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Georgians learn rules of the road

214TH FIRES BDE.

FOB DELTA – Driving safely is critical in moving personnel, equipment and supplies on today's battlefield.

To ensure 3rd Georgian Brigade soldiers are able to safely maneuver U.S. Army vehicles and to move personnel, equipment and supplies, the Georgian soldiers received a weeklong driver's training course.

The weeklong training focused on familiarizing the Georgian soldiers with the various trucks used by the U.S. Army, said Staff Sgt. Gregory Reese, the battalion master driver for Company A, 603rd Aviation Support Battalion, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade from Fort Stewart, Ga.

"They are doing well," Reese said.

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Sgt. 1st Class Stacy Niles

A Soldier from 603rd ASB gives Soldiers from the 3rd Georgian Brigade instructions on the proper procedures for pumping fuel from a fuel truck.

Commandos receive customs training to redeploy

SGT. 1ST CLASS ANGELA MCKINZIE

2ND BCT, 10TH MTN. DIV. (LI)

CAMP STRIKER — Redeployment is filled with happiness, a sense of pride and, of course, inspections.

In order to redeploy Soldiers must undergo a series of customs inspections to ensure nothing illegal is brought to the United States.

And to make sure nothing illegal is shipped military policemen from the 2nd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) out of Fort Drum, N.Y., have been going through customs training with other 2nd BCT Soldiers on Camp Striker, Iraq.

"We are teaching them how to look for contraband, prohibited and restricted items," said Sgt. 1st Class Michael Hart, of Syracuse, N.Y., 2nd BCT provost sergeant.

Although customs training is typically an eight-hour block of classroom instruction, Hart decided it needed a little more to be truly effective.

"I added a hands-on portion to the class so the Soldiers can learn how to look for contraband," Hart explained. "I don't think any class is effective if it does not offer hands-on training. That is how people learn."

The hands-on portion of the class introduced the students to common scenarios they may encounter during an inspection, such as typical hiding places for illegal items and having too many people in the inspection area at a time which could lead to the smuggling of items because of limited supervision.

"A common place for Soldiers to hide contraband or ille-

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Air assault nets IED cell leader

SGT LUIS DELGADILLO
2ND BCT, 3RD INF. DIV.

ARAB JABOUR — Coalition troops air assaulted into a farm field south of Baghdad and captured the leader of an al-Qaeda improvised explosive device-making cell Sept. 14.

Soldiers of Company B, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, captured the IED cell leader and seven other suspected insurgents during building clearing operations south of Patrol Base Murray.

Upon landing in a barren farm field, Soldiers made their way through deeply rutted muddy fields to their first target house.

The mission was designed to se-

cure the area around the prospective location of Patrol Base Hawkes, a new patrol base being constructed in Arab Jabour.

Once the perimeter of the building was secure and the residents were asked to come outside, Anderson and his Soldiers began the process of identifying the group.

The IED cell leader was the first person identified.

First platoon detained seven men, in the same building, who were also suspected of involvement in the IED cell.

Anderson said disrupting this cell was key because the area where he and his Soldiers were clearing buildings was known for a high number of IEDs targeting Coalition Forces.



Sgt. Luis Delgadillo

First Lt. Cesar Santiago walks with Co. B, 1-30th Inf. Regt. Soldiers while they transport detainees to awaiting vehicles near PB Hawkes in Arab Jabour Sept. 14.

CUSTOMS: 10th Mtn. Soldiers get customs training before redeploying

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gal items is in the pockets of their assault packs," Hart said. "One year someone tried to smuggle a 9mm pistol, but he was caught."

The training also showed Soldiers how to look at typical items with a different eye.

For instance, customs inspectors have to look inside a bottle of foot powder to make sure there is nothing illegal in there. And they have to look under boxes where items may be hidden.

During one demonstration, a bomb-sniffing dog came out and detected gunpowder underneath a box. Using different

types of dogs to detect illegal items is common during inspections.

"I learned that you have to check every possible crevice of all items," said Sgt. Tuyen Nguyen, a signal NCO with 2nd BCT. "I wouldn't have thought to look in some of the places for contraband. The class has taught me a lot."

Although customs inspections may seem like a pain, there is a reason they must be performed.

"Inspecting items going into the United States from foreign countries allows us to protect our nation's borders from threats," Hart said.

Units will begin customs inspections this week in preparation for redeployment to Fort Drum.



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Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Stacy Niles

Sgt. Kevin Madras, a mechanic with 603rd ASB, (left) helps Cpl. David Psuturi, 3rd Georgian Bde. (center), gather tools to operate a tow truck. At right, Soldiers from the 3rd Georgian Brigade receive a convoy brief before beginning convoy training.



GEORGIANS: 3rd CAB Soldiers school Georgians

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"They are used to the Soviet vehicles.

"(The Army trucks) are all new to them," he said. "They are doing better than expected."

The Georgians received training on driving Humvees, flat bed trucks, a tow truck, and a fuel truck. They also received convoy, blackout and forward area water point supply systems training.

"We showed them everything we do to make (the convoy) as safe as possible," said Reese.

