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A man with short blonde hair, wearing a red hoodie and dark shorts, is crouching in a hallway. He is looking down at a brown dog that is standing on its hind legs, leaning towards him. The dog has a silver chain collar. The hallway has light-colored walls and a wooden floor. In the background, a fire extinguisher is visible on the wall.

Operation Joint Forge

Task Force Eagle

Saturday, June 17, 2000

MILITARY WORKING DOGS

Like father like son

Deploying to the Balkans together

Terrain Team technique

More than mere mapmakers

Javna Ustanova Prva Osnovna Skola

Children face education challenges

STRENGTH FOR THE ASKING

**A little boy was having difficulty lifting a heavy stone.
His father came along just then.
Noting the boy's failure, he asked,
"Are you using all your strength?"**

**"Yes, I am," the little boy said impatiently.
"No, you are not." The father answered.
"I am right here just waiting,
and you haven't asked me to help you."**

**When we are faced with a problem that seems
unsolvable or a burden that is too heavy,
we might ask ourselves,
"Are we using all our strength?"
Our Father, too, is waiting to help.
Let us thank God, our Father, for His continuous help.**

**Charles W. Edwards, Jr.
CH (Col.) USA
MND-N/TFE Chaplain**

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

- Today – **ATTITUDE:** "Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see the shadows."
- Sunday – **DIVERSITY:** "Diversity is the one true thing we all have in common...celebrate it every day."
- Monday – **CHANGE:** "If you're not riding the wave of change...you'll find yourself beneath it."
- Tuesday – **PRIDE:** "Pride is a personal commitment, it is an attitude which separates excellence from mediocrity."
- Wednesday – **DETERMINATION:** "The race is not always to the swift...but to those who keep on running."
- Thursday – **TEAMWORK:** "The ability to work together toward a common vision. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results."
- Friday – **PASSION:** "There are many things in life that will catch your eye; but only a few will catch your heart...pursue those."

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MAINTAINING OUR MILITARY BEARING

By **CSM Bobbie R. Adams**

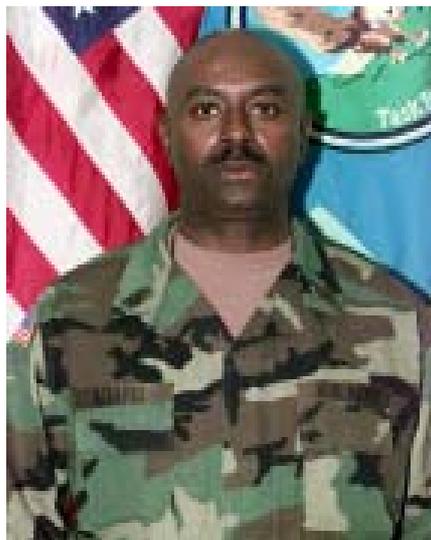
Command Sergeant Major, MND-N

Military bearing is fundamental in everything we do as soldiers. It is a daily demonstration of our discipline and professionalism. Part of setting the example of a professional army here in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) is maintaining our military bearing.

There are many aspects of military bearing that reflect on our overall presentation as soldiers. Our appearance is the most obvious of these and it makes an instant impression on everyone we encounter. A clean and pressed uniform and highly shined boots ensure that every person we meet will have a positive impression of us as soldiers.

Another instant impression is made when rendering a hand salute. A crisply rendered salute, accompanied by an appropriate greeting will make the best possible impression. At the very least, it serves to avoid drawing any negative attention to ourselves by executing a sloppy or silent salute.

Maintaining our military bearing when



CSM Bobbie R. Adams

addressing others is extremely important in order to preserve the professional working environment we all deserve. When addressing our superiors, we all know that courtesy and respect are a prerequisite.

However, it is easy to forget that our sub-

ordinates also deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. Simply outranking a person does not give you license to be disrespectful or rude.

I want to encourage you to remember the reasons you volunteered for this mission. We are nearing the halfway point, and your attitude is really the most important factor in your image as a soldier.

I remember when many of us began this journey in Austin more than one year ago; everyone was enthusiastic and excited. It does not reflect a positive or professional image to have soldiers who appear unhappy, depressed or tired.

