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1st Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment Black Scarf

Medical Soldiers recognized with unique infantry token

HEIDELBERG, Germany – The 557th Medical Company (Area Support) was recently presented a Black Scarf by the leadership of the 1st Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, 172nd Infantry Brigade for their unwavering medical support throughout the unit’s mission rehearsal exercise in Grafenwoehr, Germany.

During the 1st Bn., 2nd Inf. Reg. MRE in April, the Soldiers of the 557th ASMC provided medical support to all members of the task force. The 557th ASMC Soldiers executed various tasks to support the infantry Soldiers’ MRE including evacuation missions, instruction on loading and unloading patients on field ambulances, food-safety inspections, and real-world medical support to more than 20 patients.

“Our mission is to inspire trust in the Soldiers we serve. If Soldiers trust us, they are more likely to move farther, faster, and fight harder, because they know we’ll be there to back them up,” said Capt. Adam Davies, commander of 557th ASMC.

The Black Scarf is the 1st Bn., 2nd Inf. Reg. distinctive unit insignia, and was worn by the original Black Scarves in Vietnam. The Soldiers of the 1st Bn., 2nd Inf. Reg. wear the Black Scarf at all times in combat, and bestowed the token to the 557th ASMC to symbolize that they are now part of the Black Scarf family, according to 1st Lt. Fernando Najera, of Task Force 1-2.

“To be recognized by the trigger pulling infantrymen from 1-2 infantry who place their life on the line day in and day out means the world to us. It means they trust us, and that’s what Army medicine is all about,” Davies said.

The 557th ASMC, headquartered in Wiesbaden, Germany, is the only unit of its kind in the U.S. Army Europe arsenal. The ASMC can provide Level I and Level II medical support, and can hold and sustain up to 40 patients for up to 72 hours before evacuating them or returning a Soldier to duty.

Story and photos by Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Fincham, 30th MEDCOM Public Affairs NCOIC. For more information please contact him at christopher.fincham@us.army.mil.

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