

Red Falcons



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To all Red Falcon's, family members, Red Falcon friends and loved ones who care enough to access our web site or give your address in order to get information about your paratroopers – thanks for making the effort! It shows that you care for you paratroopers and want to know what they have been doing, and what is in store in their near future.

The sole intent of our web site and newsletter is to keep Red Falcon Family members and friends “in the loop” on what is going on with the boys. It is also a place where incoming Red Falcons can get an insight on what is in store for them.

The first thing that I want to do in this newsletter is to acknowledge my predecessor, LTC Eric Nantz and his wife Sarah. I could not have asked for a smoother transition for Jackie and I, or to have been given command of a more squared away battalion. The Nantz's led the Red Falcon's through a year of hard fighting in Iraq, and hardship on the home front with families dealing with the day to day challenges without their husbands and loved ones. The contributions and impacts that they have made to this battalion are the foundation for us to continue to build and improve upon.

Since taking command last June, my wife, Jackie, and I truly appreciate the welcome we have received from officers, NCOs, paratroopers, and wives of the battalion. Though I've never served in the 82d before, Bragg is like home for me because I grew up here.

My dad went from squad leader to SGM in the 82d, and I have many fond memories of this post and division and could not be more proud or humbled to have been given the opportunity to serve with the Red Falcons.

Though we have primarily been in support cycle since I've assumed command with the companies all going in many different directions, we did do a very extensive training and testing period for the coveted Expert Infantryman's Badge. This was an opportunity for me to work side by side with the troopers for the three weeks of train up and the one week of testing. I want to extend my gratitude to the NCOs and paratroopers who were already EIB recipients who worked every day with the EIB candidates to prepare them for the test. I also want to congratulate the 122 Red Falcon's who earned the award. We received, by far, the most EIBs in the Regiment. I believe this clearly displays the dedication and high level of professionalism at every level in our battalion, for both the trainees and the candidates, to dedicate their efforts in order to concentrate on accomplishing the goal of earning the symbol of excellence in the Infantry – the Expert Infantryman's Badge. Very well done!

As we now come off our well deserved leave I want to give everyone a snap shot on what is ahead for the next couple months. We'll continue to do support cycle requirements for a next couple of weeks, but then all need to prepare for the upcoming Intensive Training Cycle running from the last part of September through the month of October. We will be very busy and the Red Falcons will be spending a lot of time in the field doing live fire exercises at the squad and platoon level, as well as multiple airborne operations. The month of November

will be primarily recovery from the field and preparation to assume DRF 1 in December.

Over the holidays the battalion will not be able to take block leave as a whole, but we will attempt to maximize the number of paratroopers who can take leave depending on their days available for leave, as well as the support requirements that will be given to the battalion. The battalion will be back in the support cycle at that time and we will be responsible to assist the DRF 1 in their outload in the event of an alert, as well as assist with any tasking the division may have. What we will do, in conjunction with the White Falcons, is consolidate as much of the requirements over the holidays that we can, in order to maximize our leave opportunities. More to follow on this in the near future.

I do not get enough of an opportunity to congratulate the many accomplishments of the paratroopers of this battalion. For those who I have not congratulated for promotions, reenlistments, school graduation, awards, births, marriages, engagements, I apologize and now use this forum to show my appreciation and support for you successes.

This site and newsletter is for you. We are open for suggestions from anyone who has any ideas for improving or expanding this site. Please contact my wife, Jackie, at 497-5885, or at DaJaAnders@aol.com and we can talk

