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This bulletin is intended to keep you informed of news and activities within the 101ST Military Intelligence Battalion. We will update it on a bi-monthly basis. If you have information you would like to publicize, please submit your information by the 15th of the month of publication. For additional information or any suggestions you may have regarding this bulletin, please contact CPT Tanya Burke at 350-7393. Thank you in advance for your valued contribution.



BC's Column

These are truly historic times! We have successfully transitioned the sovereignty of Iraq back to its rightful place, the hands of the Iraqi people. You should all be proud that you personally were

instrumental in making this happen. We have given the Iraqi people exactly what they have deserved for over 35 years, the opportunity for positive change. Although you may not fully realize it yet, but each of you has made history and your exploits over the last five months will be documented in the history books, read by your kids and generations to come. Most of you have also earned the right to place the coveted *Big Red One* Combat Patch on your right sleeve in recognition of your combat experience. We have changed the way we are conducting business. With the transfer we have modified our Tactics, Techniques and Procedures. The Division has modified the way its does business now that the Iraqi Government is now in control. In concert, we have also modified the Battalion's mission statement to more accurately reflect what we have to do to ensure the success of the Division.

101 MI BN conducts simultaneous full-spectrum multi-disciplined intelligence operations ISO 1st Infantry Division that is timely, predictive and actionable allowing for deliberate and precise intelligence driven operations to neutralize Anti-Iraqi Forces, ensures a secure, stable and self-reliant Iraq and sets the conditions for successful national elections; O/O conducts a deliberate

CSM's Column

The democratic process is at work in Iraq. Citizens are encouraged to study the candidates, issues, and to get out and voice their opinion. You are, no doubt, thinking of the historic events occurring this year for the Citizens of Iraq. True, but I'm talking about us, the Soldiers/Citizens serving in Iraq. We need to demonstrate just how this process works through our actions, our votes. Contact your voting assistance officer now. Let's show the good people of Iraq that the process works.

There is a certain feeling you get before you go out on a combat patrol. The preparation, planning, and rehearsals leading up to the start point work all your senses as if walking out on to the field to play the 89th baseball game of the season. You do it so often, yet you know each time it's a new game. Going out to see the great Soldiers in this battalion is an event I plan out well in advance and look forward to each day. The time I get to spend with the Bravo Bulldog GSR Soldiers, in particular, SPC Burger, is not easily forgotten. Their confidence, camaraderie and teamwork are infectious. There are Archangel Soldiers who have moved around from one FOB to another yet have never lost their identity as 101 Soldiers thanks to an NCO, SSG Barber. I have never understood SIGINT Soldiers, and probably never will, but there's no mistaking the significant contributions they make in some of the most austere conditions, improving their areas and having positive attitudes like SPC Deatherage. And I am amazed at how well our TUAV Soldiers in both Alpha and Charlie Company have become members of our team. Within a week, these Soldiers had their equipment



Relief in Place with the 42nd ID and redeploys to Central Region.

Bottom line is we must be able to provide multi-disciplined intelligence support to simultaneous support full-spectrum operations, from building schools and roads and restoring electricity to conducting deliberate raids and searches. It must be precise, timely and in the format that the commander can use. A difficult task? Yes. Will it require us to work harder? Yes. Will we be successful? You're damn straight!



CPT James Snyder and ISG Darrel McAdoo, Charlie Company, 101 MI BN receive their Combat Patch from COL Dragon, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 6 June 2004, FOB Dagger, Tikrit, Iraq

Although there has been a change in power, the environment and threats to our safety has not. Iraq and the Danger Area of Operations remain a very dangerous place. We will continue to train and sharpen our warfighting skills. Our training program is now in full swing. We must not let ourselves be lured into complacency. On the contrary, this is the time to increase our vigilance to ensure we are not surprised and continue to approach all we do in a very deliberate and doctrinal manner.

This month we also celebrated the birth of our great Nation. There is no other country in the world with the moral and ethical fiber than the one we are representing. We are the vanguards of

up and flying, providing a key ingredient to our intelligence pie. These Soldiers, as well as the others in this battalion, are what keep an old CSM going and motivated. Thanks.

On June 6th Soldiers of the Big Red One stormed the beaches in Normandy. 60 years later, we honored our comrades and officially recognized our privilege to wear the Big Red One Patch on our right shoulder. Years from now you will continue to live the legacy of the Big Red One.

I encourage all our Soldiers to join the Society of the First Infantry Division. This organization continues the Big Red One tradition of excellence through honoring our dead and casualty support, scholarships, reunions, publications, tours, and discounts on commercial products. Please ask an NCO for details.

