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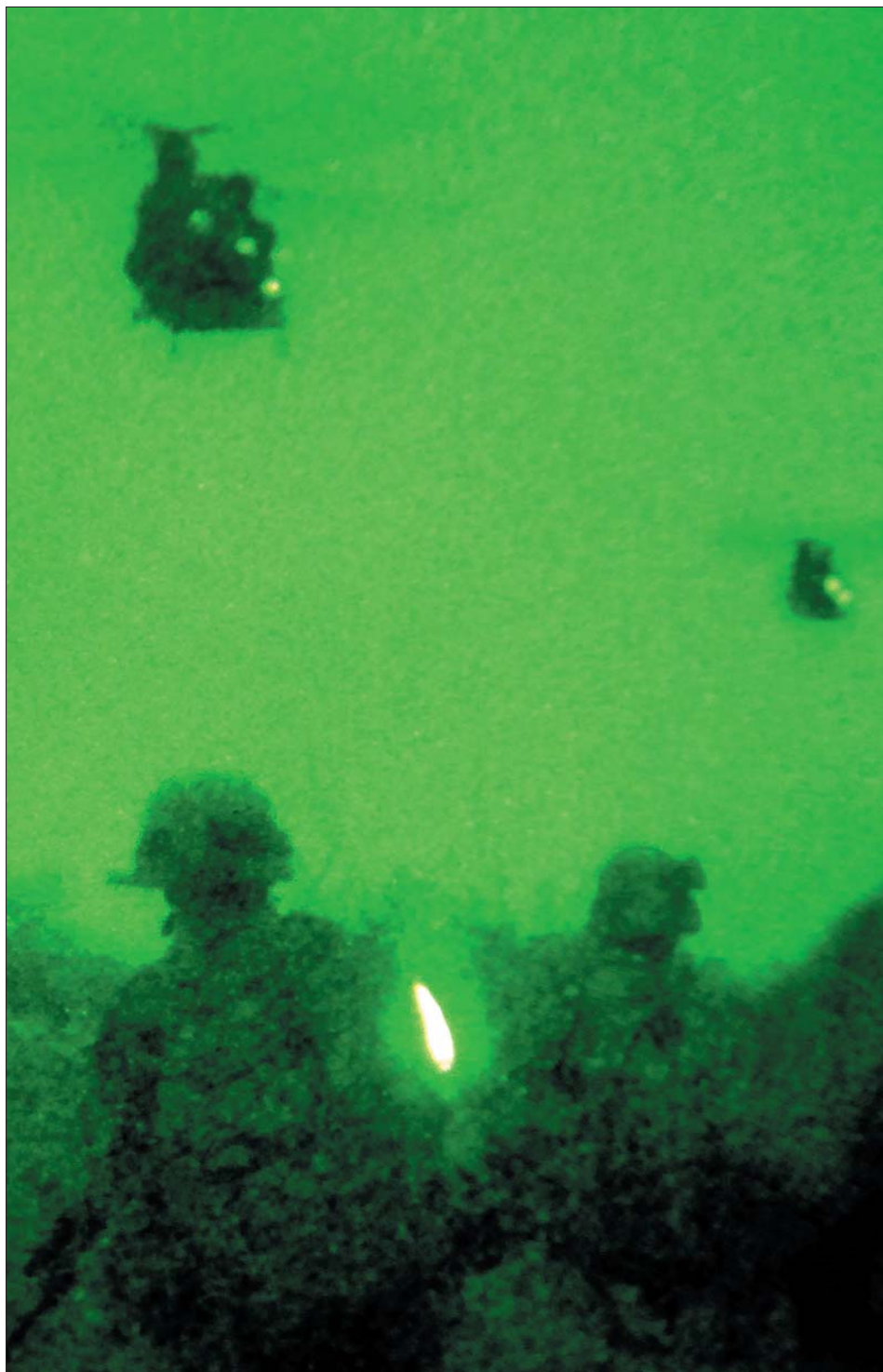


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Sgt. Ben Brody

Soldiers from Co. B, 3-509th PIR prepare to board inbound CH-47D Chinooks after an air assault operation in the Tigris River Valley Sept. 15.

Marne Husky finishes strong

Insurgent captured during operation's final air assault

SGT. BEN BRODY
3RD CAB, 3RD INF. DIV.

BAGHDAD – On the final air assault of Operation Marne Husky, Soldiers detained an insurgent and discovered bomb-making materials along the western bank of the Tigris, 20 miles south of Baghdad, in the predawn hours of Sept. 15.

The detainee, who had high-level contacts in a local al-Qaeda cell, was wanted for IED manufacturing and weapons transport.

“His story kept changing, so we brought him in,” said Capt. Pete Peters, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade’s intelligence officer. “Once he was at our detention facility, three sources positively identified him as an al-Qaeda guy.”

