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A DAY IN THE LIFE OF KOSOVO

Our deployment here in Kosovo has been disrupted periodically by significant events. The Klokot explosions, Operations Iron Fist V and VI, the Mitrovica out-of-sector mission, the Orthodox mass at the St. Uros church in Ferizaj/Urosevac and other high visibility events come to mind. While these events are remarkable for the commotion they cause, they are not what truly define this deployment.

What gets the job done here is the every day mounted and dismounted reconnaissance patrols in the streets of the villages and towns of our sector. The daily face-to-face encounters with the people of our sector produce incremental and subtle yet tangible improvements day after day. It is this type of engagement with people that furthers

1:27 PM, GJILANE — Staff Sgt. Tom Briskey, military-civil operations noncommissioned officer, middle, Pvt. Maurice Finley, a logistics supply clerk, left, both in Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, and Burim Dragocina, a translator, conduct an afternoon patrol in Gjilane. Regular patrols through Gjilane and other towns help maintain a safe and secure environment.



the progress that will eventually spell the end of the requirement for the soldiers of KFOR to be in Kosovo.

Day in and day out, the soldiers of this Brigade do the tough work that gets the job done right. I'm proud of all that you do. This issue of the Guardian acknowledges the contributions of the soldiers on patrol, the staffers analyzing information, the logisticians providing support, the Civil Affairs soldiers working with the local populace, and the all the rest who do their part to ensure that the Brigade is successful. Most important, perhaps, it recognizes the critical interaction with the local population that reassures them that KFOR remains a valuable partner with an important stake in what happens in the province.

This issue portrays what happened on one day in this Brigade from Camp Able Sentry in FYROM to the furthest reaches of the Kamenica Municipality and everywhere in between. Our mission is a vast, multi-faceted un-

dertaking. It incorporates nearly 7,000 soldiers from seven countries – Russia, Greece, Lithuania, Poland, Ukraine, Great Britain and the United States. Each day, as we take to the streets of the towns and villages, we show the people of our sector that diversity and multi-ethnicity are strengths, not cause for divisiveness. In that way, we provide a solid model of what can happen when people bridge their differences rather than promote gaps to understanding.

Your dedication provides reassurance and continuity to the people of Kosovo. This issue marks one day of a rotation, 24 hours in the life of the Brigade.

The efforts of nearly 7,000 soldiers are represented on these pages. It shows that every soldier from the youngest private to the commanding general has an important role to play and a mission to accomplish. You are all doing it well and making the path to the future secure for the people of Kosovo.

On the cover:

4 PM, KACANIK — Cpl. Donovan McManus, a military police specialist in the 630th Military Police Company, part of Task Force 709th MP, helps provide a safe and secure environment in Kosovo by conducting presence patrols throughout various cities. Many children, like the little boy pictured, enjoy spending time with the soldiers.

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FAR LEFT:
5:10 A.M. CAMPBONDSTEEL— Sgt. Steven Washburn, a combat engineer in Company A, 9th Engineer Battalion, conducts a guard mount inspection.
5:30 A.M. CAMPBONDSTEEL— Soldiers from Co. A 9th Engineer Bn. prepare for gate guard. Some of their duties include checking identification, searching vehicles and personnel.



RANDOM FACT

AN AVERAGE DAY IN KOSOVO INCLUDES:

- 📅 8 CONTACTS WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
- 📅 1 MEDICAL OR DENTAL CIVILIAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
- 📅 2 LIVE RADIO APPEARANCES

LEFT:
6:20 A.M. CAMPBONDSTEEL — Spc. Alex Robinson of Task Force 9th Engineers, checks the identification cards of local national employees. Checking IDs is part of daily force protection procedures.

BELOW:
7:15 A.M. NYTEX RUSSIAN CAMP— A soldier in 1st Company, 13th Tactical Group (Russia) waves as his BTR departs on a mission from NYTEX base to Slatina Airport. Slatina is controlled by the Russian Military Contingent.





6:15 A.M. CAMP MONTEITH —
Support platoon, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, does push-ups as part of physical training before sunrise on the basketball courts in front of Stryker Hall.



ABOVE:

6:22 A.M. CAMP MONTEITH —
Members of Company C, 1st Battalion, 77th Armor Regiment, part of Task Force 1-18 Infantry, run at sunrise through the camp.