During this past quarter, some of our Soldiers and families decided to remain in the Army. 24 Soldiers and families made this decision, with a total of over \$105,000 paid out in bonuses and 63 years of combined additional service. Thank you for your continued service.

We have worked hard to be where we are today. Soldiers, take a good look at what you're doing and how you're doing it. Consider the time it took to train you on a task and then what it takes for you to do that task now. Are you cutting any corners? Missing any steps? Doing routine things routinely is good. Great Soldiers and units do them extremely well, routinely. Fight complacency! Check yourself and fellow Soldiers and remember the basics. Is today the day?

I'll be out and about again in the coming months and look forward to seeing you all. I am tremendously proud of you. You continue to impress me with your pride, professionalism, and achievements. No one does it better.

Always Forward...Duty First!

CSM Nick Rozumny

freedom and what we do here is and will be scrutinized. I am filled with a sense of pride when I hear the Division's mantra "Treat all the good people of Iraq with Dignity and Respect". These words basically speak to who we are, where we come from, and what we stand for.

I believe the Iraqi people will look upon the 28th of June as their Independence Day, and you can take pride that your actions, sacrifice and those of our great families, made it all possible. We have and continue to make a difference!



These Eyes and Smile say it ALL!

Remember, we deployed together, we fight together, and we will come home together.

Tip of the Spear...**ALWAYS FORWARD!**

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Do You Want Success?

Come on ladies do you want success? Back in March for the battalion newsletter I wrote an article about how we define success. Now let us ask ourselves a question and that is do we want success and if so let us look at the model set before us. You want success? Here is your model. You want achievement? Here's your prototype. You want bright lights, pageants, and media attention? Consider the front-page, center article of the nation's largest daily newspaper.

It is a caricature of "Miss America." The vital data of the fifty-one participates has been compiled to present the perfect woman. She has brown hair. She has brown eyes. She knows how to sing and has a perfect figure; 35-24-35. She is Miss America.

The message trumpets off the page: "This is the standard for American women." The implication is clear: Do what it takes to be like her. Firm your thighs. Deepen your cleavage. Pamper your hair. Improve your walk.

No reference is made to her convictions, no reference in made to her honesty or to her faith or to her God. But you are told her hip size.

Now in a small photo, four inches to the left, is another woman. Her face is thin. Her skin is wrinkled, almost leathery. No makeup, no blush, no

lipstick. There is a faint smile on her lips and a glint in her eyes. She looks pale. Perhaps it's my imagination or perhaps it's time. The caption read, "Mother Teresa: In serious condition."

Mother Teresa. You know her story. When she won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1985, she gave the two hundred thousand dollars to the poor of Calcutta. When a businessman bought her a new car, she sold it and gave the money to the underprivileged. She owns nothing. She owes nothing.

Two women: Miss America and Mother Teresa. One walks the boardwalk; the other walks the alley. Two voices. One promises crowns, flowers, and crowds. The other promises service, surrender, and joy.

Now I have nothing against beauty pageants but I do have something against the lying voices that noise our world. You've heard them. They tell you to swap your integrity for a new sale. To barter your convictions for an easy deal. To exchange your devotion for a quick thrill.

They whisper. They woo. They taunt. They tantalize. They flirt. They flatter. "Go ahead, it's OK." "Just wait until tomorrow." "Don't worry, no one will know." "How could anything that feels so right be so wrong?"

For amidst the fleeting promises of pleasure is the timeless promise of God's presence. "Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

There is not a chorus so loud that the voice of God cannot be heard if we will but listen.

So let us ask ourselves the question again "Do you want success? Then here is how it works, Ephesians 4:1 tells us to "Walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called."

So if we want success, then we will have an effective testimony that God wants for us and we will touch others lives.

Our lives must be marked by Humility which produces "**Gentleness**" Gentle people willingly submit to God and to others. Gentleness will produce "**Patience**" which will produce "**Unity**"; and "**Love.**"

Let us set our goals on being successful by allowing God and His people to be our model.

CPT (CH) Allen



The 101st MI BN!

We are 5 months into the deployment and the pace continues to grow. There have been myriad of capstone events for both the company and the country. The key event for Iraq has been the Transfer of Sovereignty, which let the world recognize Iraq as a free and independent nation.

However, this means we are working harder than ever to fulfill our mission and maintain our combat skills. Key events we have participated in were the Combat Patch Ceremony (to recognize Soldiers participating in a combat zone and authorizing them to wear the Big Red One patch on their right side), a Reflex Fire Range and 4th of July festivities.