Another man was detained after troops found IED components in his house.

During the operation, four Apache attack helicopters circled overhead, firing hundreds of 30mm cannon rounds at the insurgent positions.

Over the past month, Soldiers from

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Chief of Chaplains preaches to 3rd HBCT

SGT. NATALIE ROSTEK
3RD HBCT, 3RD INF. DIV.

FOB HAMMER — Army Chief of Chaplains Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Douglas Carver visited chaplains and chaplain assistants of 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team Sept. 15 during a trip to FOB Hammer.

Before sitting down with religious leaders to discuss mentorship and Soldier welfare, Carver took a tour of the brigade headquarters. During the tour he asked Soldiers the question he deems the most important.

"How are you doing?" is the most important question Soldiers can ask each other," Carver said. "Not just 'How are you doing?' but 'How are you really doing?' and really listen to their answer."

After the tour Carver met with chaplains and chaplain assistants of 3rd HBCT and the 557th Expeditionary Red Horse Squadron.

"Soldiers need us," he said. "They need us for encouragement, comfort, relieving their fears and encouraging their hope."

Carver said when Soldiers return to the U.S. from their current deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom they are going to need guidance from their religious leaders to return to normalcy from a stressful 15 months.

After emphasizing the need for chaplains and chaplain assistants in armed forces units, he warned the religious leaders of compassion fatigue. Compassion fatigue is caused by the stresses of providing constant sympathy and empathy to Soldiers on a steady basis. Carver encouraged religious leaders to take time for themselves.

"Find time to rest. Rest is your time to replenish, to sit back and listen to God," he said. "If you are not resting, you are not hearing God. If you are not hearing God, what are you telling your Soldiers?"



Pfc. Monica K. Smith
Staff Sgt. Wendy Forbs (right) receives a \$15,000 check from CID Special Agent Donna Trantham for providing information leading to the arrest and conviction of a rapist on Camp Striker.

Justice serves Soldier \$15K

PFC. MONICA K. SMITH
3RD CAB, 3RD INF. DIV.

CAMP STRIKER — A call to the Criminal Investigation Division led to one staff sergeant receiving \$15,000 and the capture and conviction of a rapist.

CID received a report April 14 that a woman had been raped. With no leads, posters were placed throughout Camp Striker offering a reward to anyone with information leading to the perpetrator.

The poster stimulated responses, said CID Special Agent Joel Mooney. The second of two phone calls came from Staff Sgt. Wendy Forbs, an 875th Engineer Battalion personnel administrative sergeant.

"There was a poster on the wall with a reward for \$15,000 for any information to a rape that occurred in April," said Forbs. "I didn't think much about it at the time, but then later I started thinking about it."

Forbs made the call in June and told the agents about her experience on the evening of the rape.

She was outside her trailer, chatting online with her husband, when someone began throwing rocks. Forbs said the man came towards her and asked to talk. She replied that she was chatting with her husband, but the man was undeterred and began to talk with her.

"I was only half listening to him and I felt sorry for him," said Forbs.

"He was telling me about the awful things he's been through and I was only half listening. Then he tried to come on to me and I ran him off."

Forbs said she wasn't sure if her information would aid the case, but felt compelled to call anyway.

"I thought, 'Oh, they're going to think I'm wasting their time,' but it turned out to be the guy who was eventually convicted of the rape," she said. "At the time, what I knew didn't seem like much, but they said it was the missing puzzle piece that put everything together."

"It's a terrible tragedy," said Forbs. "I'm glad I got the reward but it's a terrible tragedy what happened. I'm glad I was able to help, but I was kind of freaked out. That could have happened to me."

CID Special Agent in charge Aaron Arguello gave special thanks to Forbs during an awards ceremony commending her courage to call.

As a result of her call, a court martial sentenced the convicted rapist to; reduction to E-1, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, a dishonorable discharge and 10 years confinement.

"Staff Sgt. Forbs helped us out tremendously," Arguello said. "Her call led to the identification, apprehension and conviction (of the perpetrator). Her information broke the case wide open. (She is) fully deserving of this award. Justice has been served."

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Photos by Sgt. Ben Brody

Soldiers from Co. B, 3-509th PIR, secure two Iraqi men during an air assault operation Sept. 15.

Inset: Soldiers clear an AK-47 assault rifle found during the operation, conducted in the Tigris River Valley.

HUSKY: *Combat operations wrap up with capture of insurgent, weapons*

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Company B, 3rd Battalion, 509th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, teamed up with aviators from 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, and conducted seven air assaults in the Tigris River Valley.

Operation Marne Husky disrupted insurgents who fled the towns of Salman Pak and Arab Jabour in front of earlier U.S. offensives, said Lt. Col.

Robert Wilson, 3rd CAB's executive officer.

