

# 1st Armored Division rides again

## 2ND BRIGADE SADDLES UP



Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, maneuver their way through the town of Konken, Germany, on their way to combat maneuver exercises in the rolling countryside.

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BAUMHOLDER, Germany – Clacking and roaring, 1st Armored Division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team (2BCT) rolled out from the confines of the Baumholder Training Area (BTA) and through the small towns of Kusel and southern Birkenfeld counties in the German state of Rhineland Pfalz in a Maneuver Coordination Area exercise, Nov. 27.

Convoys of tracked-armored vehicles and tactical trucks from the

2nd Brigade Recon Troop; 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment; 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment; 1st Battalion, 35th Armored Regiment; and 123rd Main Support Battalion paraded 420 vehicles including M1A1 Abrams Tanks, Bradley Fighting Vehicles, M88 Recovery Vehicles, HMMWVs (high mobility multi-wheeled vehicle), HETs (heavy equipment transport), HEMTT (heavy equipment mobility tactical truck) and five-ton cargo trucks through Baumholder Training Area (BTA) and surrounding locations.

"The exercise presents the challenge of maneuvering in terrain we

haven't trained in before," explained 1st Lt. David Mayfield, platoon leader with Company A, 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment. "We are conducting tactical movement, breaching obstacles and other exercises in which unfamiliar terrain adds to the realism of the training."

Aside from standard readiness training, the exercise was also used to prepare the 2BCT for an upcoming January rotation at the Combat Maneuver Training Center in Hohenfels, Germany.

"We are working on skills to get us ready for Hohenfels. We want to beat OPFOR (opposition force) and