Our Combat Patch Ceremony:



Rendering honors...



Receiving Combat Patches...

The 101st MI Battalion



Soldiers receiving their BRO Combat Patches.



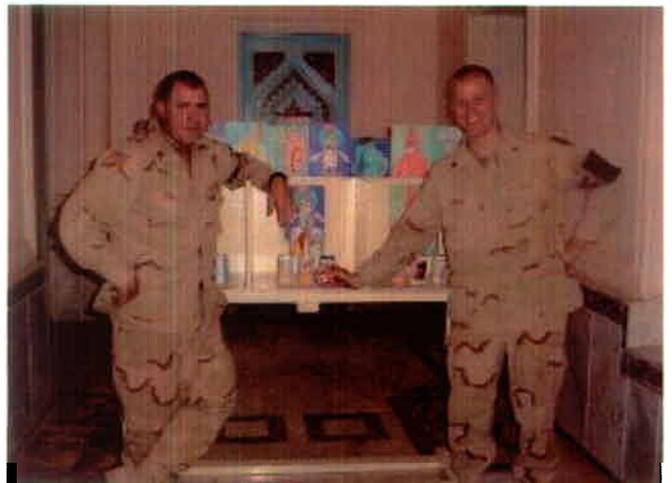
Working on Reflexive Fire Skills:



Cooling off in the shade in between shots.



Practice makes for perfect form!



SFC Hall and SPC Riddick at their 'OP'.



SPC Gordon helps 'adjust fire' on a camel tail.

Happy Birthday to:

- 3 Jul SSG Corbitt
- 4 Jul SSG Villareal
- 5 Jul CPT Gardner
- 8 Jul PFC Householder
- 9 Jul PFC Chaplain, PFC Keener
- 10 Jul SGT Arndt, SPC Dubbs, SPC Watts
- 16 Jul PFC Yerton
- 19 Jul CW2 Campbell, SPC Reid
- 20 Jul CW2 Burke, SPC Briones, SFC Hannum
- 26 Jul PFC Bradford
- 30 Jul SPC Moberly, SPC Jones, SGT Torres,
- 31 Jul MSG Ortiz

FRG:

The summer is now in full swing and everyone is eager to begin their well deserved summer vacations! You may plan to tour Europe or go back to the states and whether that is for a few weeks or the rest of the deployment it is to your benefit to let the Rear Detachment know your new address and phone number.

Information is a key asset and making sure all of your contact information is updated ensures you have the latest information on the deployment. Be sure to check out our new web-page (go to the 1ID web site click on 101 MI and then click HHOC to see our company in action)!

Safety

The summer months are for getting outside and enjoying the warmer weather! Remember when you travel to be aware of your surroundings and what you are talking about—especially when it comes to operations and what your loved ones are doing in Iraq. Take care and keep cool.

Happy Fourth of July and best wishes!

CPT LEIF E. PROTZE
HURRICANE 6

Alpha Company



The weeks continue to pass as we near the mid-point of the deployment. Days go by quickly due to the heavy workload we all find ourselves carrying. Temperatures now reach into the 120s during the hottest parts of the afternoon and are as warm as 95 degrees during the middle of the night. On June 10th, Alpha Company conducted a Transfer of Authority from 1SG McCraw to 1SG Brown. Though we welcome our new 1SG, all will miss 1SG McCraw. Most recently our biggest challenge has been preparing for the transfer of sovereignty, which occurred on June 28th.



1SG Brown takes over for 1SG McCraw

On May 31st, the fourth platoon of Alpha Company met its brother platoons at LSA Anaconda. After one day of in processing, the platoon was escorted to its future home at FOB Warhorse by the commander, first sergeant, and several Alpha Company Soldiers. The Shadow TUAU (Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) platoon spent four months forming, equipping, training, and preparing for deployment in Fort Huachuca, Arizona prior to stepping on a C-5 for Iraq. Last minute orders adjustments for all 22 Soldiers; the platoon formed in February from sources throughout the Army, including mechanics from Aberdeen and Fort Irwin, veteran UAV operators from Fort Lewis, and technicians and operators out of Huachuca. While at Huachuca, the platoon completed 135 accident-free hours of flight. Now in Iraq, the platoon assists the brigade

as a surveillance, reconnaissance, and target acquisition asset. They are a great addition to the Archangel family.



Archangel's standing tall.

