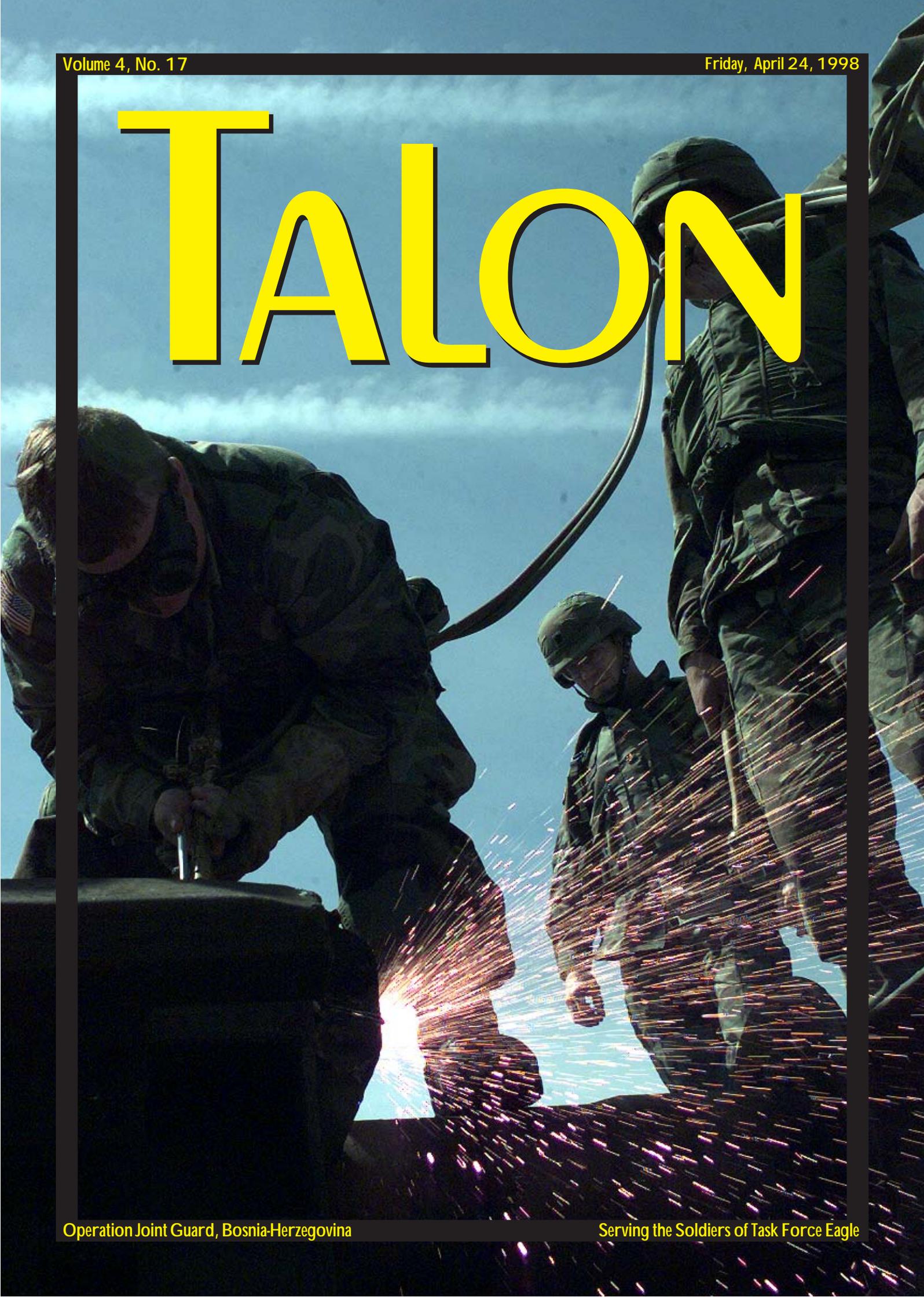


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By Command Sergeant Major  
 Carl E. Christian  
*Task Force Eagle CSM*

As new soldiers arrive here, and the months begin to pass by, soldiers begin to focus primarily on the months they have been here and the many months that lie ahead. As leaders, it is important that we mentor these new soldiers to ensure a smooth transition throughout this deployment.

