

CATEGORY R: CIVILIAN BROADCAST JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR RUN SHEET

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7th U.S. Army Joint Multinational Training Command

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LIEUTENANT ZACH MCLAIN IS TRYING SOMETHING NEW TODAY.

“I’ve never done this before...” (1LT Zach McLain, Best Officer Candidate)

HIS TASK ... DIRECT THE APACHE ATTACK HELICOPTER CIRCLING OVERHEAD TO ENGAGE AND DESTROY A NEARBY ENEMY MORTAR TEAM.

A GARBLED RADIO TRANSMISSION...

“I can’t understand a word he’s saying...” (McLain)

WOULDN’T NORMALLY BE A PROBLEM, EVEN FOR A FIRST-TIMER.

UNLESS, LIKE LIEUTENANT MCLAIN, YOU’RE BEING GRADED.

“Roger, my positions is” (McLain)

MCLAIN IS ONE OF 23 JUNIOR OFFICERS FROM AROUND U-S ARMY EUROPE COMPETING IN THE FIRST-EVER BEST OFFICER COMPETITION IN GRAFENWOEHR, GERMANY.

IT’S BASED ON THE ARMY’S BEST WARRIOR COMPETITION FOR ENLISTED SOLDIERS, WITH SOME VARIATIONS THAT ARE TAILORED TO JUNIOR OFFICERS.

“These officers are going to come out of this competition with a real baseline as to where they stand, and that’s going to help them progress through the rest of their career.” (MAJ Bill Carroll, Best Officer O-I-C)

AND THAT’S WHY YOUNG OFFICERS LIKE MCLAIN WANTED TO COMPETE, EVEN WHEN FACED WITH A TASK THEY’VE NEVER DONE BEFORE.

“I think that’s a good thing about this competition. It gets us out of our comfort zone, gets us thinking and makes us better.” (McLain)

FROM THE U-S ARMY EUROPE BEST OFFICER COMPETITION,

CHRISTIAN MARQUARDT, GRAFENWOEHR, GERMANY

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TWELVE MILES. IT’S A LONG WAY TO BE ALONE WITH YOUR THOUGHTS.

MEMORIES OF THE LAST TWO WEEKS COME FLOODING IN...

<Montage of EFMB testing lanes>

WERE YOU READY FOR IT? DID YOU IMAGINE BEING THIS HARD?

“There’s real high-highs when you complete a lane or task, and there are real low-lows because there are some days when you don’t know if you’re going to live to see another day.” (CPT Adam Davies, EFMB Candidate)

<Montage of EFMB testing lanes>

THERE AREN’T MANY LEFT. THOSE TESTING LANES TOOK THEIR TOLL.

<Montage of EFMB testing lanes>

WHAT WILL YOU SAY WHEN THEY ASK YOU IF IT WAS WORTH IT?

“You know, not everyone gets it their first try, I’m a good example of that. It’s really about enduring. It’s about persevering. It’s about excellence.” (Davies)

IT’S ABOUT BEING A EXPERT AT SAVING LIVES ON THE BATTLEFIELD.

AND NOW, YOU’RE ONE OF THEM.

REPORTING FROM THE U-S ARMY EUROPE EXPERT FIELD MEDICAL BADGE TESTING,

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JUSTIN AND NICOLE LEE ARE SLEEPING THROUGH ONE OF THE ARMY’S NEWEST TRAINING PROGRAMS IN EUROPE.

“I was so relaxed and so calm that I’d wake myself up with a snore, and she said I was making weird noises” (SSG Justin Lee, 1-4 Infantry)

AND THAT’S EXACTLY WHAT THE COURSE INSTRUCTORS HOPED THEY’D DO.

THIS IS SOLDIER THREE-SIXTY. IT’S GOAL IS TO DEVELOP HEALTHIER AND MORE-BALANCED ARMY LEADERS AND FAMILIES.

IT’S METHODS ARE UNUSUAL. BUT THEN, SO ARE IT’S RESULTS.

“People say things like they’re sleeping better, they’re reconnecting with their spouse. We had in our first iteration a spouse say that you gave me back the man I married years ago.” (MAJ Glenn Wurglitz, Soldier 360° Instructor)

THE LEE’S HADN’T BEEN MARRIED LONG BEFORE JUSTING – A STAFF SERGEANT IN THE 1-4 INFANTRY BATTALION – DEPLOYED TO WAR. THE STRESS AND ANXIETY OF SEPARATION WAS A SHOCK TO THEM BOTH.

“I was very naïve going into it. And then reality hit, and we lost Soldiers. It really opens your eyes to what the Army really is.” (Nicole Lee, Army Spouse)

SOLDIER THREE-SIXTY CAN’T CHANGE THE REALITIES OF ARMY LIFE. WHAT IT CAN DO IS USE RESOURCES THAT ALREADY EXIST IN ARMY COMMUNITIES – SUCH AS ACCUPUNCTURISTS AND YOGA INSTRUCTORS – TO DEVELOP TAILOR-MADE SOLUTIONS FOR ARMY FAMILIES TO DEAL WITH THAT STRESS.

IT’S WORKING FOR THE LEE’S.

“A whole different house. Much calmer. Everybody was happy last night. Everybody’s been happy since I started this course.” (SSG Lee)

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AND THAT'S SOMETHING SOLDIER THREE-SIXTY HOPES WILL CONTINUE, THREE-SIXTY-FIVE DAYS A YEAR. FROM HOHENFELS, GERMANY, CHRISTIAN MARQUARDT, JMTC PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

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NEGOTIATIONS HAVE FAILED.