GSR platoon morale has been higher than ever this last month. The platoon continues to run missions from Camp Ashraf. They have been there for over two months now, which is the longest amount of time that they've been in one place. The guys are happy to be back together again and like not having to move around so much. PFC Simpson earned his promotion to specialist, and PVTs Green and Jansen have been promoted to PV2. SGT Gilbert moved back to Warhorse to work with SGT Davidson and the HUMINT team. Soon, the platoon will say goodbye to 2LT Kuehl, who will move back to Warhorse to take on XO responsibilities.



CPL Scripture reenlists

HQ platoon once again had a busy month pulling Force Protection at the front gate and escorting 20 local nationals on the FOB as part of the American-Iraqi Partnership Program. SGT Lawrence and SGT Livingston work hard trying to keep up with services and maintaining all the vehicles. SGT Rodriguez and SPC Castillo have been doing their best to keep up with all the broken equipment that GSR brings with each visit to

Warhorse. SPC Morgan and PFC Morales spend at least 2 hours each day trying to keep our DNVF phone line up and running. During the month of June, two Soldiers were recognized for outstanding service. PFC Morales received an ARCOM for the work he has done keeping communications up in the company and for taking initiative while working with the local nationals. CPL Scripture received an AAM for the design of a shield, which protects the gunners in the HMMWVs.



Archangels placing the GSR into operation.

Third platoon has also remained busy this last month. 1LT Halsey received his promotion to CPT and was reassigned to the 2nd BCT TAC at LSA Anaconda. 2LT Howerton arrived in May and took over for CPT Halsey as 3rd platoon leader. Morale has improved as the division has stepped up the R&R program and is sending 2-3 Soldiers from each platoon per month. PFC Pieper spent three weeks at FOB Danger working in the division ACE in the Analyst Exchange Program. Recently, the platoon welcomed one more arrival, WO1 Shelton. He will oversee the HUMINT/Interrogation/Debriefing sections. The platoon also recognized the promotion of SPC Frank.

The Archangels continue to appreciate the support that we are receiving from all of you back home. The deployment is moving along fast and we are already planning our homecoming party. For all of those who attended the going away party, expect something bigger and better. We will make sure that Charlie company leaves their sweaters and two piece suits at home this time.

Archangel 6

CPT Shawn Fast

B COMPANY
-Bulldogs Lead the Way!



B Company continues to hold its own in Baghdad. It has actually been a decent couple of months.



SFC Kilgore

On 1 June, six Soldiers were promoted. SSG Kilgore pinned on SFC, PFC Anderson, PFC Keen, PFC Hansen and PFC Sweeting all were promoted to SPC. The last PV2 in the company was eliminated when PV2 Christian was promoted to PFC. The trend of promotions continued on 1 July when SPC Clark finally made SGT. He had been waiting a long time for that one. In addition, PFC Rodriguez was promoted to SPC.



SPC Rodriguez's promotion.



SGT Clark

On 6 June, B Company participated in the Combat Patch Ceremony. The commander called each Soldier forward and awarded his or her certificate and combat patch. Also awarded 1st ID combat patches were two reserve linguists attached to B Company, PFC Hammash and PFC Baya.



CPT Moyer awards SGT Bacon his Combat Patch.

We actually grew during the two-month period. We received an additional Tactical HUMINT Team. SSG Martin and SSG Kittle have been bounced from unit to unit in Iraq thru their first five months in Iraq. They are reserve Soldiers out of Arizona. They finally landed here at Camp Ferrin-Huggins and will be rounded out when their two Soldiers arrive after R&R. Let's hope they can remain with B Company for the rest of the rotation.

Also adding to the Intelligence collection effort is the Raven Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) better known as Air Booger.

SPC Burger and PFC Benavides received a crash course (literally) in piloting the UAV in Kuwait and returned to start running missions. SGT Danielle took the reins as the team leader and has already been producing some excellent imagery for the brigade. They have been running daily missions across the brigade area of responsibility. SPC Keen and PFC Adams will make up a second Raven team upon completion of their training.



SGT Daneille, SPC Burger and PFC Benevidas with the RAVEN TUAV.

The company will finally be moving into the new barracks. Soldiers have been hearing "two weeks" for so long that they did not think the building would ever be done. Upon completion of the move on 10 July, Soldiers will be living large. The barracks are just about as nice as the ones back at Leighton Barracks. They will be living in two-man room and no longer have to walk outside to go to the showers or latrine. The only down side is they now have to walk 3/4-mile to work.



PFC Christian's promotion.