This transition process should begin by finding out if, or how often the soldier is in contact with his or her family. Past experience taught us that if a soldier's mind is on home, then that soldier will not work at his full potential. Ask if the soldier is communicating periodically with his or her family. Is it possible for the soldier to utilize e-mail as long as it doesn't interfere with the mission? And, what type of family assistance program is in place?

Consider the needs of the soldier. The soldier may need to be referred to chaplain services, finance, or legal. The personal goals of the new soldier should be explored and guidance should be provided on how to accomplish one's plan.

Correspondence courses and acquiring an associates degree or bachelors degree is the key to soldiers being promoted, and having a skill to fall back on if one decides to leave the service.

More importantly, it is a beneficial task that will preoccupy the soldiers time instead of placing tick-marks on the calendar to track the number of deployment days left. My challenge to Task Force Eagle soldiers is to have correspondence courses behind you before you leave and to have successfully completed one or more college courses.

I want everyone to do one thing the next time a person complains about being here. Ask about the personal achievements they are making that they will be able to take with them at the end of this deployment, and remember, "TODAY IS THE BEST DAY TO BE A SOLDIER."



### On the Cover

Petty Officer Third Class Christen D. Allgood cuts a piece of steel away from a rail car at Lukavac, Bosnia. Allgood is with the 133 Naval Mobile Construction Battalion from Gulfport Miss. (Photo by Sergeant Tim Fischer, see page 3).

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# Seabees improve rail facilities at Lucavac

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

The mythical John Henry would be proud of the new improvements to the railhead in Lucavac. Especially since the Navy is hammering the spikes on this rail. "Our mission is to create a mount spur at the rail head," said Petty Officer Third Class Christen D. Allgood, a 23-year-old

Demopolis, Ala., native. "We have been working 10 to 12 hours a day for two weeks to complete the mission."

The 133 Naval Mobile Construction Battalion from Gulfport, Miss., was tasked to build a functional mount spur. The Seabees from Camp Bedrock built a ramp from which large vehicles can be loaded onto rail cars.

Allgood's job as a steelworker (welder) allows him the opportunity to visit surrounding communities for such projects.

These logistical missions combined with the other coalition humanitarian efforts are a contributing factor to maintaining peace in Bosnia, and building the infrastructure of the country.

Meanwhile, the sound of the Seabees working has a distinct ring to it – the scraping of rocks, chatter of the air compressor, and sound of steel being molded into an architectural masterpiece. This is what Allgood and his fellow Seabees do day after day here in the Balkans.

The Seabees from Bedrock have a very important mission here in and around the area helping the country recover from its four year long civil war earlier this decade.

"The whole reason I joined the Naval Seabees is because they are continuously building something," said Allgood. "I enjoy the fact when we finish a project we have directly made a difference in the lives of the people here in Bosnia."

According to Chief Petty Officer Tony F. Little, from Pensacola, Fla., Allgood is a highly motivated troop. "He is not happy unless he is working. I would not be able to survive without him and the hard working men under my command."

Allgood went on to say, "A good indication my work is done is when there is sweat dripping off my brow," — just like the steel drivin' man himself.



Petty Officer Third Class Christen D. Allgood with the 133 Naval Mobile Construction Battalion cuts a piece of steel away from a rail car at Lukavac.

# Scouts out in Brcko

Sergeant Terry L. Welch  
345th Mobile Public Affairs Det.

It's a sunny day in Brcko, the city in the Posavina corridor with a still questionable ownership. People clog the city's narrow streets in cars and on foot. Specialist Ricardo Saspe, 4th Platoon, Troop I ("Iron Troop"), 3rd Squadron, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, maneuvers the Humvee through the tight passage. "On a busy day, there'll be cars on both sides of the street. It's just as frustrating for the locals as it is for us," Saspe said. "But we pretty much own the streets."

