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2-35 trains on urban assault at MOUT site

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Soldiers from Co. C, 2nd Bn. 35th Inf. Rgt. stack up outside a door at the Schofield Barracks MOUT site during training Feb 10.

The infantryman stacked up four deep outside a door, ready to quickly move inside and neutralize any threats. They rocked back and forth a few times before the lead man went in, the rest of the team close behind.

The Soldiers from Company C, 2nd Battalion 35th Infantry Regiment trained at the Military Operations in Urban Terrain site on Schofield Barracks Feb. 10 to further prepare for their year-long deployment to Afghanistan and the missions they will face there.

Company C practiced clearing rooms, training just as they will fight; Soldiers stacked up outside entrances to buildings, breached doors and moved in to secure rooms. When each man went through the door, he moved to secure his sector of the room and waited for the rest of the team to secure their areas.

Each Soldier was responsible for moving to an area, securing it and letting his fellow Soldiers know he was there. Once inside, the Soldiers repeated the process while moving throughout the building

until it was secure.

These Soldiers have gone through urban training many times in the past few months, said Staff Sgt. Paul White, a squad leader in Co. C, 2nd Bn. 35th Inf. Rgt. Part of that training is on a variety of different scenarios and ways to counteract situations they may see on missions while deployed.

"We're trying to get urban combat to be muscle memory for these guys," said White.

Soldiers' skills can become less proficient over time, and that's why units train continuously on skills such as urban warfare, White said.

"We don't want to become lackadaisical, these are perishable skills," he said.

The more the Soldiers train on skills like urban combat, the better off they will be when they are on missions, White added.

When the Soldiers get to Afghanistan, every room they clear will be different, as will the situation, said Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Carter, a platoon sergeant in Co. C, 2nd Bn. 35th Inf. Rgt. The training they receive at the MOUT site is meant to prepare them for a variety of situations they may encounter when they are performing their jobs in a combat environment.

Although the MOUT village isn't an exact replica of what the Soldiers will see in Afghanistan, it gives them an opportunity to polish up on skills that are very important to their missions to the upcoming deployment, Carter said.

"We're getting key training for our mission in Afghanistan," he said. "You can never practice enough."

The deploying units have gained much needed experience from the different types of training they have gone through. They have participated in field exercises and training on weapons and tactics, such as the ones they were using at the MOUT site.

"I think we're prepared right now," Carter said, "but we can always get better."



Soldiers from Co. C, 2nd Bn. 35th Inf. Rgt enter a room during training Feb 10 at the Schofield Barracks MOUT site.