The company did hit a low point early in June. The camp was hit during a mortar attack early on a Friday morning. Some of the rounds stuck down in the motor pool area. Our Soldiers were lucky enough to have a maintenance bay to work inside. SPC Vue, a mechanic from the MP company, was not so lucky. SGT Bacon saw SPC Vue under a HMMWV injured by one of the initial rounds and immediately went to his aid. SGT Bacon did what he could to keep the Soldier alive until he could be taken to the aid station. Although SPC Vue did not survive, SGT Bacon's quick response gave SPC Vue enough time to make it to the aid station alive. SGT Bacon is being recognized as a hero with an Army Commendation Medal with V Device.



SPC Anderson's promotion.



SPC Hansen's promotion.



SPC Keen's promotion.



SPC Sweeting's Promotion.

We wish everyone well. Until next month....Always Forward

Bulldog 6

CPT Shane Moyer

**C COMPANY – CRUSADERS
CHARLIE ROCK!**

Hello again from Tikrit, Iraq. Summer has arrived in full force in Iraq, and still the Crusaders Soldier on, continuing to perform all missions to the highest standard. To date, the company has performed over 60 Combat Patrols, 170 UAV flights, Screened and Interrogated over 500 captured enemy personnel, conducted daily GSR missions for over 2 months, and maintained a 24/7 guard force on FOB Dagger.

The best news we have received came this month, when the Company was allotted 11 R&R Leave slots for July, in addition to 5 FMPP slots to Lake Dokkan and Qatar. With this well needed break, 16 of our Soldiers are able to take a deserved vacation from their daily duties and see loved ones or just relax and unwind. Everyone here has earned the right to take time off, and we will continue to maximize all of the opportunities we are given.

As everyone knows, I will be leaving Charlie Company on 10 July and handing the reigns over to CPT Joe Cranfield. All I ask is that everyone

continues to give him all of the support and love that you have shown me over the past 18 months.

I want to thank everyone who has been a part of the Crusader Team including all of the Soldiers who have given their all, the Non-Commissioned Officers and Officers who continue to take care of their Soldiers every day, and the families for their tireless support and understanding. A special thanks goes out to Simone and Stacy for keeping the families together throughout this difficult time. Without this amazing team effort, this Company would not be able to perform at such a high level.

It has been a long and stressful past year and a half that has seen the Company in the field or deployed for the majority of the time including two CMTC rotations, 7 ranges, a Division Warfighter, Convoy Training and Live Fire Ranges, new equipment fieldings and countless other training events that have made this team the best Direct Support MI Company in the First Infantry Division.

It has truly been an honor for me to serve with such an incredible team, and there will always be a special place in my heart for all of the Soldiers and families. It is a small Army and I look forward to serving with all of you again.

CPT James L. Snyder
CRUSADER 6

Operations Platoon

This June has been filled with anticipation of the Transition of Sovereignty due to kick off on the 30th of the month. As widely reported on the news, the actual handover took place two days early on the 28th. Deployed units, including C/101 MI, have had to put some serious thought into how we will support the emerging Iraqi Interim Government. The general sentiment among Soldiers in the platoon is a sincere wish that the Iraqis will quickly prove their ability to govern the country effectively and gain the confidence of all Iraqi people to include those now engaging in resistance activities. The hope is that an effective and generally recognized government in Iraq could reasonably request the departure of Coalition Forces from the region thereby speeding the departure of troops currently on the ground. Everybody here understands that the success of the new Iraqi Government will not speed the return of 1ID

Soldiers back to their families, but may reduce the chances of any future deployments to this region. Key points to watch are the performance of the Iraqi Government and growth of the New Iraqi Army. Without the deterrence afforded by an effective Army, Coalition Forces departure from Iraq would certainly spell civil war within Iraq and possible invasion by neighboring countries.

CPT Cranfield has been shadowing CPT Snyder for much of the month and learning how CPT Snyder executes his duties as Company Commander. SGT Lutz has been busily preparing for and executing the change of command inventories this month. As supply Sergeant she is the spearhead for transferring all the company's property from the old commander to the new commander. The entire platoon was involved with the layout of the company's equipment during the later portion of this month.

SGT Bevis, SPC Cesal, SPC Bossler and SPC Jacobson continue their mission on FOB O'Ryan in support of the 2-108 IN. The team operating out of FOB O'Ryan has not only been involved in ground surveillance radar missions, but has also been included in manning tactical checkpoints and convoys. A few days ago they were being utilized to transport a high profile detainee to the Divisions detention facility for interrogation.

In reference to detainees, Operations Platoon would like to address the widely reported prisoner abuses from the Abu Ghareb Prison in Baghdad. We'd like to assure Charlie's company friends and family members that our interrogators, SGT English and SGT Clark, have maintained only the highest standards in the treatment of the detainees they come in contact with. Their interrogations have produced many excellent intelligence reports that do not require abuse to be perpetrated upon the detainees. We applaud their continued dedication to a difficult job.