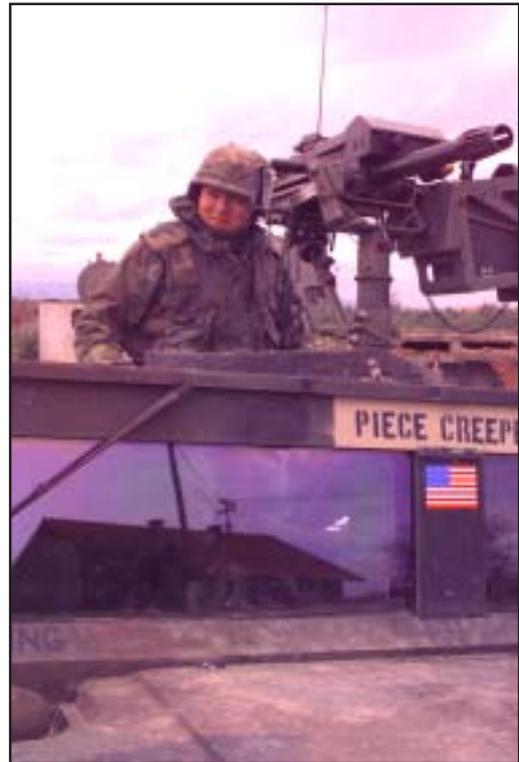
Saspe and the members of his platoon have been in Bosnia since August of last year and much of that time have been patrolling Brcko, one of the most hotly disputed pieces of real estate in Bosnia. It serves as a link between the two separate halves of the Republika Srpska, but also just barely separates the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina from Croatia. Iron Troop patrols Brcko, looking for anything out of the ordinary, for problems between the different factions.

Private First Class Jeffrey Townsend has been on patrol around Camp McGovern – in the towns of Brod, Stari Rasadnik, Omerbegovaca, Rijeka and Dizdarusa. He said patrolling Brcko is entirely different than rolling through the other areas. "There's more people, so more things can happen," he said. "You have to be more alert."

But staying alert can be hard in a town that seems to be awakening to peace. Sergeant Saul Jackson said complacency is the most deadly enemy the platoons on patrol have to fight on a daily basis. He said it's important for his platoon to



Private First Class Jeffrey Townsend with the I Troop of the 3rd Squadron, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, on patrol near the city library.



Private First Class David Jong pauses during a patrol with his unit, I Troop of the 3rd Squadron, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment.

remember that the peace in the city is tenuous at best and anything can happen.

"A couple of times we've dealt with explosions in the middle of the night. Believe it or not, it's not as easy as you'd think to find where an explosion has occurred in an area where half the buildings are already blown up," he said. "As a matter of fact, last night someone threw a hand grenade in Dizdarusa and we had to go down there with IPTF and provide security."

Nighttime, it seems is when most of the more dangerous incidents occur in Brcko. That's due in part, Jackson said, with having to deal with people who aren't in control of their actions. "At night you have a tendency to have to deal with the intoxicated individuals who don't necessarily hold a political position one way or the other, but they're just drunk and can become belligerent."

All in all, some members of Iron Troop say they've noticed a major attitude change in the people of Brcko. Private Kevin White is a gunner and from his position in the gun turret of his Humvee, he said he gets probably the best view of the city. "I see a lot more houses, a lot more buildings and construction going on around the city," he said. "When we first got here, people would look at you but wouldn't wave, or turn their back, but now I wave a lot."

"The people here are starting to realize that we're here to help, not to hinder their lives. They know we're here to protect people on both sides of the situation," Townsend said. "It should be easier for the guys who come after us. We've pretty much done the hard work."

# Brown and Root assumes transportation role

Story and photo by Specialist Nancy McMillan  
196th Public Affairs Det.