I would encourage all of you to take a look at the image you are portraying to the world, and ask yourself if it is the best it can be. If not, do something to change it.

You will see your improvements in the reflection of others. How others react to you is simply the reflection of your attitude. If you want others to treat you better, treat them better.

If we each made just one purposeful change, soon everyone would begin to look his or her best. Lone Star!

SAFETY IS THE STANDARD

Story and photo

by **CW4 Scott Dillon**

TFE Safety Office

For every task there is a standard - the requirements to properly complete that task. Whether it is a formation or a patrol, there are standards on properly conducting the task. The higher you set the standard, the better the task is accomplished. Most accidents are caused by a deviation from the standard; speeding, maintenance shortcuts, improperly clearing a weapon. But standards are also developed as protection measures; seat belts, protective clothing and equipment, and speed limits are examples of these.

In the case of this vehicle, the driver had to drive off the roadway to prevent a head-on collision, which caused it to roll over. Fortunately, there were no injuries because the occupants were wearing their seat belts.

Remember if you are performing to standard, even if the unexpected happens, you are more prepared and will have a better chance of escaping injury or damage to yourself or your equipment.

Good leaders set and enforce high standards. Good soldiers follow those standards, even in the absence of leadership.



ROLL OVER—By wearing their seatbelts, none of the occupants were injured.



LET US GATHER AT THE RIVER—Coalition personnel and locals commune on the new Celic Bridge, celebrating its completion following and dedication ceremony June 1.

BRIDGING THE GAP

Story and photos
by Spc. Katherine L. Koehne
65th PCH, Eagle Base

The bright, morning sun shone across the streets of the city as locals and friends gathered to celebrate a new milestone in their community's future. Thursday, June 1, at 11 a.m., crowds assembled and automobiles lined up as a sense of accomplishment, comradeship, thankfulness and simple relief was shared throughout the streets of Celic. Local families, friends and political advisors, and soldiers from three armies joined to celebrate the dedication of the new Celic Bridge.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony formally marked the completion of another successful joint mission by the 1st Peacekeeping Russian Separate Airborne Brigade (1stPRSAB), the II Corps VF Engineers and the 43rd Combat Engineer Company (CEC).

The Celic Bridge replaced the Stabilization Force (SFOR) Bailey Bridge, which was repaired and returned to storage at Comanche Base. The joint project, which began May 17, was the second in a series of bridges being replaced as a part of local transportation improvements.

Honored guests attending the ceremony were Tarik Arapcic, Governor of Tuzla Canton; Maj. Gen. Robert L. Halverson, Commanding General Multinational Division North (MND-N); Gen. Maj. Sad Delic, Commander II Corps VF Engineers; Dr. John D. Finney, Jr., Political Advisor MND-N; Lt. Col. Nikolai Nikulnikov, Deputy Brigade Commander 1stPRSAB; and Col. Larry N. Patterson, of Division Engineers MND-N.

The dedication began with opening remarks delivered by Maj. Gen. Halverson, followed by Gen. Maj. Delic and Governor Arapcic.

"Today we come together to recognize an area that demonstrates the unified effort of SFOR, the entity armed forces and the international community to build growth and prosperity for Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH)," said Halverson.

"Today, an ongoing, multinational project is being realized as we officially dedicate the Celic Bridge behind me. This multinational engineer project, in cooperation with the Tuzla Canton, embodies SFOR's ongoing effort to provide freedom of movement for the citizens of BiH and assist in the return of displaced persons to their pre-war homes. It is an ongoing

effort by the people of Bosnia to rebuild their country and we are proud to assist them," said Halverson.

"It has been five years since SFOR first came to your nation to assist in the implementation of the Dayton Peace Accords. During those five years, much has changed in your political and social infrastructure. But one area that has true impact on the people and beauty of your country is the development that has occurred in the physical infrastructure of BiH since the end of the war in 1995. Homes are being rebuilt, cities are returning to the pride and prosperity they once enjoyed, and your highways and thoroughfares again facilitate the safe passage throughout your country," Halverson added.