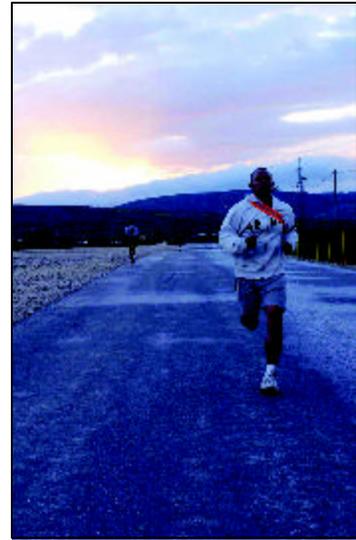
RIGHT:

6:30 A.M. CAMP RIGAS FEREOIS —
Greek soldiers from the 501st Mechanized Battalion (Greece), conduct morning physical training with a company run around the base. PT on the Greek base starts at 6:15 a.m and lasts about 45 minutes.



FAR RIGHT:

6:32 A.M. CAMP MONTEITH —
Spc. Walter Huerta, a tank gunner in Company C, 1st Battalion, 77th Armor Regiment, part of Task Force 1-18 Infantry, runs at sunrise through the camp.



7:22 A.M. CAMP BONDSTEEL —
Soldiers from Company A, 299th Logistics Task Force, charge past the guard tower at the top of Radar Hill during morning PT. First Sgt. Calvin Jones drives the "A Train" up the hill during the sunrise run.



LEFT:
7:38 A.M. CAMP BONDSTEEL — Front: Maj. Erich Campbell, chief of current plans for 2nd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division logistics office, does an inventory of his laundry before leaving it with Vjollca Rushiti at the North Town laundry point. In the background, Sgt. Rocky Almodovar, MNB(E) logistics noncommissioned officer in charge, makes his morning delivery also.

RANDOM FACT

KELLOGG BROWN AND ROOT SERVICES REPORTED 16,855 MEALS SERVED ON THIS DAY AT CAMP BONDSTEEL.

- ☐ BREAKFAST — 4,000 MEALS
- ☐ LUNCH — 4,984 MEALS
- ☐ DINNER — 5,783 MEALS



ABOVE :
7:50 A.M. CAMP RIGAS FEREOS — A soldier from the 501st Mechanized Battalion (Greece) stands ready to serve breakfast, which is traditionally the smallest meal of the day. Breakfast usually consist of an egg, bread and coffee. A second breakfast is served at 10 a.m. Lunch is the largest meal of the day on the Greek base.



ABOVE :
8:35 A.M. CAMP MONTEITH — Staff Sgt. Joseph Trotter, a battle noncommissioned officer in Task Force 1-18 Infantry, reaches for a breakfast omelette in the dining facility.

RIGHT:
9:10 A.M. CAMP BONDSTEEL — They missed hot breakfast, but not to fear. Pfc. Danny Daniels and Pfc. Martin Martinez, both military police specialists in the 630th Military Police Co., choose cereal for breakfast at the Northtown auxiliary dining facility, which is open 24 hours a day. Cocoa Puffs was the cereal of choice for the soldiers.





LEFT:
7:30 A.M.
CAMP MAGRATH — Sgt. Harvey Blake of Company C, Task Force 1-18 Infantry leads his squad on a presence patrol from Camp Magrath to Vitina. Presence patrols are part of the effort to maintain a safe and secure environment in Kosovo.

Photo by Master Sgt. Mark VanLeer



Photo by Maj. Gordon



Photo by Staff Sgt. Keith Robinson

LEFT:

10:50 A.M. UROSEVAC — A soldier, from the 501st Mechanized Battalion (Greece), stationed at the pipe factory in Uroseva stands guard at a church in the center of town. Greek soldiers stationed at the pipe factory are responsible for guarding civil and outposts within the city. In addition, the soldiers conduct mounted and dismounted patrols in Urosevac

BACKGROUND PHOTO:

6:20 P.M. CAMP BONDSTEEL — Mount Luboten, known to MNI soldiers as "Big Duke," is seen at sunset from Falcon IV ran





LEFT:
8:36 A.M. **CAMP THUNDER**

Spc. Baron Claytor of Battery B, 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, stands with some local kids at the entrance to Camp Thunder near the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia border.

