

Pedestrians beware of moving vehicles

Fort Bragg Installation Safety Office

Accidents involving vehicles and pedestrians are a bad combination and are a common cause of road fatalities. Recently a grandmother was struck and killed in a crosswalk on the Pali Highway in Hawaii by a 22-year old driver. The driver responsible for her death, hit and killed another pedestrian five years earlier, less than a half-mile from the same spot.

Drivers tend to have tunnel vision when they drive to and from work, seldom noticing pedestrians attempting to cross the roadway and unable to anticipate

the pedestrians' movement. On the other hand, the pedestrian has difficulty knowing whether the driver has seen him or will yield if he attempts to cross even if he has made eye contact with the driver. This is a very dangerous scenario.

Right now one of the most dangerous areas for pedestrians on the installation is Honeycutt Street between Watson and Logistic boulevard. Pedestrians, Soldiers and contract civilians have been crossing Honeycutt Street on foot to and from the Shoppette and Hardees located on Honeycutt. This is especially dangerous because Honeycutt is a four lane road and vehicle speeds

exceed 35 mph in some cases. Because this street is one of the major thoroughfares that accesses Fort Bragg, drivers will speed up to make it through the light at the intersection of Bragg boulevard and Honeycutt. Drivers are so focused on trying to beat the light and get through the intersection that they may not notice a pedestrian trying to cross the street. The problem is compounded because there is a construction project adjacent to Watson and Honeycutt making the situation even more complicated. Drivers get use to traveling a particular route and become less sensitive to warnings and hazards on their route.

Worse yet, some drivers may not be familiar with this area and therefore, unknowingly not pay attention to those hazards.

Fort Bragg drivers need to be acutely aware that there are pedestrians all over this installation who may cross the roadway at any given time or location. Sometimes these pedestrians are participating in some form of physical training and others are simply crossing a very busy street. Pedestrians also need to know that right or wrong, you should never challenge a moving vehicle for the right of way even in a crosswalk. All in all, everyone needs to keep safety first and foremost in mind.

Clarification

The story titled "Soldier Steps into history as the first female CW5" printed in the Oct. 12 issues of the Paraglide, states that Chief Warrant Officer Azzalee Brown was the first female promoted to chief warrant officer five in the Army, she is in fact the first female CW5 in the food service career management field.

The Paraglide strives for accuracy in each article and issue printed.

Trial

from page 1A

Wagen also found that the Soldiers responsible for damaging civilian property were retrained, at least one was punished, and after reviewing sworn statements, it was determined that the Soldier who killed the Iraqi, was within the rules of engagement.

"I believe that the trooper involved followed the rules of escalation," he said.

In her closing argument Capt. Jessica Alexander, trial counsel, said that Clousing left because of "his own discomfort" and that "there are many alternatives" to going AWOL.

"His only two options were to stay in and participate in the tragedies of the occupation of Iraq or leave. He chose to leave," countered attorney David Miner, defense counsel to Clousing, adding that he should not be punished for his actions.

A pretrial agreement reduced Clousing's charge from desertion to absent without leave and allowed his sentence to be reduced further if the judge returned with a lesser sentence than agreed upon between the prosecution and defense, but not increased.

After a recess, Parrish returned with a sentence of 11 months confinement, loss of two-thirds pay for 11 months, reduction in rank to the lowest grade and a bad conduct discharge. However, Clousing's pretrial agreement limited his confinement time and loss of pay to three months, but he will still leave the service at the lowest rank and with a bad conduct discharge.

Mall

from page 1A

and then handed me her plastic shopping bag, while Clark retrieved tape from behind the counter," Terhune said.

Tearing off a piece of the bag and securing it in place with the tape over the chest wound, Terhune and Clark rolled the victim onto her injured side to relieve pressure on her lung, and checked her vitals, they said.

"An (oxygen) tank was brought and we administered it to the victim and continued to monitor her vital signs until (Emergency Medical Services) arrived," said Terhune.

Both Terhune and Clark, who have previous deployment experience, said this was the first time they ever had to treat a wound of this type and magnitude, but that their training pulled them through. "I've never had to treat a

sucking chest wound, except for training, but our training is so good I didn't have to think as it was all muscle memory," said Clark.

"We just did what we've been training to do for three years. I just thought that it was something that would happen while on deployment not (in Fayetteville)," Terhune said.

Clark said he and Terhune helped EMS personnel prepare the victim for transport, gave a statement to the police and went home.

"After it was all done we just went home and went to bed. We didn't think it was a big deal," Clark said. "I'm just happy for the victim and her family that she's alive."

As of Wednesday, Anderson was listed in critical condition at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center.

Riot

from page 1A

Before the riot demonstration, Color Sgt. Mark Beggs explained what was going to happen and what to expect from the riot control demonstration. He also gave an explanation of the equipment the paratroopers used; four-foot shields, foam-padded batons, fire-resistant uniforms and boots, rifles, fire extinguishers and helmets.

"The key to stopping any riot is leadership and discipline." Beggs said "The men are there to be led. Lead them."

The riot control training was made realistic by the British paratroopers who were dressed in civilian clothing.

"I wouldn't say there are any secrets to riot



photo by Pfc. Jaime Avila/1st BCT PAO

British paratroopers rush retreating rioters in their riot control demonstration.

control," said Capt. Rob Smedley, a British paratrooper who taught part of the riot control course. "It is about getting people in the right frame of mind."

The riot control training consisted of mock rioters attacking British para-

troopers with fists, kicks and flying potatoes. British instructors shattered Molotov cocktails at the paratroopers' feet, diverting their attention from the rioters to the flames surrounding them. This was the last part of the British paratroopers' month-long training visit to Fort Bragg.

On the final day, American paratroopers pinned the British paratroopers with the U.S. Army Parachutists Badge in a ceremony on Devil Field.

"Our paratroopers responded to the challenges put in front of them very well and we leave here very happy," said Maj. Fred Gray, commander of the British paratroopers.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

SERVE YOUR HOMETOWN AS A MEMBER OF THE AIR NATIONAL GUARD

As an active and integral part of our communities, the Air National Guard is always there – in the best of times and the worst of times. While you may be thinking of returning to civilian life, your experience and leadership qualities are still very much needed by your hometown Air Force – the Air National Guard.

In return for your part-time service, the Air National Guard will

- Count time served on active duty toward your Air Guard retirement
- Recognize the military rank you held at time of active duty discharge
- Offer additional training in your field or a completely new career
- Provide eligibility for the VA Home Loan Program
- Reinstate many of your active duty military benefits

Enter a new era of military service.
Call 1-800-864-6264 today for more information.

GUARDING AMERICA, DEFENDING FREEDOM
ANG
AIR NATIONAL GUARD