"We were able to use our combined-arms capability to insert forces into areas that the enemy previously thought were safe havens," Wilson said. "By disrupting and capturing insurgents in this area, we set the security conditions for Baghdad."

From Aug. 15 to Sept. 15, troops from 3rd CAB and Co. B, 3-509th PIR, captured 80 suspected insurgents and killed another 43. Pilots flew 420 hours

during Marne Husky.

The mission was unique for Multi-National Division – Center, in that the unit primarily responsible was the aviation brigade. Typically an infantry brigade or battalion would control the ground and artillery forces.

"It's a great opportunity for us," said Wilson, from Dalton, Ga. "Baker Company is a well-led, very dynamic unit. Their experience in air assault operations made them a great selection to work with us."

Safety Thought of the Day **Welding Safety**

- Combustible and flammable materials must be cleared from the welding area. A spark or a piece of hot slag could easily ignite these materials and cause a fire.
- To protect yourself from burns from these sparks and pieces of slag, wear appropriate personal protective

equipment, such as aprons, gloves, sleeves and footwear

- Ultraviolet radiation can cause burns to the skin and eyes. Welding hoods and special welding goggles with UV filter lenses and side shields are designed to protect your eyes and face from UV exposure.

Headline Highlights

Sick worker's fine; bullfighter's bug bite

Man fined for going to work

OTTAWA (Reuters) — A sick Canadian bakery worker has been fined C\$1,000 (\$970) for ignoring an order to stay at home until he recovered from symptoms of salmonella poisoning, medical officials said on Thursday.

Health inspectors in Edmonton, Alberta, had told Adam Duerr to stay at home until tests showed he had recovered. But Duerr, 20, failed to have himself tested and went back to work.

He appeared in court on Wednesday. In addition, the bakery was fined C\$1,500 and the owner C\$1,000.

Gerry Predy, the medical officer at the local health authority, said the case was highly unusual.

"We almost never have people who disobey the order to stay off work," he told Reuters. There was no evidence that any customers fell ill following Duerr's return.

Bug bite bests bullfighter

MADRID (Reuters) — If the bulls don't get you, a mosquito might, as Spanish bullfighter Jose Maria Manzanara has discovered to his cost.

After surviving 57 bullfights this season with the usual share of gorings, tramlings and tossings, Manzanara dropped out early suffering from Dengue fever. Manzanara, 25, likely contracted the tropical virus transmitted by mosquito bite during a Latin America tour involving appearances in Mexico, Colombia and Venezuela, doctors say.

Manzanara had been fainting and generally feeling unwell for months,

but doctors could not decide what was wrong with him until detailed tests showed he was suffering from one of the milder forms of Dengue.

"A person who contracts Dengue fever is likely to get other infections because their immune system is very depressed," Doctor Jose Calabuig, treating Manzanara, told bullfighting portal www.mundotoro.com.

Doctors have prescribed rest and warned Manzanara not to visit Latin America during the coming European winter as a second bout of the virus could be worse. The more serious forms of Dengue kill hundreds of people every year especially in Asia.

Stench may be subjective

CHICAGO (Reuters) — When it comes to a man's body odor, the fragrance — or stench — is in the nose of the beholder, according to U.S. researchers who suggest a single gene may determine how people perceive body odor.

The study, published online on Sunday in the journal *Nature*, helps explain why the same sweaty man can smell like vanilla to some, like urine to others and for about a third of adults, have no smell at all.

"This is the first time that any human odorant receptor is associated with how we experience odors," Hiroaki Matsunami of Duke University in North Carolina said in a telephone interview.

Matsunami and colleagues at Duke and Rockefeller University in New York focused on the chemical androstenone,

which is created when the body breaks down the male sex hormone testosterone.

Androstenone is in the sweat of men and women, but it is more highly concentrated in men. How one perceives its smell appears to have a lot to do with variations in one odor receptor gene called OR7D4.

"It is well known that people have different perceptions to androstenone. But people didn't know what was the basis of it," Matsunami said.

To find out, researchers in Matsunami's lab tested sweat chemicals on most of the 400 known odor receptors used by the nose to sniff out smells and chemicals.

They found the OR7D4 gene reacted strongly with the sex steroid androstenone. Next, they tested whether variations in this gene had an impact on how people perceived the smell of androstenone in male sweat.

They took blood samples and sequenced the DNA of 400 people who participated in a smell perception test done in Leslie Vosshall's lab at Rockefeller. What they found is slight genetic variations determine whether androstenone has a pungent smell, a sweet, vanilla-like smell or no smell at all.

The role of androstenone is not well understood in humans, but in pigs it sends a powerful sex signal that puts sows in the mood for love.

"There is some evidence published showing this chemical can modify the mood or hormone levels in humans," Matsunami said. "What we don't know is whether the receptor we found was in any way involved in this process."

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ARABIC PHRASE OF THE DAY

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