RIGHT:
9:40 A.M. **CAMP BONDSTEEL**

Sgt. Daniel Fairman, a helicopter mechanic in the 45th Medical Company, part of Task Force 2-1 Aviation, installs a washer balance on a shaft of a Black Hawk medical helicopter.



Photo by Spc. Kate McIsaac

by Maj. Gordon Cooper

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for guarding churches
soldiers conduct*

10:41 A.M. CAMP MONTEITH — *Spc. Timothy Espinoza, an Expert Infantry Badge participant in Company C, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, tests his proficiency on a 240B machine gun while Sgt. Sanghat Lee, a grader in Company B, 1-26 Infantry, times how long it takes for Espinoza to fire and clear the weapon.*



Photo by Spc. Patrick Rodriguez

*known to MNB(E)
Falcon IV range.*



Photo by Staff Sgt. Keith Robinson

LEFT:

11:50 A.M. UROSEVAC — *Soldiers from the 501st Mechanized Battalion (Greece), stationed at the pipe factory in Urosevac, conduct a walking patrol through the town. During the walking patrols, Greek soldiers frequently interact with local nationals as their presence helps maintain a safe and secure environment. In addition, the Greeks are responsible for guarding churches and outpost within the city.*

LEFT:
11:15 A.M. CAMP ABLE SENTRY — *Chief Warrant Officer, James P. Streich, a staff officer in Task Force Camp Able Sentry, shakes hands with U.S. Ambassador to the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Lawrence Butler.*



Photo by Tony Velkov



ABOVE LEFT:
11:09 AM CAMP MONTEITH —

From left, Spc. James Lambrecht, Spc. Jason Mitchell, Sgt. 1st Class Todd Simms and Spc. Paul Miller, all of Mortar Platoon, 1st Battalion, 77th Armor Regiment, part of Task Force 1-18 Infantry, line up to be evaluated on performing individual camouflage during their training for the Expert Infantry Badge.

ABOVE RIGHT:

NOON CAMP BONDSTEEL —
 At the Bondsteel Detention Facility, Spc. Franklin Fisher, a military police specialist in the 744th Internment and Resettlement Detachment, prepares to deliver lunch to detainees. Detainees eat the same type of food as the soldiers.

RIGHT:

12:58 PM CAMP MAGRATH —
 Spc. Ruben Paulson, of Company B, 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, works to replace the steering gear box on an M114.



FAR LEFT:

1 PM CAMP WHITE EAGLE —
 Members of the Ukrainian Army, assigned to the Polish-Ukrainian Battalion, have band practice during their lunch break. Soldiers break from 1 to 3 p.m. to eat and relax in their rooms.

LEFT:

1:30 PM CAMP WHITE EAGLE —
 Members of POLUKRBAT make their way through the serving line.



ABOVE:

1:02 P.M. CAMP BONDSTEEL — Staff Sgt. Ned Mitchell, clearing barrel noncommissioned officer in charge for Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, clears the barrel of an M-16 rifle at Gate 1. Clearing barrel procedures ensure safety and security at Camp Bondsteel. Soldiers from various batteries in 1-7 FA have spent a majority of their time during rotation 4A guarding gates 1 and 3. Further, they conduct force protection patrols and guard missions throughout MNB(E).

RIGHT:

3:03 P.M. FALCON 4 RANGE — Left, Pvt. Shawn Buchanan, middle, Spc. Thomas Trost, and Pfc. Andrew Scarduzio, all in Company C, 9th Engineer Battalion, part of Task Force 1-26 Infantry, ready a shape charge as part of a three-day field training exercise.



ABOVE:

4:24 A. MDONJA BUDRIGA — Staff Sgt. Tom Briskey, left, a civil-military operations noncommissioned officer in Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, walks with Mile Ljubisavljevic while talking about returning to farming in Zegra.