In the months prior to the 1454th Transportation Company leaving for home in North Carolina, a decision had to be made whether to send another unit to replace them, or contract the mission of moving supplies and equipment out to another source.

According to David Cain, the Brown & Root Civilian Director of Logistics, the toss went in favor of the Houston-based company that has been around for many years and through many foreign missions — Brown & Root.

"Replacing the 1454th was a smooth and seemingly simple transition," said Cain, 40, from Cleveland, Ohio. "We were already in theatre and were an inexpensive and immediate alternative to bringing units from USAREUR or the states," he said. "Army officials know that we have expedient and economical ways of taking care of business."

Brown & Root, employing 41,000 civilian, ex-military personnel and local nationals worldwide, works with the U.S. Army and other multinational forces to provide theater level logistics and services support throughout operations in the Balkans.

"The process of getting us involved, the transportation section starts with the customer — the U.S. Army or any other multinational force — requesting a project" said Cain.

The request then goes through a chain of "checks and balances" to assure it meets Army criteria. Once approved, Brown & Root goes to work.

"We have 36 PLSs (Palletized Loading System) that travel to 14 base camps and nine remote sites," said Houston native, Toney Haskett, 49, Brown & Root's Transportation Manager in Bosnia and Croatia.

According to statistics, Brown & Root hauls approximately 2,800 tons of cargo per month locally, and 2,000 tons on long hauls. They have moved 65,000 containers and delivered 233.4 million gallons of purified water, as of December 1997. The

corporation also has hauled and disposed of 11,000 55-gallon drums of various waste products, 45,000 batteries and 240,000 pounds of contaminated containers. Each month, they put approximately one million miles on their vehicles, traveling over 17,000 square miles throughout Bosnia and Croatia.

"We have great employees," said Jack Avant, the 56-year-old Houston native and Project General Manager in Bosnia and Croatia. "Many of them are local nationals with college degrees who work long hours, six and seven days a week," he said. "All of us, not just the transportation personnel, are dedicated to doing a good job — for the customer and the community in which we serve."

"Taking over the transportation mission of the 1454th has



Brown & Root employees stand next to one of several vehicles used for transportation in supporting Operation Joint Guard. Pictured from left to right: David Cain Brown & Root Civilian Director of Logistics, Donald Ledet PLS Supervisor, and Toney Haskett the Transportation Manager in Bosnia and Croatia.

only enhanced service in the field," Cain said. "Brown & Root can get to and from easier because we do not have restrictions for travel, like convoys or wearing the kevlar and flak vest — unless there is an increased threat level," he said. "Should that happen, we would then be escorted by a military convoy."

According to Cain, future logistic missions will transfer from soldier-run operations to contract operations.

"Not only will it be more feasible," Cain said, "but it will allow soldiers to redeploy back to the rear or their home station sooner."

# Teamwork is key to success for M1A1

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

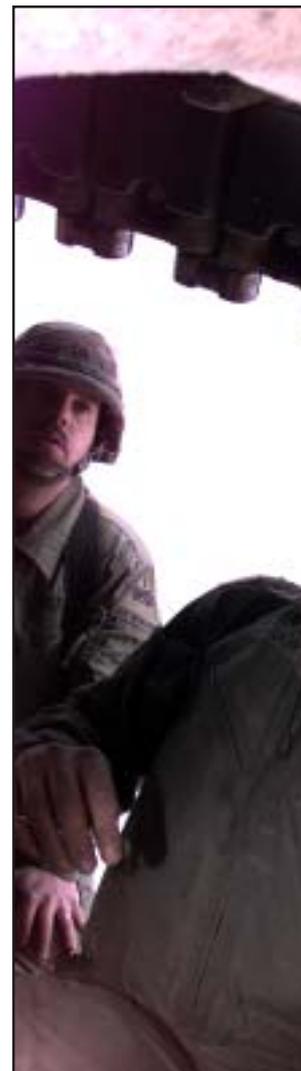
**F**ire and billowing smoke blasts a lethal round from the barrel of the M1A1 Abrams tank, and hits the target midway up a mountainside, nearly two miles away.