"I am very pleased with the honest resolve you have shown me in your determination and dedication to your fellow countrymen and to your homeland. This has not been an easy road, but through respect and solidarity you have made great strides toward resolution, and I know you will win this race. With this, I again promise to work with you, and assist you as you continue to build a future of hope and promise for your future generations," said Halverson.

In his speech, Arapcic added, "Bridges all over the world are a symbol of tying people together, symbol of exchange of all that is good; people, goods, ideas....In BiH, bridges have a different symbolic meaning. With great regret, a large number of [bridges] during the war were destroyed. Those who destroyed these bridges and bonds between people for this they will sooner or later be accountable. For those of us who have always built them – we will continue to do so."

"We do not wish to create a wall of fortress around us! We wish to meet, visit with each other, have our friends come and visit and for us to be able to go and visit them. We wish to put forth relationships of understanding and tolerance and cooperation. We want progress!"

Upon completion of their speeches, Halverson, Delic and Arapcic then led the dedication by cutting the ribbons draped across both ends of the bridge and led a

first-walk across the bridge.

Upon the conclusion of the formal dedication, locals and soldiers remained to admire the new bridge and share thoughts with one another of their past team-work accomplishments and hopes for the future.



A LEISURELY WALK—Three gentlemen accompany each other on their first afternoon stroll across the new Celic Bridge.



QUALITY TIME—Cpl. Justin Phipps, retransmission team chief for the 249th Signal Battalion, and his father, Staff Sgt. Rex Phipps, who works in Systems Control for the 249th Signal Battalion, are here together in Bosnia. Since their pre-deployment, they have even been able to spend more time together. Cpl. Phipps and Staff Sgt. Phipps have been able to go on pass to Budapest together and also be in Europe for the first time.

"He isn't only my son, he is a good friend," Staff Sgt. Phipps said.
(Photo by Spc. Destiny Smith, 102nd MPAD.)



BATTLE BUDS FOR LIFE—Spc. Robert Martinez Jr., the deputy G-3's driver for the Headquarters 49th Armored Division, and his father, Sgt. 1st Class Robert Martinez Sr., Installation Property Book Office local purchase NCOIC, both serve in the same division for the Texas Guard and at Eagle Base.

"It's good to know that I have family here," Sgt. 1st Class Martinez said. "If we have problems here or back at home, we can console each other."
(Photo by Spc. Destiny Smith, 102nd MPAD).

LIKE F LIKE

FATHER AND SON TEAMS

By Spc. Destiny Smith
102nd MPAD, Eagle Base

A Father's Prayer

Lord I'm askin' for Your help
To raise my newborn son,
Give me strength and guide me
'Cause I know that You're the one
That sent this angel to me
A little heaven here on earth.
For now I know my place in life...
I'm no longer who comes first.
Once I had no answer
As to why it is I'm here,
But when I looked into my baby's
eyes....



LIKE FATHER...—Sgt. Joseph S. Hardy, a scout gunner for the F-troop 2/3 ACR, and his father (left), Command Sgt. Maj. L.A. Hardy, squadron command sergeant major of 3/3 ACR, both serve in the 3rd ACR for Task Force Eagle.

FATHER SON

DEPLOY TO THE BALKANS

It all became so clear.
This little bit of heaven
Owns me, heart and soul
And it's You that sent him to me
A greater love I'll never know.
So take these rugged hands of mine
Help me to understand,
Just what it is I need to do
To raise this little man.
Help me build a boy that knows
It's You that holds the key,
To all that heaven holds for us
Show him Your love through me.
ANONYMOUS



SPREADING THE WORD TOGETHER—Maj. Gordon E. Oglesby, chaplain for the 49th Aviation Brigade Combat Team (ABCT), and his son, Spc. Gordon E. Oglesby, chaplain's assistant for the 49th ABCT, serve together in Task Force Eagle at Camp Comanche. Spc. Oglesby is Maj. Oglesby's assistant.

"We spend most of our time together," Maj. Oglesby said. "More time together than we did at home." (Photo by Staff Sgt. Amalia H. Grosklaus 49th ABCT).