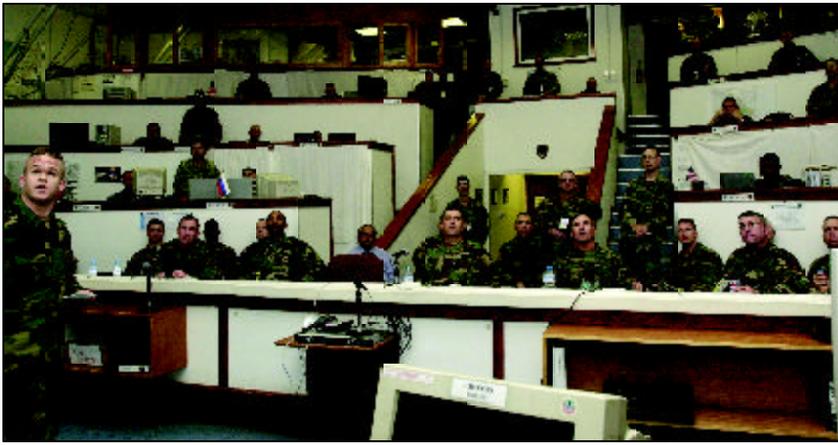


ABOVE:

4:45 P.M. KACANIK — While on a presence patrol, Spc. Justin Durham, a military police specialist in the 630th Military Police Company, helps two little girls onto a sidewalk. Durham saw the older girl pushing her baby sister in a stroller along a busy street. He stopped and pulled the girls out of the traffic.

LEFT:

5:08 P.M. CAMP BONDSTEEL — Capt. Benjamin Marlin, a watch officer for MNB(E), briefs the brigade command staff at the daily commander's update brief, in the brigade tactical operations center. Seated at the main table from left, are Col. Jeffrey Clark, Task Force Medical Falcon commander; Col. Albert Johnson, brigade chief of staff; Brig. Gen. Douglas E. Lute, brigade commander; Col. Randal Dragon, deputy commander for maneuver; and Col. Michael Hoffpauir, deputy commander for civil-military operations.

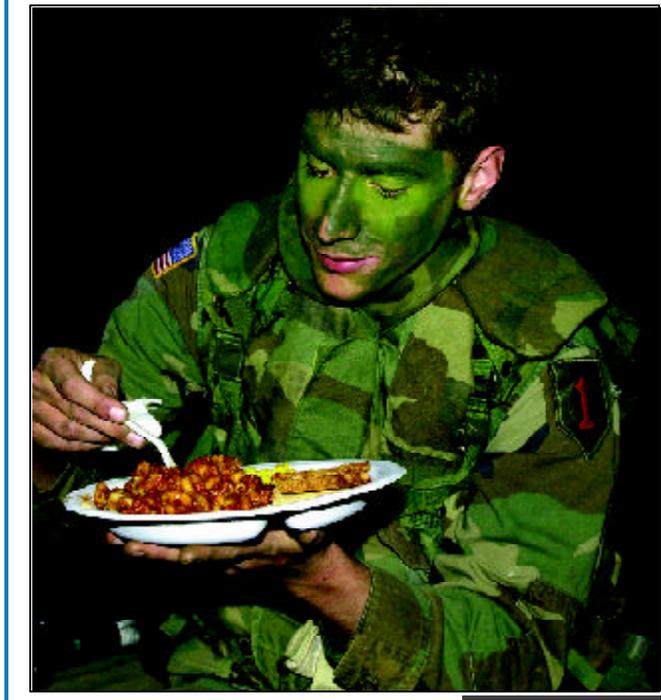




TOP:
7:05 PM OUTSIDE GNJHLANE — From left, Spc. Randall Cottner and Spc. Nathan Thompson, both drivers in 127th Military Police Company, part of Task Force 709th Military Police, search a vehicle at a random vehicle checkpoint.

ABOVE:
7:30 PM CAMP BONDSTEEL — From left, Staff Sgt. Monina Ancheta, patient administration division noncommissioned officer in charge, Sgt. Macarena Aguayo, PAD NCO, Staff Sgt. Edwin Cunanan, motor sergeant, and Staff Sgt. Amnart Chukrukha, lab NCOIC, all in Task Force Medical Falcon, dine at the Southtown dining facility.

RIGHT:
7:32 PM CAMP MAGRATH — Pvt. Sean Button, an infantryman in Company C, 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, finishes his dinner at the Camp Magrath dining facility.



LEFT:
8:20 PM FALCON IV RANGE — Pfc. Andrew Scarduzio, a combat engineer in Company C, 9th Engineer Battalion, eats evening chow. Chili-mac, salad, bread, cookies and drinks were delivered from nearby Camp Bondsteel to hungry soldiers working at the range.