IT'S TIME FOR THE SOLDIERS OF K-FOR TO REOPEN THE BORDER.

BUT IT'S NOT GOING TO BE EASY. EVEN IF IT IS JUST TRAINING.

"We identified one of the biggest challenges right now going on in Kosovo is freedom of movement towards Serbia. And one of the challenges that KFOR was going to have to deal with is how they remove and deal with these obstacles as well as some of the riots that are going on in the area." (LTC Eric McFadden, JMRC Senior Observer/Controller)

SOLDIERS FROM THE WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD SPENT ALMOST TWO WEEKS AT THE JOINT MULTINATIONAL READINESS CENTER IN HOHENFELS, GERMANY TRAINING FOR THEIR ROLE IN THE NEXT K-FOR MISSION.

DUE TO THE PROXIMITY TO THE BALKANS, ARMY TRAINERS IN EUROPE WERE ABLE TO VISIT KOSOVO JUST DAYS PRIOR TO THE START OF THIS K-FOR ROTATION.

"We were able to quickly turn around and come back to JMRC, make some adjustments to the training, make sure we had the right resources allocated to basically replicate some of the challenges that the next KFOR rotation was going to face once it deployed to Kosovo." (McFadden)

IT'S TRAINING THAT'S AS REAL-TIME AS IT GETS.

AND ALTHOUGH K-FOR MAY NEVER FACE A SITUATION THIS TENSE...

THEY'LL BE READY.

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GUNMEN TAKING CHILDREN HOSTAGE AT A GARRISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

IT’S A SCENARIO THAT’S ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO TRAIN FOR WITHOUT DISRUPTING NORMAL COMMUNITY OPERATIONS.

THAT’S WHY U-S ARMY GARRISON GRAFENWOEHR PARTNERED WITH THE JOINT MULTINATIONAL SIMULATION CENTER FOR THE GARRISON’S ANNUAL FORCE PROTECTION EXERCISE.

TOGETHER THEY DESIGNED AND BUILT A VIRTUAL GRAFENWOEHR MAIN POST AND NEARBY NETZABERG HOUSING AREA.

AS PART OF THE EXERCISE, ARMY FIRST-RESPONDERS USED ARMY GAMING TECHNOLOGY TO MANUEVER AND REACT TO A VARIETY OF COMPLEX CHALLENGES – LIKE EVACUATING THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

“Being able to bring a little bit more realism, even though it’s virtual, it’s something that you can’t necessarily recreate out in the field.” (CPT Augustin Ordonez, Exercise Planner)

SIMULATION TRAINING MEANS NO RE-ROUTED TRAFFIC, NO CLOSED GATES, NO COMMUNITY INTERRUPTIONS.

“We’re not going to be inconveniencing people on post. We’re not going to be blocking any roads. We’re not going to have people asking what’s going on. We’re doing this all within the confines of two buildings.” (Ed Rykard, Simulation Gaming Manager)

EXERCISE PLANNERS SAY VIRTUAL TRAINING ISN’T PERFECT. BUT IT DOES PROVIDE AN EFFICIENCY AND FLEXIBILITY GARRISONS NEED TO BE READY FOR ANY CRISIS. AND THAT WILL HOPEFULL PRVENT COMMUNITY MEMBERS FROM HAVING A LESS-THAN-PERFECT DAY... BOTH IN REAL AND REPLICATED EMERGENCIES.

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THE ENEMY IS ON THE MOVE.

THEIR OBJECTIVE IS CLEAR. BREAK THROUGH AND DESTROY U-S AND COALITION FORCES.

THEY’RE OUTNUMBERED THREE TO ONE, BUT THEY’RE CONFIDENT.

THEY KNOW THE TERRAIN AND THEY KNOW HOW U-S SOLDIERS FIGHT.

BECAUSE THEY FIGHT THE SAME WAY.

THEY’RE THE U-S ARMY ONE-FOUR INFANTRY BATTALION, EUROPE’S OPPOSING FORCE FOR TRAINING AT THE JOINT MULTINATIONAL READINESS CENTER IN HOHENFELS, GERMANY.

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A DECADE, THE ARMY IS ADDING CONVENTIONAL TACTICS – LIKE ARMORED ATTACKS – TO THE ONE-FOUR’S ARSENAL.

IT’S PART OF A SHIFT TOWARD A MORE FLEXIBLE AND COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO TRAINING KNOWN AS THE FULL-SPECTRUM TRAINING ENVIRONMENT.

“The one thing we have learned is that we haven’t been able to predict exactly what we’ll face in the future. And so we’ve taken that experience over the past ten years of hard fighting and molded it into an environment that we anticipate that we will face on the future battlefield. And if we don’t face it at all, that’s fine. We’ve prepared for it.” (COL Bryan L. Rudacille, Commander, Joint Multinational Training Command)

AND THAT PREPARATION STARTS WITH A POWERFUL OPPOSING FORCE, CAPABLE OF A COMBINATION OF CONVENTIONAL AND UNCONVENTIONAL TACTICS.

IT’S A NEW ROLE FOR THE ONE-FOUR, BUT SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE.

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“We always win. That’s the good thing about being OPFOR. And even if we lose the battle that means the training unit that came in here learned something. And they’re better prepared to go downrange, because ultimately, that’s what this is all about.” (SFC Troy Hill, OPFOR Tank Commander)

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