PAPA FULL OF PRIDE—"I was honored to have my son choose the same military occupational specialty as me," said Command Sgt. Maj. Hardy, who was a scout. "Also, it is pretty cool to me how he chose to be in the same regiment also."



TOP COPS—Staff Sgt. Len Early, commander of the relief for the guard force with the 111th Engineer Battalion, and his son, Spc. Jae Early, a driver for the 1st platoon 2nd squad A team with the 984th Military Police Company, are serving together in Task Force Eagle. Staff Sgt. Early is stationed at Eagle Base, while his son is at Camp McGovern. The Earlys were both MPs in the 49th Armored Division in Texas. Staff Sgt. Early recruited his son into the military over five years ago and became an MP after his son did. They also have a band at home called Crystal Image. (Photo courtesy Staff Sgt. Len Early, 111th Engineer Battalion).

Story and photos
by Pfc. Jessica E. Revell
102nd MPAD, Eagle Base

If a picture is worth a thousand words, then what is a map worth? It can be worth your life if you are leading a squad through unknown territory and need to know the direction you should take, where the enemy is and what direction they will take, based on the terrain.

Maps are also important to indicate landing sites, elevation, routes, and minefields.

Thanks to the terrain team from the 1001st/1308th Engineer Detachment, Alabama National Guard, we all have a better idea where we are going.

These artists use a computer instead of a canvas, software instead of a brush, to create a montage of lines and symbols instead of a Mona Lisa.

However, they refuse to be called mapmakers.

"Mapmakers are not as technical as this job is. This job takes intuition. It takes insight into what the terrain actually looks like even though you may be looking at a product that simply has length and breadth. You have to use your mind's eye to come up with altitude or elevation, and have to picture what is on the ground just from looking at a map," said Staff Sgt. Fred Buchanan, a terrain analyst from Chipley, Fla.

The team does not make the maps. They produce terrain analysis products to aid in tactical decision-making, and ensure that the possible effects of terrain on military operations, equipment, and personnel are made available to operational planners.

"We produce graphics using maps. Here our focus is what products can we produce to help the division commander and units that are in the field to carry out the mission here. Those products would be such things as helicopter landing zones depicted on a graphic, routes that are depicted on a graphic, or even a crash and rescue map for the Air Force that we made once," said terrain analyst Chief Warrant Officer Chester L. Davis from Slocumb, Ala.

"Ninety percent of the people walk in the door and say, 'I need a map,' so we give them what they need by way of graphics.

Davis said that their products are in high demand and have been ever since they arrived in country.

At first, the team was unsure of themselves, considering the equipment would be different here than back home.

"We had a crash course in learning how to use the equipment. At first we were afraid that we wouldn't be able to do the mission. But my guys, being the type and quality of guys they are, picked up on it real quick and have been able to do everything that is requested of them," said Davis.

When asked what he thought the most difficult part of the job was, terrain analyst Sgt. Robert W. Gibson Sr. said, "Time. Time is our biggest challenge, the systems can only do so much and individuals can only do so much. Yet when things are requested, they are needed immediately so we are rushed. But we still get the task done."

"It's more trouble getting information that someone wants, from information we don't have. We keep trying and make

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IMAGERY— Sgt. Robert W. Gibson creates visual imagery.

something work until they are happy. We feel confident in our capability and we don't second guess ourselves," said Buchanan.

To create the graphics, they take digitized information that is already loaded onto the computer or from compact discs. From there they "Manipulate imagery graphically to better tell a story," described Gibson, who is a graphics illustrator in the civilian world and says it runs in the family.

"My grandfather was a sign painter in the '50s and '60s. He painted signs for banks and stores and such. He also had a logo that was a painter facing his easel. Ironically, before I ever saw this, (my logo) was a painter sitting in a chair, facing his easel. I enjoy drawing and creating artwork. It's fun getting in the computer and seeing where it will take you," said Gibson.

The team also uses standards for creating graphics that have been set over two rotations ago. With new products, they also keep them to standard unless there is a special request from the customer.

The maps are user-friendly, quick reference information that target the special needs of the individual. However, maps with minefields are done a little differently.