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Hello Wives of 1-325

I'm Jackie Anders. My husband, David, took command of Red Falcons in June so I wanted to introduce myself to the Family Readiness Group (FRG). This is our first time stationed at Ft Bragg, but we have been in the Infantry Community for 17 years serving at Hunter Army Airfield, Ft. Benning, Ft. Hood, Ft Leavenworth and Ft Drum. We have four children ages, 13, 11, 10 and 8 years. I'm a stay-at-home Mom except for the time I devote to the Army Reserves where I teach Command and General Staff College. One of my personal goals for the Battalion FRG is to make sure you have all the information you could possibly want about activities and services offered by the Ft Bragg installation. I'll be using the FRG chain of concern to get that information to you. Info will be emailed to the five company FRG

leaders and they in turn will pass the info to you, via email roster. If you haven't given your email address to your FRG leader, (listed below), please do so. If you don't have email, we need to know that too, so we can send hard copies of information as needed. We'll also be using email to send out the monthly battalion newsletter. The email rosters maintained by each of the companies are critical tools to keep you informed about what's going on in the battalion. But this distribution will only be as successful as the roster is accurate. Please make sure your Company FRG leader has your current contact info. My husband and I are glad to be here at Bragg and proud to serve with you as Red Falcons! See you soon. V/R Jackie Anders 497-5885 / Da-JaAnders@aol.com

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Chaplains Corner

“Be angry and do not sin. Do not let the sun go down on your anger.”

Ephesians 5:26

Who doesn't get angry from time to time? Everyone does. Some people, however, may feel guilty about being angry. It's important to understand that being angry is not the problem. Notice the Bible verse above. The writer commanded us to be angry, but to keep from sinning. Obviously, it is not a sin to be angry.

Anger is an emotion. And there is no emotion that we can control. People may say that they have learned to control their emotions, but they really haven't. They have only learned how to keep their behavior from being influenced by their emotions. Sometimes this is good, sometimes it is bad. When it comes to anger, it is a good thing. The verse is telling us that even if we feel anger we are not to allow that anger to rule our behavior.

How can we train ourselves not to be unduly influenced by feelings of anger? Let me give you three good pointers.

First, learn to short-circuit your anger. Most often, we can feel anger rising in our emotions. When that happens, we should try to find some way to get out of the situation which is causing the anger. If you are discussing a hot topic with someone, it is best to take a time out. Tell the person you need a few minutes to cool off. Then find a quiet place to relax and talk yourself out of blowing up. There may be times when we are unable to get out of the situation that is making us angry. In that case, I recommend that people try to remind themselves that they don't need to be controlled by this emotion. Think of the people you may hurt with an angry outburst. Try and talk yourself into not reacting in anger.

Second, don't allow your emotion of anger to become a decision to stay angry. That is what the verse means when it says, “Do not let the sun go down on your anger.” Deciding to stay angry with someone is a decision to withhold forgiveness. Forgiveness is more important to the one who forgives than it is to the one who needs forgiving. With-

holding forgiveness will result in bitterness and possibly even hate. Perhaps you know people who are very bitter and resentful. That is no way to spend your life!

Third, learn to channel your emotion of anger into constructive action rather than destructive action. Did you realize that the same atomic process which makes a nuclear bomb is also used in nuclear power plants? The difference is in how the process is controlled. A nuclear bomb releases all of its energy at one time - causing massive destruction. However, controlling that energy over a long period can enable a nuclear power plant to supply an entire city with electricity. The energy that anger produces inside can be controlled and channeled into constructive actions instead of causing a blow up and destructive actions.

Take the verse from Ephesians to heart. “Be angry and do not sin.”

Recommended Websites

www.crosswalk.com - Bible Study tools, Articles, Devotionals, and much more.

www.fotf.org - The Focus on the Family Website with Dr. James Dobson

www.marriagebuilders.com - The best website for marriage enrichment anywhere.

www.realfamilies.com - An excellent website for parents.

HHC Spotlight – LINE DOGS

SCOUT PLATOON

The Reconnaissance Platoon has had many changes over the past months. We would like to say good-bye to SSG Brown, who is now heading to the Special Forces Qualification Course. In October we will also be losing SGT Hupp and SPC Hirsch to the same Course. At the same time, we would like to welcome our newest member to the platoon, PFC James D. Gresham. Finally we would like to say congratulations to SGT Bean and his new bride, and also happy 30th birthday to SPC Woody.