C Company Mechanics "Hard at Work"

Operations Platoon participated in a company picnic on the 27th of June. The picnic was an excellent relief from the monotony of day to day operations here on FOB Dagger. Basketball, swimming and a tug-of-war were a few of the highlights of the picnic as well as Charlie's Soldiers just being able to spend time together.



The NCOs give it a try on the Tug of War, but the Enlisted managed to topple them in the end.

A number of our Soldiers will begin to rotate out of country for R&R this month. Many of Operations Platoons Soldiers are looking forward to spending time with family and friends over the next couple of months.

CPT Bryant
Operations Platoon Leader

THT 360/ Counterintelligence Team

Life at FOB Palawoda is full of adventure, friends, enemies, and lies with some truth in there somewhere. We just turned the government back to the Iraqis. It's going pretty well so far. In conjunction with our Fourth of July celebration, we also celebrated the Iraqi's freedom by having an open house. The IID band performed a variety of music and we had guest appearances from Tiger 2 (1-77 Armor S-2) and the Iraqi National Guard singing. Plus we had the pleasure of watching a traditional Iraqi dance show in which the 1-77 Armor senior staff participated.

Recently, it has been decreed that running is allowed on the FOB between the hours of 0200 and 0400. It's dark, it's cooler, and we don't have to wear our IBA. Although the rocks can cause some hazards, but to be fit, sometimes it's worth the risk. Unfortunately, with our missions, we don't get to join in on the fun as much as we would like.

In June, thanks to the deployment and some Soldiers remembering why they joined the Army, SPC Richard Redding re-enlisted with his assignment to be the 66th MI Group upon returning from Iraq.

We're about half way through the rotation and morale is staying pretty high. First, we get to go out into the villages to talk to the village folks, play with the children, and see how the Iraqis are living. It's a good experience. Second, June has been declared as our second busiest month since deployment to the ITO, falling just short of April, as far as reports, raids, and meetings, to include detainees. The team was grateful for the pick-up in OPTEMPO and can only wish for July to do the same, for the sake of sanity. Third, as a result of the team's hard work, we have been designated as the best Tactical HUMINT Team in the division, to include our fellow teams from the 902nd MI group.

Although SPC Nancy Ayotte is not assigned with the team at FOB Palawoda, she is still a valuable part of the team. With her hard work and dedication in being our Operations Management Team/Person, she has helped to place us in the top slot. Her job at FOB Dagger is very stressful, with all of the changes and updates she has to deal with. She has been doing an outstanding job in keeping

up with the changes and trying to keep the team informed.

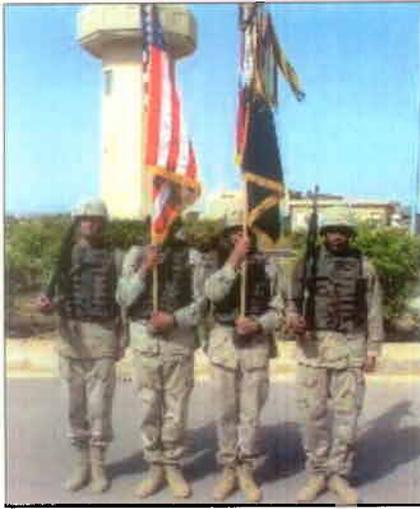
The month of July is going to be a pretty busy month for us even without the workload. We will be going up to FOB Dagger for CPT Snyder's change of command on the 10th, SSG Aponte will be celebrating, not very enthusiastically, her birthday on the 14th, SPC Redding's 24th birthday is on the 19th, and WO1 Noerr will be promoted to CW2 on the 25th.

TF 1-77 Armor "Steel Tiger" pride has welcomed the team as part of their own. They take care of us and we take care of them. Although we have our organic families, and the unit family, it still feels good and comforting to have this family to rely on for our safety and they do a very good job.

ACT/CGS

This month has been full of many firsts and definitely a lot of excitement. I am happy to say that my first month as the platoon leader has been everything I hoped it would be. I would like to thank the Soldiers for making my transition to C Co and 2BCT as smooth as possible. It has been a lot of fun learning about everyone and continuing to build our platoon cohesion.

