

# 'Keeping Tabs'

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## Moving about in the combat zone



**CAMP PHOENIX, KABUL –** Convoys heading to and from Camp Phoenix are a routine occurrence but each mission is a carefully planned effort given the always present danger “outside the wire.” Recent movements included the transportation of additional personnel to other Forward Operating Bases in an effort to bolster Embedded Training Teams and Police Mentoring Teams. In addition, training teams often come through Camp Phoenix to have maintenance performed on their vehicles and to pick up additional equipment and supplies. Included in the fleet are MRAPs – Mine Resistant Ambush Protected armored vehicles. Both MRAPs and M1151 Up Armored Humvees are not IED-proof but provide a lot of protection to crewmen. The vehicles are armed with either the .50 Caliber or M240B machineguns or the Mark 19 Grenade Launcher for protection.



ETT commander CPT Richard Redmond from Utica at far left, is seen in his position in an MRAP and Brooklyn Soldiers Corp John Matus in the gunner's turret of an Up Armored Humvee and Corp John Schnell complete pre-movement checks.

# Afghanistan in the raw



**OUTSIDE KABUL MILITARY TRAINING CENTER** – Just outside the perimeter of the Kabul Military Training Center is the desperate village of a nomadic people known as Cucchis. Recently, members of SECFOR Delta based at Camp Phoenix conducted a mission to bring medicine and basic supplies to the people and Army veterinarians to inoculate their sheep and goats. I was an effort to help protect the livestock which is vital to their livelihood. The people endure incredible poverty.



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