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In *On War*, Carl von Clausewitz wrote, “ Wars can have all degrees of importance and intensity, ranging from a war of extermination down to simple armed observation.” Clearly, then, Clausewitz would view the current peacekeeping mission in Bosnia as war, albeit on the lower end of the continuum. If Clausewitz is correct, then studying the soldier in Bosnia offers us an opportunity to examine how soldiers adapt and perform on military operations that involve one type of warfare. Indeed, the USAMRU-E has been studying the soldier in Bosnia now for nearly two years. We believe that the information we are gathering today will help soldiers during future peacekeeping missions, and perhaps during military operations that involve more than just “simple armed observation.”

-MAJ Carl A. Castro

Mil-to-Mil Program in Bulgaria



LTC Marinov (center), Ms. Vasileva, translator, & MAJ Castro

The USAMRU-E continues to participate in the EUCOM’s and USAREUR’s Mil-to-Mil Program. MAJ Castro was the invited speaker and guest of the Bulgarian Military Medical Directorate during their recent symposium, “Improving Human Relations” held at the

Prophylactic & Rehabilitation Center in Bankya, Bulgaria. Topics discussed included improving the relations between officers and soldiers in the Bulgarian military; improving unit climate; and transitioning the Bulgarian Military from a conscript force to an all-volunteer force.

Castro, C. A. (1997, November 10-14). **The leader as a facilitator of change.** Presented at the Symposium, “Improving Human Relations,” Bankya, Bulgaria.

Castro, C. A. (1997, November 10-14). **Soldier and unit level analyses in military research.** Presented at the Symposium, “Improving Human Relations,” Bankya, Bulgaria.

Force Surveillance “Down Range”

Status Report of the Psychological Screening Program

The USAMRU-E has been assisting the EUCOM surgeon in managing the psychological component of the medical redeployment screening program in Bosnia since January 1996. All redeploying soldiers complete a one-page survey of



“Tent City” Taszar, Hungary

key psychological symptoms, and about 18% receive follow-up interviews to determine referral need.

USAMRU-E activities since August 1997 include continually updating the psychological battery database, structuring the database for data analysis, generating an initial report on the data, and computerizing the secondary screen interview schedule. Thus far over 46,000 surveys have been processed, and 24,000 surveys are anticipated during FY98.

Recently, a three-person team from the USAMRU-E consisting of SGT Schlafer, Dr. Adler and MAJ Castro made an on-site visit to Taszar, Hungary to review the procedures now in place, discuss quality control issues, and improve the interview process.

Castro, C. A., & Adler, A. B. (1997, October 31 & November 1). **Initial report of the psychological battery redeployment screening in Bosnia.** Briefing prepared for LTC Richter, Commander, MTF 94, LTC Redding, Psychiatrist, MTF 94, and LTC Crow, USAREUR Psychology Consultant, Taszar, Hungary.

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MILITARY BRIEFINGS

Castro, C. A. (1997, September 4). **Operation Joint Endeavor: Redeployment assessment of V Corps/USAREUR soldiers.** Brief presented to COL Robert M. Leon, Jr. (V Corps, G-1). (Briefing based on data collected by MAJ Bartone, CPT Britt, and Dr. Adler).

Adler, A. B., & Castro, C. A. (1997, October 2). **OPTEMPO/Burnout II Survey: Final Report.** Prepared for The Inspector General, 1st Infantry Division, Würzburg.

Castro, C. A. (1997, October 14). **Bosnia deployments and unit morale, cohesion, and soldier career intentions.** Briefing prepared for ODCSPER, USAREUR leadership for presentation at GAO Review Panel assessing impact of peace and other contingency operations.

Castro, C. A., & Adler, A. B. (1997, October 21). **Status report of the psychological battery redeployment screening in Bosnia.** Brief prepared for the Office of the U.S. European Command Surgeon, Stuttgart (COL Foxworth, EUCOM Deputy Surgeon).

Bienvenu, R. V. (1997, October 29). **U.S. Army Medical Research Unit-Europe, Heidelberg, Germany “WRAIR Forward: Overview of research operations.”** Brief presented at the 71F Conference, Bethesda, MD.

Castro, C. A., & Bienvenu, R. V. (1997, November 6). **Operation Joint Endeavor: Redeployment assessment of 1st AD Soldiers.** Brief presented to COL Burton, Chief of Staff, and LTC Miller, G-1, Bad Kreuznach. (Briefing based on data collected by MAJ Bartone, CPT Britt, & Dr. Adler).

Introductory Meetings with Key USAREUR Commanders

COL Edward C. Huycke, Commander, Heidelberg MEDDAC, & USAREUR Deputy Surgeon, 22 SEP

COL William T. Broadwater, CHPMM, Landstuhl, 15 OCT

COL George W. Weightman, Commander, 30th Medical Brigade, & V Corps Surgeon, Heidelberg, 27 OCT

Nursing Education Survey

SGT Schlafer designed a “Nursing Education Survey” at the request of the U.S. Army MEDDAC Heidelberg.

“Hail & Farewell”

CPT Thomas W. Britt departed from the unit on 19 September 1997, and is now assigned to the Department of Operational Stress, WRAIR. At his “hail & farewell” luncheon, CPT Britt was presented with an AAM (interim award) for outstanding service.

Consult on Force Surveillance

MAJ (P) Peter D. Rumm, M.D., MPH, Chief, Epidemiology Division, CHPPM-EUR, and Monika L. Phole, on force surveillance issues relating to OJE/OJG’s medical screening program, in Heidelberg, 28 October (MAJ Castro & Dr. Adler).

New OJE Codebook on Operational Stress

OPTEMPO/Burnout II Survey Codebook. Period of Survey: July 1997. U.S. Army Medical Research Unit-Europe (Heidelberg). (Prepared in cooperation with The Inspector General, 1st Infantry Division.)

New Publications on Domestic Violence

Moore, M. A. (1997). **Technical Report: A review of the family violence literature and recommendations for USAREUR.** Prepared in cooperation with the Community Family and Support Division, ODCSPER, USAREUR.

Adler, A. B. (1997, October 9). **Briefing document for a review of the family violence literature.** Prepared for the Office of the USAREUR DCSPER Heidelberg.

Scientific Presentations

Castro, C. A. (1997, September 25). **U.S. Army Medical Research Unit-Europe, Heidelberg, Germany: “WRAIR Forward”.** Briefing for the Army Science Board, WRAIR, WASH, DC.

Britt, T. W. (1997, October 25). **The psychological impact of peacekeeping operations.** Presented at the Biennial Meeting of the Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces & Society, Baltimore, MD.

USAMRU-E Celebrates its 20th Anniversary

The unit celebrated its 20th Anniversary on 15 September 1997 with guests from USAREUR units. Ms. Sherry Schlafer prepared a cake for the luncheon complete with the “MRMC” crest.



Ms. Sherry Schlafer & MAJ Castro

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