



Pfc. Michael Ramos, 36th Area Support Medical Company (Airborne), lays covered in moulage on top of a car, portraying a casualty. Medics from the 36th ASMC work quickly to stabilize and move him from the hostile urban environment.

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Training in motion

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"Medic! Medic! My leg! My leg!"

"Come over here! Help me!"

These were the cries of four injured Soldiers in and outside a building at the Bruckville Live Fire Village. The medics of the 36th Area Support Medical Company (Airborne), 44th Medical Command, conducted their trauma and convoy live fire training Oct. 13, in preparation for their upcoming deployment to Iraq in December.

"This type of training is actually crucial to us," said Sgt. Christopher Minnick, a veteran of the Iraq war and a squad leader with 36th ASMC. "It really helps us and gets our mindset and lets us know what we are actually going to be getting into."

As one group conducted their convoy mission, 100 yards away another team from the treatment platoon, 36th ASMC, methodically approached a building to discover Pfc. Michael Ramos (a

moulaged patient) injured with a laceration to his head and neck lying across the top of a car. Ramos was in desperate need of medical attention as blood was spurting out of his neck.

Simultaneously met with sniper fire, their observer controller, Capt. Brian Burgemaster, physician assistant for the 36th ASMC, challenged their every move.

"What are you going to do squad leader?" Burgemaster asked the medics as they moved the casualty from the car. "What are you guys doing?"

When they took too long, the squad leader quickly barked out orders, "We have to move him! We have to move him ASAP! Ready, go!"

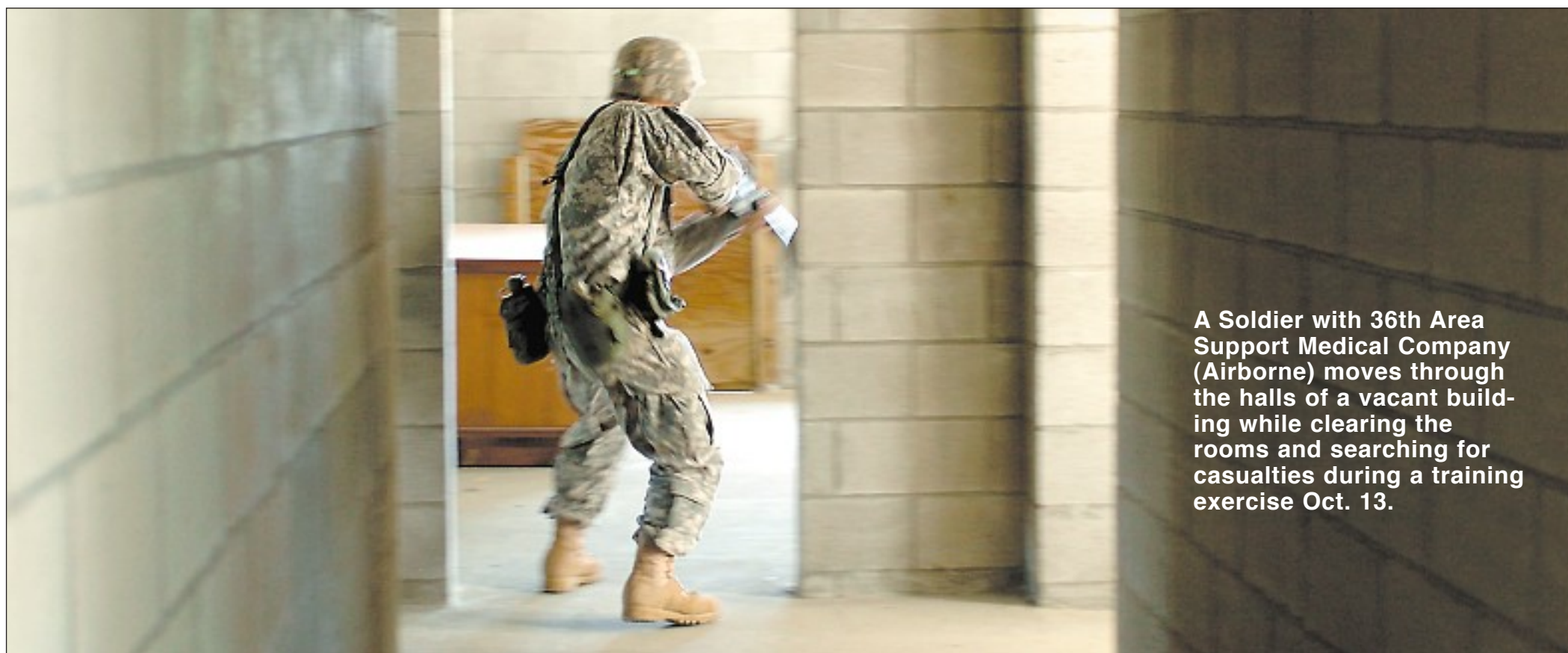
The team knew they had to move the injured Soldier because they were already an open target for a sniper. As two of the Soldiers provided security, the other two carefully, yet quickly, dragged the injured Soldier to a nearby building into a safer area — or so they thought.

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Above: Soldiers of the 36th Area Support Medical Company (Airborne) switch sides to continue fire support for the convoy live fire mission Oct. 13.

Left: Sgt. Christopher Minnick, left, and Cpl. Jason Kniskern, 36th Area Support Medical Company (Airborne), fire at pop-up targets along the road back to Urban Terrain City Oct. 13.



A Soldier with 36th Area Support Medical Company (Airborne) moves through the halls of a vacant building while clearing the rooms and searching for casualties during a training exercise Oct. 13.