The students learning to work the crane and tow truck figured out how to use the equipment very quickly, said Sgt. Kevin Madras, a mechanic with the 603rd ASB.

"They did outstanding for it being the first time with the equipment," Madras said. "They are very good with mechanical things."

Two challenges for the 12-man teaching staff were the language barrier and teaching the classroom portion.

The classes had to be translated in both Russian and Georgian by the translators. Additionally, Georgians had different words for the equipment—a tow truck is called a vacuator or tigoch and a winch is called a cable, said Madras.

The Georgians were not big fans of the classroom training.

"They wanted to get out for the hands-on portion," said Reese. "They're focused. They want to get out and drive. They want to learn."

In spite of the language and cultural barriers, the instructors and students did extremely well, said 1st Sgt. Spencer Davis, Company A, 603rd ASB first sergeant.

"We wanted to provide them with a familiarization of our vehicles, and they did very well," said Davis. "(The instructors) were extremely effective. They were able to showcase what our noncommissioned officer corps is about."

Safety Thought of the Day

Wildlife Safety

General Sanitation

- Burn trash thoroughly and as often as necessary.
- Do not eat in rooms or tents.
- Keep LSAs and work areas clean.

Animal Control

- Pets are not allowed.
- Bases may have a Force Protection

Dog in accordance with FRAGO guidance.

- No compassionate feeding.
- Institute humane euthanasia if animals become a problem.
- Do not release animals from traps.

Contact Preventive Medicine for further guidance.

Headline Highlights

Sick worker's fine; bullfighter's bug bite

A good idea at the time?

TIRANA (Reuters) — An Albanian fishmonger set fire to his van in a burst of anger after the national soccer team lost to the visiting Dutch side, and firefighters failed to extinguish the blaze because someone had stolen their water.

Vilson Alushi had vowed to burn his fish-delivery van if Albania failed to win a point against the Netherlands on Wednesday. Dutch striker Ruud van Nistelrooy put paid to his hopes with a goal in injury time to end the game 1-0. Alushi duly doused his car with gasoline in the centre of the southern town of Delvine and watched indifferently as his friends alerted the firefighters, newspapers reported.

They arrived promptly on the scene and unreeled the hose, only to find it was dry. It seems that residents living near the fire station had drained the tank to help them cope with Albania's chronic water shortage.

Here comes Super Teacher!

TOKYO (Reuters) — A Japanese teacher who threw a chair at his students was named "super teacher" by the local board of education despite having been reprimanded several times for using corporal punishment, a news agency said on Saturday.

The 52-year-old high-school teacher in Kyoto has been awarded the title every year since 2005 in spite of a history of aggression in the classroom because his strict teaching methods improved his students' performance.

He was punished three times between 1997 and 2001 for physically attacking students, including throwing a chair at the volleyball team he was coaching, and was again accused of corporal punishment this year, Kyodo news agency said.

The teacher, who was not identified in the news agency report, resigned on Friday, having been on medical leave since the latest accusation. He was selected as a role model due to his "outstanding achievement in leading the volleyball team," Kyodo said, citing board officials.

Japan's school system has been at the centre of heated political debate for some time. Some politicians have demanded stricter discipline at Japanese schools, including harsher punishments, to improve overall standards.

But others say that school children are already under too much pressure due to a heavy workload, a strict exam system and frequent cases of bullying.

Man awakens mid-autopsy

CARACAS (Reuters) — A Venezuelan man who had been declared dead woke up in the morgue in excruciating pain after medical examiners began their autopsy.

Carlos Camejo, 33, was declared dead after a highway accident and taken to the morgue, where examiners began an autopsy only to realize something was amiss when he started bleeding. They quickly sought to stitch up the incision on his face.

"I woke up because the pain was unbearable," Camejo said, according to a

report on Friday in leading local newspaper El Universal.

His grieving wife turned up at the morgue to identify her husband's body only to find him moved into a corridor — and alive.

Reuters could not immediately reach hospital officials to confirm the events. But Camejo showed the newspaper his facial scar and a document ordering the autopsy.

Baboon 'adopts' chicken

VILNIUS (Reuters) — A lonely baboon in a private Lithuanian zoo has adopted a chicken he saved from certain death last month and the two have formed a fast friendship, the zoo's director said Friday.

The chicken was intended as food for other animals in the zoo, but escaped and was sheltered by Mitis, a six-year-old Hamadryas Baboon, Edvardas Legeckas, who runs the zoo near the port city Klaipeda in western Lithuania, told Reuters. Mitis has been fed chicken meat before, but this time he fell in love with his food, Legeckas said.

"He plays with the chicken, cleans its feathers, sleeps with it, and takes care as if it was his own baby child," the zoo director said.

"But I am not sure how long this affair would last, because baboon may finally realize this is food."

Baboons, with their distinctive long dog-like muzzles and powerful jaws, are omnivorous, but usually prefer fruit.

"Obviously this baboon needed someone to communicate with," the director said.

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from Sudoku: The Original Brain Workout From Japan

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ARABIC PHRASE OF THE DAY

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