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Third Army using many routes to get supplies to Afghanistan

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KABUL, Afghanistan – Third Army is moving thousands of tons of much needed supplies in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, with the help of many partner nations. Moving supplies through the so called Northern Distribution Network (NDN) has proven to be increasingly successful in getting required equipment to troops in Afghanistan. Since March, 7,800 containers have been delivered via these routes with 5,500 more containers currently being transported in part through northeastern Europe to Afghanistan.

The U.S. Army Central Coordination Support Element-Afghanistan, in Kabul Afghanistan is working with key organizations to synchronize these efforts. The ACSE-A is the eyes and ears of Third Army on the ground and is heavily involved in the efficient movement of equipment to units in Afghanistan as part of the build-up.

The NDN provides several alternatives to push equipment from various locations, while alleviating pressure on established supply routes. The NDN consists of a system of roads, railway lines and sea routes established to get the necessary equipment to troops in Afghanistan as soon as possible. The longest section of the route is comparable to the distance traveled from Juneau, Alaska to Portland, Maine, but with much more challenging route conditions.

“The flow of much needed equipment to Afghanistan is our top priority,” said Brig. Gen. John O'Connor, Third Army Director of Logistics.

“The Third Army team is hard at work finding solutions to meet the force requirements in Afghanistan,” he added.

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