ABOVE:
8:30 PM FALCON IV RANGE — Second Lt. Matthew Christopher, left, assault and obstacles officer in charge, and Sgt. Joshua Walker, a combat engineer, both in Task Force 9th Engineer, use the hood of a Humvee as a table to eat dinner.



LEFT:

5 PM. CAMP MAGRATH — Pfc. Paul Hagen of Company C, 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, loads a beverage container onto an UH-60 Black Hawk utility helicopter. The aircraft makes a daily delivery of food to remote outposts within MNB(E).

RIGHT:

5:48 P.M. KLOKOT CHECKPOINT — Spc. Richard A. Patton Jr., of Company B, 54th Engineer Battalion, part of Task Force 1-18 Infantry, watches over a vehicle checkpoint outside Klokot.

RANDOM FACT

AN AVERAGE DAY IN
KOSOVO INCLUDES:

- 8,570 GALLONS OF FUEL PUMPED
- 1,385 KILOMETERS DRIVEN
- 200 PRESENCE PATROLS

RIGHT:

5:58 P.M.

CAMP BONDSTEEL —

Two soldiers from Task Force 2-1 Aviation take a stroll up the flight line as the sun sets over a Black Hawk helicopter that was preparing for take off.

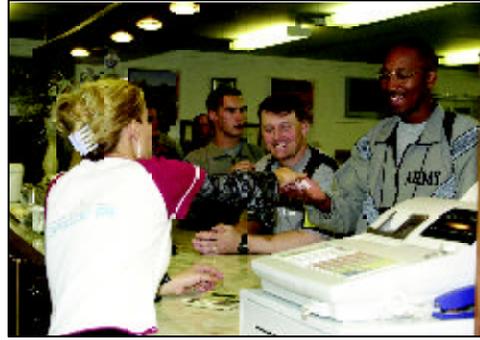
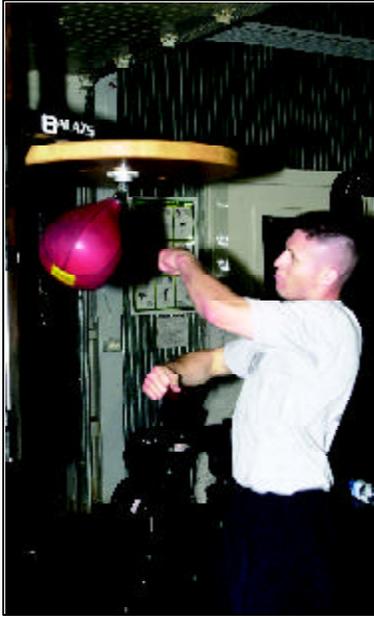


BELOW:

6:30 P.M. KLOKOT CHURCH —

Spc. Michael Bell, a heavy expandable mobile tactical truck driver in Company B, 54th Engineer Battalion, part of Task Force 9th Engineer, mans checkpoint 417 near sunset.





LEFT:

7:50 P.M. CAMP BONDSTEEL — Staff Sgt. Paul Rocha, a military intelligence noncommissioned officer in the 101st MI Battalion, works out on the speed bag at the Southtown gym.

MIDDLE:

7:55 P.M. CAMP BONDSTEEL — Spc. Julio Elkinwor, a medical supply specialist in Task Force Medical Falcon, returns the ball during a pick-up volleyball game in Southtown.

TOP:

8:13 P.M. CAMP BONDSTEEL — Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Holliman, a medical logistics noncommissioned officer in charge in TFMF, receives his change at the cappuccino bar in Southtown.



LEFT:

9:25 P.M. CAMP MONTEITH — Spc. Albert Delacruz Jr. of Company C, 1st Battalion, 77th Armor Regiment, part of Task Force 1-18 Infantry, sits in the theater with popcorn at the ready before the 9:30 p.m. movie.

ABOVE:

10:26 P.M. POZHERAN — Sgt. Travis Torgerson, a team chief in the 13th Psychological Operations Company, speaks with Shyqeri Halabaku at Radio Pozheran.

BELOW:

11:08 P.M. CAMP BONDSTEEL — Sgt. 1st Class Richard Villa, Company A, 9th Engineer Battalion, prepares his charges for guard duty. The shift will run through the night.