Sgt. Timothy M. Patterson, also a terrain analyst, works at the Mine Action Center (MAC) on Eagle Base and is the only one from the terrain team to fill that slot. He creates maps based on a database that is provided from the MAC in Sarajevo.

The database is said to have 60 percent accuracy and is updated once a month. It also can estimate what type and how many mines are in a field.

The team has come a long way since their arrival here. They are willing to take assignments with the seriousness required to complete such an important task. Many Task Force Eagle units use their guidance to find the safest route possible. Their importance can be described by a cartoon that shows a tank sinking in the mud.

The only thing sticking out is the barrel of a gun and a guy on top of the tank screaming, "Let me talk to the terrain team!"



PLOT—Sgt. Robert W. Gibson Sr. chooses graphics locations.

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OVERLAYS— Staff Sgt. Fred Buchanan makes an overlay that displays ethnic backgrounds in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH).

AMERICAN STYLE WITHOUT AMERICAN SUPPORT

AS LOCAL SCHOOL STRUGGLES TO ATTAIN GOALS

Story and photos
by Spc. Katherine L. Koehne
65th PCH, Eagle Base

A warm, sunny, mid-spring day carries on as clusters of school children go about their usual play, talking of summer vacation and engaging in activities and games of typical 10 and 11 year-old American students. Smiles and laughter fill the school yard. These are not American middle-schoolers, however, and as time goes by, the less like them they will become.

The children of Javna Ustanova Prva Osnovna Skola, a Bosnian primary and middle school in Zivinice, just outside Eagle Base, encompass the tastes and trends of American students' fashions and interests, but the assets they have available to portray them are minimal. More importantly, they behold dreams for their futures equally held by American students, yet are not equally provided the materials and hope to attain such goals.

Many students in this school are refugees, having lost one or both parents in the war. This left them to be raised by one parent or by an orphanage. Such is the case for many other students throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH).

Still, 99 percent of BiH students do at least complete middle school, said Rasim (NMI) Mesanovic, the school's deputy. Most males go on to complete four years of high school, but most females end their formal education upon completing eighth

grade, said Sanela (NMI) Bajric, an English teacher at the school. Few males and even fewer females ever receive the opportunity to attend college, she said. In keeping with BiH cultures, most females marry after eighth grade, and most practice arranged marriages. Often, friends of two families arrange to have their children marry. The married couples then reside with one of the two sets of parents, said Bajric.

Though most students complete middle-school, the quality of education provided to prepare them for high school, and the quality of education in high school to prepare them for college, is very lacking in comparison to American education, Bajric said. The towns cannot afford to provide the school systems with basic learning tools, such as a tape player for English class, lab supplies for science class or decently functional computers.

"We do have textbooks, but without these other tools it is hard for the students to fully grasp any subject. For example, without lab supplies, students can read about why things happen, but they cannot assess 'why' for themselves."

Parents or caretakers cannot always provide their children with the funding to go on field trips either, she said.

"Some children will say they just do not feel like going on the trip, but really they are too embarrassed to say they do not have enough money to go. Such was the case for a recent field trip to Croatia," Bajric said.

Home atmospheres are not conducive for studying either, said Bajric. Many families are still living in one-room homes. The children cannot properly concentrate in rooms where the whole family must congregate and function.

Furthermore, children with only one parent or those raised by grandparents are required to perform more chores than normal, allotting them less time for studying and very little time for just being a kid, Bajric said. Some must give up attending high school altogether to work full-time for the family.

For most males here, learning a trade, such as mechanic, seems to be best, Bajric said. This is done primarily through work-experience, however. Although technical schools do exist here, they have poor assets with which to teach the trades.

"With this lack of supplies and time to learn, many do not have the chance to show what they know. This I hate to see," she said.

"International help occurs only once in a while, and when it does, a big hype is always made about it," Bajric said. "Religious groups have not assisted much either."

"We cannot bring their fathers back, but I wish we could just help them grow," Bajric said. "There is so little we can do for them with the limited assets we have. Thus, the dreams these children hold for their futures are one and the same – to go to America, to never return. No hope for them lies here."

