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Some notes from CPT La Flamme

The company is going through a major transformation. As you read this, B Company and the V Corps Tactical Exploitation System (TES) will be beginning to shift equipment and personnel between locations, as we begin preparations to possibly redeploy the TES Main and the headquarters platoons back to Germany. While we don't have a timeline for this redeployment, we're working diligently to get to that point.

I expect that we will see as many soldiers from B Company stay in Iraq as deployed to Kuwait in November. Also, the Forward platoon is expected to continue to be augmented by soldiers attached to the company from A Co., 325th MI BN.

These days, though, I have also been doing a lot of thinking about the achievements of this company during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, and in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and SOUTHERN WATCH. The soldiers of B Company have provided early warning and indications support to Operation Southern Watch; imagery analysis in support of Operation

Enduring Freedom; exercise support to V Corps and the Combined Forces Land Component Command (CFLCC) for the Lucky Warrior and Internal Look exercises; theatre

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imagery support to CFLCC and V Corps through support of the U2 mission; and imagery and cross-int support to V Corps and the all others during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Soldiers of the TES exploited over 12,000 satellite images and 3000 images from the U2, and the production of over 9000 imagery reports, 1100 Secondary Imagery Dissemination Reports, and hundreds of signals intelligence products. Not bad for soldiers who, nine months ago, were guarding Aukamm every day.



Additionally, three relatively new members of our company did something else that was as amazing—Chief Haynes, SGT Krueger, and PFC Wong led the effort in establishing the first imagery exploitation cell to support the imagery captured by the Hunter UAV. What started as a concept and a shopping trip for computer hardware and software became a well honed team, moving on the battlefield as the coalition forces advanced, and a team that has devised the means and methods to provide military commanders with timely, critical, and targetable intelligence support from the Hunter UAV. Their efforts will likely influence the way the Army conducts future UAV missions, in addition to supporting V Corps and CFLCC leaders during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.



This UAV exploitation team, though, wasn't the only innovation by this company during this deployment. The soldiers pioneered innovations in Army intelligence architecture and equipment, to include using a Tri-band SATCOM Subsystem (TSS) over a Trojan C band circuit; collecting both theatre and national imagery through a TES Main; and integration of TES Forward HMMWV's into a TES Main system. These were concepts only dreamed of on the design boards of Northrup-Grumman and the Army Space Program Office, but guided into reality by the soldiers of B Company and their efforts to meet the operation needs of V Corps.

No one else has dared to cross-configure of a Divisional Tactical Exploitation System (DTES) as a TES Forward, but in doing so, B Company give V Corps tailored and expanded command post options for high intensity conflicts like Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

What I've been thinking about is the critical role this unit played in this war, and the pride I feel in the soldiers, in the unit, and the efforts we made. Our intelligence products were used by every major element operating on the battlefield during Operation Iraqi Freedom. 3rd Infantry Division selected river crossing sites based upon TES imagery analysis and threat assessments; 1st Marine Expeditionary Force relied upon the national EO and U2 ASARS imagery reports for situational awareness of critical targets as hostilities became imminent; fighter pilots from the Navy, Air Force and Marines relied on TES imagery analysts for identification of targets for deep strike, and for identification of Iraqi early warning and target acquisition radars; close air support units relied on our timely imagery products as they headed to the flight line to support coalition ground forces; and special operations and combat search and rescue units relied on this company and our diverse mix of analysts to provide up to the minute intelligence support for insertions, extractions, rescues, and downed aircraft locations.

I am anxious to go home, to see my wife and two kids. I'm anxious to see soldiers, long deployed and asked to give so much, to make so many sacrifices, return to their homes and some sense of normalcy. I know, having done so much and done so well, we will all face well any mission given to us. But for now, I am thinking about sending soldiers home.



Opposite page: PFC Wong on the way to BJ RAMS, 14 July Statue, SCUD attack at Camp Udari

This page: "Always on Guard," SPC Nofziger.

Next FRG Meeting

The next meeting will be at 1830, Wednesday, July 2nd at the home of Cheryl Allen. 24 Florida Str #6 (0611-360-7708). We will have someone come to speak to us about reunion. I encourage everyone to attend even if you feel that you have a strong relationship, or that it could be a long time until your spouse returns. Even the strongest marriages have to make adjustments when a spouse has been absent, and the coping tools we learn should allow us to help our own families, or maybe even a friend's.