We have gotten the opportunity to participate in a number of ceremonies that honored both our country and our fallen Soldiers. PFC Stafford was a member of the color guard for the Memorial Day Ceremony in which we took a moment to honor all of our fallen comrades. It was definitely a moment we will never forget. We also participated in the Combat Patch Ceremony, where the company was awarded the very well deserved IID combat patch. The Soldiers did a great job executing these ceremonies even through the hottest part of the day. We even got the opportunity to ensure our medics were well trained at giving IVs by providing 2 of our very own Soldiers as guinea pigs!



PFC Stafford in the Color Guard

Luckily our month hasn't been all work and no play. We have been able to send people out to various locations to get a better perspective on the environment we are helping to rebuild. SGT Rogers went to FOB Danger to participate in the analyst exchange program with the ACE for 2 glorious weeks. SPC Sykes also participated in this program; however, she went with TF 1-7 up at FOB Summerall. SPC Thomas and SPC Hays traveled to LSA Anaconda for various missions, but I think they were more excited about the helicopter ride than the new FOB. We will never forget SPC Thomas' enthusiasm for his "first flight"! PFC Stafford participated in the Detainee release program, which returns detainees from Abu Ghraib to their families in our area. Finally, we finished up this month with a much needed company organization day. Everyone got a chance to play basketball, swim, eat hamburgers, and drink a lot of non-alcoholic beer! Almost like home!

Next month should prove to be just as exciting as the Iraqi citizens gain their sovereignty. R&R and FMPP are in full swing and we are excited to send out more people from our platoon to enjoy some much needed down time. We unfortunately are saying goodbye to PFC Stafford for a few months as he moves down to LSA Anaconda to pick up the mission in the DTAC. Good luck, we know you will do great things.

Finally, we would like to thank everyone back at home for all the letters, packages, and many words of encouragement. You are definitely the strength that keeps us going on a daily basis. We

hope you are all enjoying your summers wherever you happen to be.



ILT Weatherwax
ACT/CGS Platoon Leader

TUAV Platoon

After two months in country, the Dark Angels have finally achieved a steady battle rhythm. At each site, Soldiers have cross-trained to perform duties outside the scope of their MOS. Thanks to the adaptability and initiative of our Soldiers, the 22 of us accomplish the work of at least 26 Soldiers

While the platoon is adjusting well to June's onslaught of intense heat, our precious avionics equipment does not always fair so well.

Fortunately, Bob Mahler and Carlos Villicana, the civilian members of our platoon sent to us by the AAI Corporation, help to keep our equipment up and running. Another individual that has accomplished much for the platoon this month is CPL Wes Kilpatrick. CPL Kilpatrick has traveled to other FOBs to help the Brigade Task Forces with their UAV feed viewing devices. CPL Kilpatrick also found a more efficient way to capture our UAV feed digitally so that it can be formatted to create products for the Brigade.

Also occurring this past month was Charlie Company's first "fun day." Our platoon hosted the affair at our house. We barbecued in the front yard, swam in the pool, played basketball at the end of the street and also tug of war. For all intents and purposes, it was the closest thing to a "normal" summer backyard party one can come to on a

combat deployment. A special thanks to all who worked hard to make the party a success.



The TUAV TOC Crew pull their way to victory over the LRS guys.

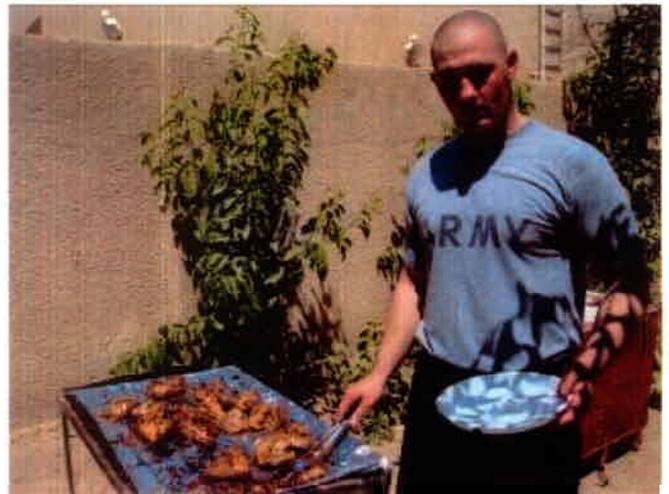
For five lucky platoon members, the highlight of the month was having a video teleconference with their families in Arizona. While we wish we could provide all our Soldiers with the opportunity to VTC with their families, we're glad this event materialized.

Thank you to CPT Gardner at 101st MI BN, and MAJ McCarthy at Ft. Huachuca.