LIGHTING UP THE DARKNESS—Capt. Robert W. Bartholomew, 65th Press Camp Headquarters (65th PCH), Division Tactical Center liaison to the Coalition Press Information Center (CPIC), passes out fun-filled bilingual, educational booklets to students at Javna Ustanova Prva Osnovna Skola—a Bosnian primary and middle school in Zivinice—just outside the pedestrian gate at Eagle Base.

CORRECTION—The "Time for Tee" article about the new Harry Albright Golf Facility at Camp Dobol (Talon, June 3) failed to mention that the facility was funded by a corporate donation of almost \$38,000. This money was accepted and coordinated by the Community and Family Support Center (DA MWR) for the soldiers at Camp Dobol.

Also, the soldier on the front cover of the June 10 Talon was incorrectly identified. He was actually Spc. Deane James.



NOT A PIECE OF CAKE

Story and Photos
by Pfc. Jessica E. Revell,
102nd MPAD, Eagle Base

Had it been a piece of cake, they would have sent someone else," said Col. Paul Kiaerskou, commander of the Nordic Polish Battlegroup (NPBG), in reference to the hundreds of soldiers that received the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) medal Sunday, June 5 at Camp Dannevirke and NPBG headquarters in Dobo.

There were two similar but separate events at the camps. The day began with sports competitions amongst the different units. Awards were given in events such as volleyball, relay races and to the best all-around unit of the day. Next was a medal parade ceremony. In attendance were a Hungarian military orchestra, the NATO and NPBG color guards, along with soldiers from Denmark, Poland, Norway, Finland, Sweden, Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. Maj. Gen. Robert L. Halverson of Eagle Base was also there to thank the soldiers for their efforts and to award Kiaerskou his NATO medal. Kiaerskou in turn awarded each unit commander, who in turn decorated their soldiers.



For most soldiers this was their first NATO medal, but for a few it was their sixth or seventh award.

The ceremony was not only to recognize the abilities of individuals, but also the ability of different nations to come together.

PROUD POSTURES—Danish soldiers proudly portray their North Atlantic Treaty (NATO) awards (top) as they smartly stand in formation after the ceremony. Polish soldiers are also decorated with the same prestigious NATO medals (left). The pinning of the NATO medal June 5 at Camps Dannevirke and Dobo. For some soldiers, it was their sixth or seventh award. The day also included sports competitions among the different units.

LIFE CAN BE TOUGH FOR A DOG NAMED SIOUX

Story and photos
by Sgt. Joseph C. DeCaro
65th PCH, Eagle Base

Despite weighing less than 80 pounds, she can easily bring down an assailant several times her size.

She's smart and fast and is probably the best friend a military policeman ever had. She's a dog named Sioux.

A four-year old Belgian Malinois, Sioux is a Military Working Dog (MWD) for drug detection and control here on Eagle Base. Part of a dog team, her human handler is Sgt. Sean E. Cook, an MP with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, K-9 section, 49th Armored Division.

"You have to love dogs to be a handler," said Cook who walks Sioux, cleans her cage and bathes her every day.

Cook's wife Heidi loves Sioux too, despite the fact that Sioux nipped her two years ago for Christmas when she



GOTCHA—Sgt. Sean E. Cook searches "intruder" Pvt. Marcel Schafer while MWD Sioux anticipates any sudden moves.

approached her husband from behind.

All MWDs are trained to protect their handlers. "The dog is our back up," explained Cook.

"My wife loves Sioux to death because she knows Sioux will protect me," he said.

Sioux is trained by Cook to be aggressive so as to increase her prey/kill drive, which is the dog's desire to chase and bite.

"Every dog has it (prey/kill drive), but at different levels," said Cook.

Recently, Cook and Sioux had the opportunity to train with their Swiss

counterparts, Pvt. Marcel Schafer and his dog Quatro, a German Shepherd. Both dogs were put through their paces as they trained to clear unsecured rooms by systematically seeking out an intruder. When the intruder is discovered, the dogs are trained to respond aggressively to let both the dog's handler and the intruder know that he has been found.

"We take a little from each other," said Cook, referring to the more methodical techniques employed by Swiss handlers in clearing a room with a MWD.