After the smoke clears, what was once a fine working piece of military equipment now appears to be nothing more than a pile of twisted, tangled metal. The cheers of the crew is evident of a direct hit.

It is such pinpoint accuracy that catapults members of Alpha Company, 1st Brigade, 35th Armor Regiment from Baumholder, Germany, to demonstrations around the world. In

fact, the crew strutted its "tankmanship" most recently during the largest European live-fire exercise of the year — Dynamic Response '98.

Dynamic Response was held earlier this month in Glamoc to demonstrate the



The members of Alpha Company, 1st Brigade, 35th Armor Regiment out of Baumholder, Germany participated in the live fire portion of the multinational exercise on April 3rd 1998.

Specialist Wendall J. O'Connell

# tank crew

Stabilization Force (SFOR) commitment to continue peace throughout the war-torn Balkan region.

Meanwhile, Specialist Wendall J. Cook, 26, of Florence, S.C., is an ammunition loader for one of the top tank crews from Camp Bedrock. "I feel proud that our platoon was selected to participate in the multinational live-fire exercise," said Cook, a member of Alpha Company, 1-35 Armor. "I'm sure when I load a round and send it downrange the steel will fly."

Cook performs his job as loader on the M1A1 Abrams tank very proficiently. He is responsible for loading the large rounds of ammunition into the tank's firing mechanism. In addition, he is tasked with daily maintenance on the vehicle and making sure the tank's state-of-the-art communications system works properly.

"My job is very enjoyable. I am working in a key position for the success of our mission," Cook asserted. "During a live-fire, I am continuously moving, loading the rounds. It takes a lot of practice."

While the actual firing may seem to be complicated, Cook said it takes just seconds to receive the command to fire and then successfully engage the target. Once the command is given, Cook takes the 70-pound round out of its holder and slides it into the breach. Once the round is declared secure in the breach, the tank is considered armed.

"After my job is completed it is up to the tank commander to say 'FIRE!' We all have an important job to do to ensure the mission is completed with a deadly result," Cook said. "This job becomes more difficult while the tank is moving," he continued. "But when we send a round downrange, we feel confident the target will be destroyed."

It is this confidence that helps members of the Alpha Tank platoon to successfully complete each and every live-fire demonstration. Perhaps one day, it will be that same confidence that will lead the Alpha Tank crew through the battlefield — safely.



Cook performs his job as the loader on a M1A1 Abrams Tank.

# U.S. soldiers buy Bosnian crafts at Camp Dobol Bazaar

Story and photo by Staff Sergeant Jack McNeely  
196th Mobile Public Affairs Det.

For one warm, spring afternoon here, U.S. troops were offered more than the typical Post Exchange shopping experience. Thanks primarily to the efforts of Civil Affairs specialists, the Camp Dobol Bazaar offered a slice of "local culture and traditional crafts."

"It's nice; something different," said 22-year-old Private First Class Eduardo Hernandez, who had just purchased three miniature paintings for his mother in Casa Grande, Ariz. "We don't get the opportunity to shop on the local economy."

Such is one reason why Captain Rozanne Edrington, civil affairs team leader at Dobol, spearheaded the efforts to obtain local vendors for the bazaar.

"There has been a history of bazaars at all the base camps. They provide the soldiers an opportunity to purchase Bosnian crafts. At the same time, bazaars help build and maintain a good relationship between the U.S. soldiers and local citizens," Edrington explained.

A U.S. Army Reserve citizen-soldier with the 418th Civil Affairs Battalion from Kansas City, Mo., Edrington began her exhausting bazaar quest over a month ago when she visited a similar bazaar at Comanche Base near Tuzla. She obtained a list of 52 vendors that frequent Tuzla-area bazaars and along with Dobol counter intelligence personnel, began the arduous job of interviewing each prospective vendor.