June FRG Meeting

Thank you to everyone who came to this month's meeting. LTC Norwood came and introduced himself. He will be our new battalion commander as of 20 June when LTC Jones hands him the guidon. He spoke about plans to bring some B Co. soldiers home, but as CPT LaFlamme said in his letter, they don't know exactly who or when yet. LTC Norwood encouraged everyone to continue with your normal plans as we should have at least a month's notice when they do return.

Speaking of return, we talked about ways to welcome our soldiers back. I'll be making a poster to put in the company building to which we can add soldiers' names as they return (it could take a long time to get everyone's name on the banner). Kathleen Kreuger will be making a banner to hang on the fence outside the main gate, and we plan to have a cake at each Super Saturday for the soldiers who have returned that month. In addition, we'd like to provide a meal and a restock-your-room kit for each single soldier as they return. If anyone would like to volunteer to make a meal when the time comes, please call me. I'm looking into what AAFES and the Red Cross may be able to provide in terms of bags of toothpaste, TO, etc, but we also talked about also giving out eggs, milk, peanut butter, etc. to help the single soldiers restock their empty barracks rooms. Again, when the time comes, I'll be asking for volunteers.

Upcoming Events

June 20th—Farewell luncheon for Elaine Jones and Welcome for Michelle Norwood at Mexico Lindo Restaurant. Please call me if you need directions or want to carpool. If you have not RSVP'd yet and would like to go, please call me and we'll try to make sure there's room at the restaurant.

June 28th—Yard Sale with HHSC. Please see the enclosed flyer for all the details.

July 4th—Festivities at WAAF kick off at 16:30 and culminate with fireworks at 22:30. There will be food and fun, music and giveaways, and activities for all ages.

Community Help Projects—Our own Kim Bagwell is organizing the youth group at Immanuel Baptist Church to do Community Help Projects to raise money for an orphanage in Romania. Kim will coordinate with a youth to do odd jobs (for a fee to be donated to the orphanage) for you. This is a great opportunity to get your lawn mowed and do a good deed at the same time. Call Kim at 0611-174-8474.

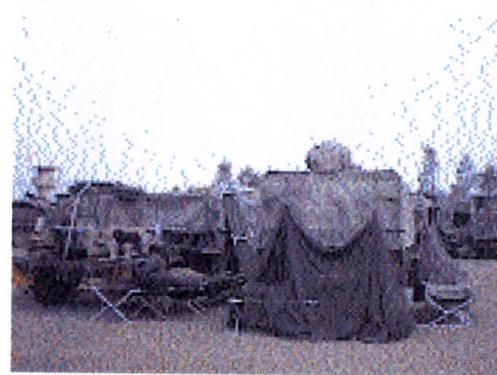
Company Help—In B Company, Michelle Begley and Kelly Hernandez are having difficult pregnancies and could use our help with meals, groceries, babysitting, etc. If you'd like to help, call Michelle at 0611-205-5657 and Kelly at 505-0030).

Super Saturday

Summer Super Saturday rocks! We had so much fun at the last one that we're going to do the same thing again at the end of the month. Join us on June 28th at 1600 for BBQ and water fun. Again, Angela will grill the meat and provide drinks—the rest of us should bring a side dish, lawn chair and bathing suits and towels for anyone willing to get wet! 21 Westfalen, #2 (0611-565-7323) No RSVP necessary.

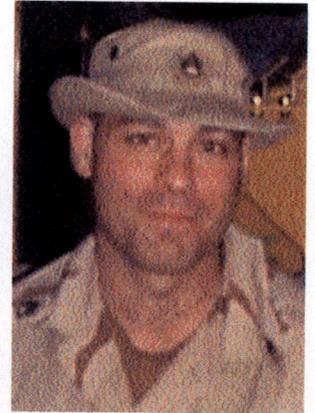
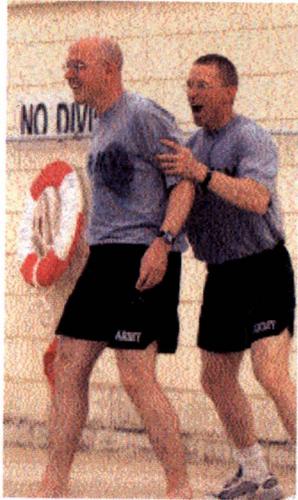


