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“Dagger” Soldier keeps the talk going

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BAGHDAD – One of the traditional traits of an effective relationship is good

communication. Though there are many different forms of communication, from verbal to visual, it is essential for Soldiers to communicate.

A small group of Soldiers dedicate a large part of their energies ensuring 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Multi-National Division–Baghdad’s ability to talk all over the battlefield, including the brigade’s personal security detachment.

Spc. Giselle King, of Indianapolis, with Company B, Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 2nd HBCT, focuses much of her time ensuring the PSD’s “commo” readiness for missions at a moment’s notice.

“I am there to make sure the Soldier’s communications equipment is working properly and keeps working properly,” said King. “I go through each truck to ensure that any problems encountered that need more than a quick fix, get fixed.”

For the PSD Soldiers, who spend the majority of their time moving throughout northwest Baghdad, the ability to talk with each other and other units whose ground they regularly traverse keeps the importance of the communication section in perspective.

“Without the knowledge that Spc. King and her fellow communications specialist have, we would have trouble getting on our missions on time,” said Staff Sgt. Damon Jamison, personal security detachment, 2nd HBCT. “She is the subject matter expert in the communications arena and it is very important for her to be there prior to our missions.”

For Jamison, originally of Cincinnati, the communication section providing advanced training to Soldiers supports the fight as well.

“Spc. King brings a lot to the fight, for example she offers classes on the equipment that we have in our vehicles and the equipment we dismount with,” said Jamison. “Without her being there and offering those classes we would be a little less knowledgeable than we are now, so that’s a good thing.”

As King moves forward in her deployment, daily points of pride that keep her going come not from what she hasn’t accomplished, but through each met goal and lesson.

“I have learned so much more about my job by being hands on each and every morning,” said King. “Each and every time I get a positive radio check, it just makes you feel all warm inside.”



Preparation.

BAGHDAD – Spc. Giselle King, a native of Indianapolis, Company B, Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Multi-National Division–Baghdad, prepares a friendly- force tracking monitor on a “Dagger” Brigade vehicle Feb. 7 on Camp Liberty prior to the next mission. Giselle and other Soldiers from the brigade’s communication section work with personal security detachments to ensure their communication systems are operational and provide advanced training on the equipment.

(U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Brian Tierce, 2nd HBCT PAO, 1st Inf. Div., MND-B)



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BAGHDAD – Spc. Giselle King, a communications specialist with Company B, Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Multi-National Division–Baghdad, works with the radio equipment on a “Dagger” Brigade mine resistant ambush protected vehicle Feb. 7, before a mission. King, from Indianapolis, assists Soldiers with communication systems training and regular mission preparation. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Brian Tierce, 2nd HBCT PAO, 1st Inf. Div., MND-B)