Since Dobol is located in the heart of the four-kilometer-wide Zone of Separation (ZOS), officials practice tighter security than those at other U.S. base camps located in Tuzla and throughout the Federation of Bosnia. In fact, several prospective vendors were turned away at the Dobol gate after guard dogs brought in from Camp Bedrock detected suspicious odors. However, no explosives or munitions were found.

Meanwhile, vendors were provided shelter in two Dobol

motor pool garages. In all, 15 vendors sold such local crafts as rugs, plaques, wood carvings, paintings, and stamp collections.

According to 33-year-old Tuzla painter Spahic Tale, the Dobol bazaar offered him an opportunity to add to his clientele. "I go to all the bases when they have bazaars," said Tale, who spoke English and was ready to dish out colorful business cards. "A lot of the soldiers look for me so I can paint a portrait of someone close to them."



Captain Warren Wells legal counsel for the 2-2 ACR at Camp Dobol, examines a colorful Bosnian-made rug during the recent bazaar.

Furthermore, Sergeant Daniel Groefsema, 22, of Pittsburg, Kan., said up to 300 U.S. troops from Dobol and a few from nearby Eagle Base in Tuzla visited the bazaar. "It's good to see this many soldiers enjoying this bazaar," said Groefsema, the noncommissioned officer in charge of the civil affairs team that organized the event.

And if the Sunday, April 5, bazaar at Dobol is any indication, troops here can expect more in the future, Edrington said.

"I would recommend that every soldier here visit a bazaar. For many, it's the only opportunity to purchase the local crafts and meet local people," Edrington said.

# 'MPs' walk beat and maintain security

Story and photo by Sergeant Terry L. Welch  
345th Mobile Public Affairs Det.

Maybe it's the dusty "cowtown" streets. Maybe it's the board sidewalks. Or, maybe it's the pistols they wear. Whatever it is, the temptation to say that

there's "a new sheriff in town" is simply too strong to resist. The Old-Western like town is Camp McGovern, and the "sheriff" is First Lieutenant Roger Harbison, Platoon Leader of 1st Platoon, 527th Military Police Company.

Replacing the 810th MP Co., the unit – which maintains three platoons at Colt – sent the 1st platoon to McGovern where they will work at four distinct missions, including area reconnaissance, convoy escort, personal security and maintaining law and order.

Harbison said he, for one, was glad to have received orders to Bosnia. "Why be on the team if you're just going to ride the bench?" he said.

Staff sergeant Daniel Page said he was glad to be coming to Bosnia as well, and feels that having an MP unit on a camp to protect the soldiers' best interests is a must. "We've set up what amounts to a small provost marshal's office here," he said. "I guess you could say it's part of the quality of life here on post. We deal with minor traffic accidents, minor larceny."

Staff Sergeant Charles Gloden and Private First Class Rebecca Lee were both attached to the unit after volunteering for a tour in Bosnia. This is Gloden's second tour in the country and he said he could see how things in the country have changed for the better, due in part, he hopes to the efforts of the MP units who have worked in the country. "You can see a big difference this time," he said. "It's not just us, obviously. It's NATO working together. We're like a big kid breaking up a fight."

Gloden said he volunteered for a change of scenery, but is already noticing some personal gain from the tour. "I've got a whole new squad this time and I've got four brand new soldiers to mentor and lead. That's always nice."

Lee wanted to see Bosnia, and frankly, get some of the financial benefits of being deployed. "My platoon (in the other unit) had been down here last time. They told me a lot of stories about the country and I thought it would be a good experience for me," Lee said. "When I joined the active Army, (people) told me that if I came to Germany, I would probably go to Bosnia. I was hoping that I would."



Private Raymond Putnel, left, and Private First Class Jason Glover walk their "beat" at Camp McGovern during a law and order patrol.