Cook explained that when searching a suspect in the prone position, the Swiss place the dog at the head, looking directly into the suspect's eyes, while American handlers position the MWD between the suspect's legs.

Cook further described his MWD search procedure.

"I introduce myself and my dog to the suspect," said Cook, explaining that the dog is "trained to attack on or off leash, with or without my command by any sudden or aggressive movements," he said.

Cook said Sioux and other MWDs have been trained through fun-filled but aggressive games.

The more aggressive Sioux gets, the more she wags her tail, said Cook.

OUCH—Sgt. Sean E. Cook helps Quatro develop his prey/kill drive.



BALANCING ARMY VALUES

IN FAMILY AND CAREER:

SOLDIER'S SPOTLIGHT



ONE NCO SETS THE EXAMPLE AS MOTHER AND SOLDIER

Story and photos

by Staff Sgt. James K. Hunter

102nd MPAD, Camp Comanche

Strength, courage, and family denote the character of Sgt. Lisa M. Medlock, Ammunition Specialist with the 3-5 Platoon of 4th Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, at Camp Comanche. But her future aspirations with the Army are to some day be at the controls of an Apache AH-64 attack helicopter.

But what's even more impressive about this soldier is her dedication to her family. The mother of four children and a single parent, Medlock has overcome many challenges to be a successful NCO and loving, caring mother. The deployment of 3d ACR to Bosnia complicated her busy life, but with the help of four dedicated older brothers and a delightful and loving mother, her children are being cared for back in South Carolina during her absence.

"I want to set an example worthy enough for my children to follow in my footsteps."

-Sgt. Lisa M. Medlock

Leaving behind her four young children—Tyrone, ten, Jeremy, eight, and six-year-old twins Leatrice and Leonard—has been very difficult. But under these conditions, Medlock said, "I want to set an example worthy enough for my children to follow in my footsteps". She credits God for giving her the courage to do so. Showing her children that she can exceed the standards is her gift to their future and a legacy from which to set their own higher goals.

After a somewhat belated start to her military career, a promise made to her grandfather years before, she has been in the Army for three years, garrisoned at Fort Carson, Colorado. Promoted to sergeant May 1, 2000, Medlock diligently works as an ammunition specialist with 3-5 Platoon.

Medlock said her work gives her a sense of accomplishment, "knowing I can do the job and succeed, making me a better role model for my children," she said.

Medlock has her sights set on becoming a warrant officer. Her goal is to become

a pilot of the AH-64 Apache attack helicopter.

During her deployment here in Bosnia, there are some differences in mission tasks than those at Fort Carson, mainly in terms of sheer volume. The 3-5 Platoon supports the Aviation Squadron of the 3rd ACR at Fort Carson. Here at Camp Comanche, the aircraft of 4/3 ACR, the combined leadership of its staff and that of the 49th Aviation Brigade of the Texas Army National Guard, make up the supported unit called the 49th Aviation Brigade Combat Team (ABCT). This combined unit is responsible for aviation support throughout MND-N and many missions throughout the entire country of Bosnia as well. In conjunction with Brown & Root, a civilian support company, the 3-5 Platoon coordinates the ammunition and petroleum, oils and lubricants (POL) needs of the 49th ABCT.

Once a gunnery mission is scheduled, it is Medlock's job to ensure prompt delivery of the ammunition to the armament specialists, who load the ammunition into the aircraft weapon systems.

Medlock's primary concern is the management of small arms in the Camp Comanche temporary ammunition holding area. Her section is responsible for such jobs as removing and storing ammunition from aircraft that undergo phased or extensive maintenance, and for coordination of small arms during gunnery events.

Medlock and the other members of the platoon are also cross-trained in POL distribution, as well as hazardous material storage.

Through her loyalty and commitment to the Army and her family, Medlock is maintaining the true character of an unselfish and dedicated soldier and a loving and caring mother.



SUPPLY SGT.—Sgt. Lisa M. Medlock serves in Bosnia at Camp Comanche as an ammunition specialist for HHT Troop, 4th Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment. Here in her office she supplies the entire squadron with ammunition.