares
345th Mobile Public Affairs Det.

As Eagle Base camp commander, Major Stephen J. Perry began constructing – on paper – an improved version of the soldier housing in Tent City 2, which consisted of Level 2 tents. Level 2s have wooden floors, half walls, and a framed roof with the canvas tent draped over the structure with one electrical outlet.

Perry studied the cost effectiveness of either upgrading the Level 2s to Level 3s – where the tents would have complete wooden walls and roof but still have the canvas covering – or demolishing the existing housing and building “Sea huts” in their place. The findings showed “Sea huts” to be the smarter route all around.

This was only the beginning as Perry spent months planning and plotting the reconstruction of Tent City 2. The master plan he created showed eight phases to completion and allowed for improvisation based on influx of soldiers into Eagle Base.

After the groundwork was laid so intricately by Perry, it was time for him to move on to another position and he was unable to see his brainchild grow from infancy into its adult stage.

Command Sergeant Major William J. Gainey is here to assist the Task Force Eagle Command Sergeant Major Carl E. Christian by assuming some of his additional duties as the Eagle Base CSM. Gainey, of the 1-35th Armored Regiment, 1st Armored Division, is now taking over where Perry left off on Tent City 2.

“All the credit for this project goes to Major Perry – this was his vision, he put in hundreds of hours of sweat and probably a few tears into this incredible plan. I am just here to see it to fruition,” said Gainey. “This man wanted to do something special for the soldiers and this certainly is a good thing for them.”

The “Sea huts,” named in honor of the Seabees who first built them during World War II, are raised, all-wood constructions with heating/air-conditioning units and two electric outlets per soldier.

The plan calls for a total of 48 “Sea huts,” each with a maximum capacity of eight soldiers, to be built in a 60 day time frame. The front two rows of tents will remain for use as Temporary Needs housing, Rest & Relaxation, and Replacement office space.

Perry’s plan for installing the soldiers who’ve been here the longest into the luxury accommodations first is also a priority of Gainey’s. “I feel the soldiers who have lived in these conditions longer have earned the right to move first. Eventually, we would like to see all the soldiers in Tent City 2 living in a “Sea hut.”

Thanks to Perry’s foresight, he and Gainey are on the same sheet of music. The diagram of Perry’s plan is posted on an easel just outside Gainey’s office and although it is a living, working document, Gainey can go to the chart at any given moment and know right away which personnel will be moving to what “Sea hut” during each phase.

Gainey intends to carry on Perry’s vision of a new and improved Tent City 2 ...and his legacy will live on.



Brown and Root construction workers build Sea huts to replace Level 2 tents at Eagle Base’s Tent City #2.

'Scouts Out' – 24/7

Story and photo by Sergeant Tim Fischer
196th Mobile Public Affairs Det.

As the first official days of Spring welcome the U.S. Stabilization Forces (SFOR) in Bosnia with snow showers and frigid temperatures, a continuing process is occurring on the streets of Bosnia each day as over 150 daily patrols are completed.

Section Sergeant Brian T. Moss and his men of the Scout Platoon from the 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment from Baumholder, Germany, are out in the cool night air participating in these patrols.

The classic combat mission for the Scouts of 2-6th is to observe and report, usually, without being seen. Yet during the peacekeeping mission here in the Balkans it is just the opposite, they want to be seen. "Our mission here is one of presence; being seen," said Moss. "Along with patrolling Main Supply Routes (MSR), we do daily patrols, both night and day to ensure the safe passage of all SFOR vehicles on the streets here in the Tuzla Valley."

The responsibility of safe passage on the streets of Bosnia falls directly on the Scouts, whose daily mission is to patrol and clear roads of travel. This 24-hour mission is a large responsibility that Moss, a five-year veteran from Hannibal, Mo., and his men feel confident carrying out every day.

As they conduct their dismounted night patrol in the city streets of Tuzla, a strong working relationship between Moss and his team is clearly evident. "I feel confident in the abilities of my men," Moss said. "We have a strong cohesion working together, as we walk around the streets of Tuzla. We always count on each other for support.... And the people from the communities don't seem to mind us doing our job either."

Moss explained that preventing the undermining of the local economy by black-marketing is a major concern of the SFOR forces. "When people sell things out of the back of their cars without paying taxes, it takes the money out of the economy," he said. "When we see this type of activity, we report it to the headquarters section to be processed."

Moss has been conducting daily patrols since he arrived at Camp Bedrock. Along with the night patrols, the scouts often receive missions to set up observation points. At those observation points, they monitor the activities at the assigned location, reporting anything out of the ordinary to the authorities at headquarters. "I try to relay the message to my soldiers while we drive on our routes. Do not to get complacent, we are here to do a job, and as long as we do right, no one will get hurt," said Moss.

Driving around on the streets of Tuzla at night is not the most exciting thing to do, but Sergeant Moss and his men take pride in their job. They are well aware of the important part they have in the peacekeeping mission, as they move through the streetlights and dark shadows of Tuzla.



Private First Class Joseph L. Dunsmore performs his duties as the security for the Headquarters Scout team out of Camp Bedrock. His mission is to perform daily night and day patrols in the city streets of Tuzla, Bosnia.