# ***Eagle Base sentries work under guarded conditions on new schedule***



**Corporal Lisa Elizondo with the 345th MPAD, hands off her weapon to be inspected while other soldiers wait in formation to be inspected at guard mount.**

**Story by Specialist Nancy McMillan**  
*196th Mobile Public Affairs Det.*

**Photo by Sergeant First Class Buddy Ferguson**  
*345th Mobile Public Affairs Det.*

**A**s people and vehicles on the roads and walkways pass by the towering guard posts, the soldiers in side are battling an age-old enemy of all sentries; boredom and sleep that comes from being stationary.

Guard duty is as old as Armies, and is accepted with about the same enthusiasm as it always has been. The only change in guard duty is the system used for implementation, and the guard rotation system at Eagle Base has recently undergone some changes.

Under the new guard-duty system, soldiers ranking E-5 and below, pair up for four-hour shifts throughout several eight-foot by eight-foot wooden, tree-house-on-legs type structures.

"I like guard duty and the new way of going about doing it," said Private Michael Woulard, a member of the 16th Engineers out of Giessen, Germany. "Now, it's more organized and there is more accountability for the people who are suppose to be there."

The new system has a soldier, called a COR (commander of the relief) who takes on the responsibility as the team leader and assures all soldiers are present for that particular shift.

The COR then walks each set of guards to their post — alternating them to another tower after one to two hours of watch.

When the four-hour shift is completed, the soldiers are given eight hours of down time to relax within the tents provided or, in the Morale, Welfare and Recreation facility.

Before the system changed on April 1, soldiers chose the

post and shift they wanted by placing their name on a sign-up sheet. Between shifts, they were on their own, and slept in their "home" tent.

One problem that often occurred with that arrangement was the late arrival of soldiers for their second four-hour rotation.

"With the old system, you were always hoping the next shift would be on time," said Woulard, 22, from Cincinnati, Ohio. "People were always oversleeping or nowhere to be found. I got relieved two hours late one day, because no one could find the person taking my place," he said.

The new policy has all the soldiers for a particular shift sleeping under the same roof and is limited to certain destinations in a 24-hour period.

"I've done both, SOG (sergeant of the guard) from the old system and pulled guard duty on this new system," said Sergeant John Bjork, a member of the 300th Adjutant General out of Chicago. "It isn't all that bad and it has to be done — the base needs to be secured," the Chicago native said.

Some soldiers though, are unhappy with the change.

"We're not thrilled about guard duty, but dealt with it easier before they turned it all around," said two soldiers who were playing pool to pass the time. "Now it seems as though they don't trust us to go to our tents or workout — treating us as if we were kids."

Whether a soldier likes the new system or not, it was a necessary conversion.

"The change consolidated the security plan for better command and control, and standardized the procedure to improve the security around Eagle Base," said the Lansdale, Penn. native, Captain Steve Lutsky, of the 1st Brigade, 35th Armor Regiment, S3 Air.

# Air Force grounds terminal attack controller for safety

Story and photo by Corporal James E. Baker  
345th Mobile Public Affairs Det.

In a hostile, or in a training environment, the U.S. Air Force places its enlisted terminal attack controller (ETAC) on the ground and forward. The controller is attached to a dismounted patrol such as a forward observer team where an area reconnaissance and assessment of deployable assets is conducted. Staff Sergeant Brian Hellard, 30, of Pascagoula, Miss., is an airman that walks in both worlds of

the Air Force and the Army.

Deployed from the 21st Air Support Operations Squadron at Fort Polk, La., Hellard is currently with the Camp McGovern Tactical Air Control Party. This five-member team is responsible for controlling the air movement of personnel and equipment in the area of operations, in addition to providing force protection to the SFOR ground forces that the 3rd Squadron, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment (ACR) commander may deploy.

Hellard breaks the stereotype that air force personnel aren't physical; he's on the ground carrying rucksacks weighing anywhere from 60 to 80 pounds including communications equipment. He observes the target, aircraft and friendly (military and civilian) location before coordinates are called in for an air strike. To enable the pilots to get a visible target that can be engaged, night vision goggles, infrared pointers, and sensors are used.