*Clockwise from above:
Supporter on the way to
Baghdad (not a Malmberg
boy), Destroyed T-2 MBT,
Asses, Road to Mosul,
"Achmed and Joe," Staff
meeting in Baghdad.*



*Clockwise from left: SGT
Carter gets pinned by SSG
Patterson and CW2
Cromwell in the Baghdad
palace, Weapons cache,
Home Sweet Iraqi Home,
Baghdad Airport, Jeff Stone
gets convoy constipation,
SGT Begley and his "toys."*

Clockwise from Below: CW2 Holland, SGT Wiles and SGT Gray get awards, SSG Haggerty, SGT Kouns and SPC Mitchell look on., SPC Gray gets promoted to SGT, SPC Debrule, 1SG uses the CDR as a human shield at the pool.



Clockwise from above: The CDR hugs an A-10, SGT Begley, PFC Peoples and SPC Nofziger strike a pose, Alby and CW2 Holland in a Blackhawk, SPC Mitchell, SSG Wilson, MAJ "Mom" Potter, 3 lizards breach the perimeter.

Camp Weekend

by Stephen Allen

On the camping trip in Frankenberg I had a good time. We went water rafting Saturday which was my first time. I didn't know it would be so much fun rowing a boat with a paddle. Later on that day we went swimming and on a hiking trip. The soldiers were making noises in the woods trying to scare us. They scared some of us. The last day we were there we had a BBQ where the parents came up. I gave my mom and dad a tour of the campground and then took them down to the lake where I went rafting. I had a great time and I would like to go there again.

Camp Weekend

by Stanley Allen

My experience in Frankenberg on the two day camping trip was a very memorable and unforgettable one. I experienced many things I had never done before. I did many things in ways I never expected. When we reached the air base to get on the bus we waited for about an hour for others to come from Heidelberg. After that we were off. About two hours on the bus we arrived at the camp. I kept talking to my friends George and Michael about what we would do and if we would be the only kids over thirteen years old. On the bus we were the oldest but when we got there we were in for a surprise.

After we got off the bus Michael, George, my brother and I grabbed a tent and then went to see what the camp leader had to say. He was a tall man who was very nice. He told us the schedule for the weekend and that we could eat. We had sandwiches and then we went exploring the camp. To our surprise there was a group of German kids our age camping there to. We decided to go talk to them because we wanted to meet them. They were pretty cool and we started hanging out. We all started a game of basketball and by the end of the game it was time for bed. We went in our tent and then we talked for a long time until we fell asleep.

Supposedly we were to wake up at eight but we were awakened by the other campers from our group at five! Around 7:30 I just got up and walked around. At nine it was breakfast. We had sandwich meat and bread for breakfast which was a surprise for me, since I am use to the typical American breakfast bacon, eggs, pancakes, or cereal. Afterwards we went on a boat ride, where I got extremely wet and cold. After the boat ride we walked around for about an hour talking until we went to the Schwim Bad which



Happy Birthday!

SGT V. Gray	6/2
CW2 Cromwell	6/8
SPC Marquez	6/12
PFC Lawton	6/21
SGT Flynn	6/24
ISG Martin	6/24
CW2 Holland	6/25
SPC Smith	6/26
PFC Kaita	6/29

was another surprise. I thought we would swim in the lake. At the pool I went on the slide about 15 times in 50 different positions until it was time to leave. After that we headed back to the camp where we hung out with the German kids for the couple of hours we had free until we went on a night hike. The soldiers out in the forest tried to scare us and got a couple of the smaller kids. Once we got back it was bed time. Again we talked until we fell asleep. When we woke up we had breakfast and then we went and played basketball again. Later there was a BBQ and a ceremony before we left to come back home. I really enjoyed it there and am very anxious to return.



Happy Birthday ISG Martin

If you would like to add a family member, in Europe or Stateside, to the distribution list, please send their address to Kristin.Laflamme@us.army.mil