In other news, the platoon has been very busy with various tasking over the last few months. However, after leave we are looking forward to some exciting and challenging training. We hope all of our Recon Soldiers have a great leave and spend some much needed time with their families.

SUPPORT PLATOON

The Support Platoon has been doing great work since returning from Iraq. They have supported numerous airborne operations and ranges. They also did a commendable job at pushing out the Quick Reaction Force from 2-504 PIR to Alexandria, Virginia to complete an operation there. The soldiers of the Support Platoon work hard and their diligence shows in how smoothly the battalion's training runs. Without these men, the rest of the battalion would not have ammunition, transportation or parachutes to train with.

The Support Platoon has had several soldiers complete a variety of schools. Two soldiers completed the XVIII Airborne Corps NBC School, two soldiers completed Combat Lifesaver School, two soldiers completed the 80 Pax and Bus Driver School, one soldier completed the Field Sanitation School and one soldier completed the

Air Movement Officer Course. SSG Berndt, the Support Platoon Sergeant, also completed Jump Master School. PFC Dubs will be attending Air Assault School on 16 September and Lieutenant Kelly will be attending Jump Master School upon our return from block leave.

MORTAR PLATOON

The Mortar Platoon has kept itself busy following Operation Enduring Freedom. Whether its firing thousands of rounds during Reflexive Fire Training, supporting Fire Coordination Exercises with 81mm mortar fire, or hard physical training, the Mortar Platoon continues to maintain its proficiency. The platoon welcomes back SGT Palmers and two new soldiers from Charlie Company SPC Cox and PFC Green. Nicholas Huebner was recently promoted to Specialist and the platoon is looking forward to great things out of the newly promoted, future leader. Congratulations to SFC Palmer for graduating Pathfinder School and SGT Cosmo for gutting-out Ranger School

MEDICAL PLATOON

The past few months have been busy. Since redeployment we have conducted a number of training events, assumed Division Ready Force, conducted two large package weeks and gone through ORS and CIP inspections. Following block leave we hit the ground running with DRF 7 tasking and various medical coverage. In addition we will be sending 7 medics for EFMB testing. The EFMB tests medical proficiency and soldier tasks. We wish all of our candidates the best of luck.

Since the return of the unit we have had to say goodbye to many great medics. Three medics have PCS'd and moved on. SGT Taylor has moved to Hawaii to work at Tripler Army Medical Center, SPC Montoya has moved to Ft. Bliss to work at Beaumont Army Medical Center and SPC (P) Holmes is moving to Fort McPherson, GA. In addition we have several medics choosing to continue life in the civilian world; SGT Emerson, SPC Hudson, SPC Wilson, SPC Ehrhardt and SPC Guerrero. We wish them all the best. There are two sides to every coin. We would also like to welcome our new medics to the unit; SGT Gleason, SGT Mentore, SPC Paolino, SPC Wilhelm, SPC Boswell, PFC Padgett, PFC Myers, PFC Pike, PFC Jimenez and PFC Daniels. I know they will do great things for the battalion.



A Company Commander's Notes

Hello family, loved ones, friends, and supporters of A/CO 1-325 AIR. The last time the company published a newsletter was July 2003 in Baghdad Iraq, and we had just found out we were not coming home. The mood of that newsletter was a little different, but the purpose was to keep all of you informed of the company's status and that should not stop because we are back. There are a lot of things that I would like to share with you about the company, but I will not try to fit in all in one newsletter. The company has changed a lot since our return from Iraq, and we will use this edition to catch all of you up on those changes. The company has a new 1SG. 1SG Hanson was replaced by 1SG Vinson in May 2004, and has done an outstanding job keeping the company on track.