After authorization for target engagement is granted by higher command, the controller is the final word on whether the mission can proceed. "Once the aircraft gets into the area, I talk them into a target. Speed then becomes the key to be quick, concise, and to the point in completing the mission," said Hellard.

He says the possibility exists for a controller to become a casualty if he is too close to a target; however, since there is only one controller on the ground, every effort is made to reduce this risk.

"Whether I'm either down on the ground on foot or up in a helicopter in a seat, the same rules apply to getting the mission accomplished while keeping fratricide to a minimum," said Hellard.

Human error, visibility and terrain are factors that are in the equation for completion of sorties in the Bosnian area of responsibility. Every day, depending on the activity, between 100 and 200 sorties are flown in support of SFOR, according to the Combined Air Operations Center (CAOC).

Two air control methods are used: the "talk on", and the "line up" method. The first method, the talk on, is reserved for inhabited areas. The aircraft remains in the sky, and the pilots do not simulate an attack. Instead, they indicate that the target is visible to them. The second method, the line up, is more elaborate. The pilots simulate attacks on targets with their planes equipped to strike, if necessary.

"All precautions are taken to prevent an accidental attack during these training exercises. There must be a verbal confirmation that the bombing mechanisms are on safe before the simulation can begin. Otherwise, the training mission is aborted," said Lieutenant Colonel Kermit Phelps, 3/2 Air Liaison Officer.

As an added measure of precaution, the rules of engagement state that a target can't be selected within 500 feet of an inhabited area, and the pilot can only drop to 5,000 feet on the final approach to a target.



Enlisted Terminal Attack Controller, Staff Sergeant Brian Hellard confers with higher command during an area reconnaissance near Camp McGovern. Hellard, deployed from the 21st Air Support Operations Squadron at Fort Polk, is a member of the Camp McGovern Tactical Air Control Party.

# Tank driver patrols with Swedish soldiers

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

When a multinational force works so closely together as they do in Bosnia-Herzegovina, disciplined practiced teamwork is essential for the success of the many overlapping missions often operating in tandem.

An example of such teamwork is Specialist Jelawrence A. Brown, who recently joined Swedish soldiers in Tuzla to conduct dismounted patrols. Brown is a member of Alpha Company, 1st Brigade, 35th Armor Division, from Baumholder, Germany. The unit is currently stationed at Camp Bedrock in the heart of the Tuzla Valley.

"This is the first time I have been on a joint patrol with the Swedish soldiers," said Brown, a 20-year-old Mableton, Ga., native. "I feel like we are working well together as a team to establish peace here in Bosnia."

Being tasked to carry out numerous types of missions here is a common theme among most of the U.S. soldiers. Brown is normally a driver of the M1A1 Abrams tank, yet on this day he served as radio transmitter for the joint patrol in downtown Tuzla.

"I have been able to get to know the Swedish soldiers through this patrol. While we were walking downtown I talked to Second Lieutenant Muttius Sjtund from Stockholm. We discussed the joint efforts currently going on between the countries here in Bosnia, and then Swedish soldiers graciously invited us back to their mess hall for dinner after the patrol," said Brown.

Breaking bread together is just another way the soldiers here build a team-like working relationship. The U.S. and Swedish soldiers used this time to sit and talk about their involvement here in the Balkans.

For Sjtund, who like all other Swedish troops volunteered for the Bosnia deployment, Operation Joint Guard provides a perfect scenario for multinational cooperation.

"This is why I came," said Sjtund. "I wanted to work along with the Americans. It's been a long-awaited dream come true."

Apparently, the multinational Stabilization Force is doing more than just ensuring peace in the Balkans. It is also strengthening the bond between ally forces.

Specialist Jelawrence A. Brown participates with Swedish soldiers in Tuzla, Bosnia conducting mounted and dismounted patrols.