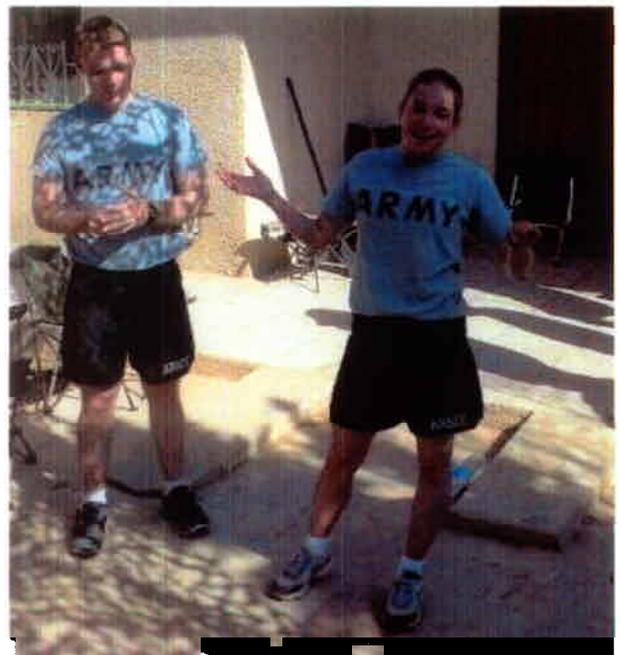


The Harley Crew chills out at the BBQ.

Next month's projects will be creating a platoon video-documentary of our Soldiers and our life in Iraq for the students of Strongsville High School in Strongsville, Ohio. SHS has adopted our platoon and written letters and sent packages to each of our Soldiers. To show our appreciation, we want to send the school a DVD that shows the "true story" behind our platoon. The project will most likely be headed by WO1 Stokes, our platoon's motion picture mastermind.



Who wants some!



PFC Flenner takes center stage after her promotion

2LT Raven Bukowski

TUAV Platoon Leader

NOTES AND UPDATES:

Upcoming Birthdays

- SSG Aponte – 14 July
- SPC Redding – 19 July
- CW2 Burke – 20 July
- SGT Clark – 31 July
- WO1 Noerr – 3 August
- SPC Jacobson – 9 August

Promotions:

- PV2 Flenner to PFC
- PV2 Franklin to PFC
- PV2 Rodningen to PFC
- PFC Pierce to SPC

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The Demon Dispatch

As we approach the five month mark of our deployment, the Soldiers of Delta Company continue to exceed all standards in their daily performance. As of the writing of this article, we are once again preparing to move Soldiers around the Danger AO in order to provide the best support to the 1st Infantry Division. 1st Platoon has been working hard up on FOB Summerall with their mission. About a month ago they moved their work site into an old Iraqi bomb shelter, providing a much better work area than the Prophet vehicles that they had been working in. With the bomb shelter, they have much better protection, a much cooler environment which is better on the temperature sensitive systems and a place to call their own. Recent improvements within their work environment include cable TV, freshly painted white walls and an additional air conditioning unit. Although their work environment has greatly improved, they are still living and sleeping in a tent. Though the tent does have electricity and air conditioning, the Iraqi heat is starting to take a toll on the generator that runs the A/C units.

Unfortunately, due to mission requirements, 1st Platoon will once again be making a move to a different location. Their living and working conditions will be the same, if not a little better, but most importantly their contribution to the Division will be much more significant.



3rd Platoon continues to do an outstanding job down on FOB Warhorse. They have just recently completed their move into permanent living huts, located much closer to their work site. Living improvements for them include having their own platoon living area, having only two Soldiers per living hut and internet in each living hut.



SIGINT Soldiers working hard!



Renovations underway!

Both the HQs section and the Hammer team up in the ACE are doing well on FOB Danger. The Hammer team has been incredibly busy the past

several weeks as we approached the transfer of sovereignty. Our living conditions on FOB Danger continue to improve as we expand the size of the Demon House. We've had about a dozen local Iraqis building on two additional rooms at the house. They've been working on it for about a month and a half now, and will hopefully be complete with their project in the coming weeks. We are packed pretty tightly right now in the house, but will be more comfortable once they complete the additions.



Demons in the office.



Say cheese!



Delta Demons on top of the Palace.

Since the last newsletter, the Demons have welcomed three new Soldiers and two new babies into the company. PFC Gregory, PFC Miller and PFC Mendorf arrived in Iraq the last week in June. All are Russian linguists that will be of great help to the HQs section. Finally, congratulations to SSG Garth and Julie Newell on the birth of their

sixth child, Nathaniel, born May 13th and to SGT Allen and Terra Williams who gave birth to their first child, Brenna, born June 21st!!

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