CPT Harris

Headquarters, A Company

In the past eight months many changes have taken place in headquarters. First, SPC Ortiz has taken over the armored position with PFC Phelps as his assistant. Ortiz is picking up right where SPC Sanchez left off and just passed a corps arms room inspection. We now have two operation clerks: PFC Cleek and PFC Pettigrew. Operations has gone through many Operations NCOs and the final decision is that PFC Cleek and PFC Pettigrew are doing such a great job that an NCO isn't needed in the Ops room. Finally, The mortars have lost SSG Osario and SGT Becker has stepped up and taken his place. The only place that hasn't had any change is supply: SGT Mow and SPC William. However, SGT Mow started college classes this week and won't be around the company for 4 months. SPC Williams is going to have to take care of the supply room all by himself. Until the next Red Falcon Newsletter...All the way, Airborne, Lets Go!!!

1LT Bruggeman

1st Platoon, A Company

Since the return from Iraq and block leave in March 1ST Platoon has seen many changes in personnel, marriages, promo-

tions and reenlistments. First of all, we have been blessed with additions to the first platoon extended family. SPC David Cucca married the former Ms. Erika Kenny on March 22, 2004. SPC Justin Hicks and his wife VaRonda Hicks are expecting a child in December. Since returning from Iraq, we have promoted several soldiers. Grayling Rodriguez and Timothy Bowen were promoted from Sergeant to Staff Sergeant. David Cucca, Justin Hicks, Jonathan Becarelli, Robert Schafer, Michael Ontiveros and Jonathan Robarge have been promoted from PFC to SPC. Promoted from PV2 to PFC were Kyle Maples and Brian McCumber. Three soldiers have renewed their enlistment contracts; SGT Davalance Depoe went to Fort Riley, Kansas. SPC Joseph Heath is going to Fort Irwin, California, and SPC David Cucca is going to Fort Drum, NY. We currently have SFC Nelson Velazquez at ANOC, and SGT Eric Riter is at Jumpmaster school.

1LT Sweeney

2nd Platoon, A Company

Since the return from Iraq and block leave in March, 2nd Platoon has been rife with changes in personnel, marriages, promotions, reenlistments, and other exciting Army news. First of all, we have been blessed with three additions to the 2nd Platoon extended family. Sergeant Ernest Hood married the former Ms. Rachael Langnickel on 17 April 2004, and Private First Class Sean Barnett married the former Ms. Andrea Lynn on 8 July. On 21 April, Private First Class John Pruitt and his wife Gina gave birth to a son, Turner Lee Pruitt. Since returning from Iraq, we have promoted several soldiers. Jonathan Dyon and Jonathan Miller were promoted from Sergeant to Staff Sergeant. Promoted from Private First Class to Specialist were Ezequiel Mora, Justin Walker, Cain Sonney, Derek Ruhlman, Christopher Grez, and Joseph Delgado. Two of these Specialists, Joseph Delgado and Justin Walker, both renewed their enlistment contracts to experience a different side of the Army at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California. On 7 July, 2nd Platoon added a major asset to its combat power when Derek Ruhlman graduated from Ranger School. We currently have Private First Class Gareth Gauthier and Specialist Jason Cabrera

in the Florida phase of that challenging Army course. Our platoon sergeant, Sergeant First Class Brian Mills, is also attending a rigorous Army school at Fort Benning, Georgia; he is learning advanced techniques of airborne and air assault operations at the Pathfinder course. Until the next edition of the Red Falcon newsletter... All the Way, Airborne, Let's Go!!!

2LT Peebles

3rd Platoon, A Company

Since our triumphant return from Iraq in February and block leave in March, 3rd Platoon has had numerous changes and moves. The personnel changes have been the most numerous by far. I have taken command of 3rd Platoon, along with SSG Robert White taking over 1st Squad, SGT Christopher Norton taking over a team in 1st Squad, and finally 3 new soldiers, SPC Joshua Cowan, PFC Ronald Turner, PFC Brendan Renaghan. We have also made 2 new additions to the 3rd Platoon family with the marriage of Marsha to PFC Ramiro Castro and my marriage to the former Ms. Ashlea Larson.

Since the return from Iraq, we have promoted several soldiers for their meritorious achievements. First, SPC James Simmons was promoted to the coveted rank of Sergeant. The following PFC's were promoted to Specialist: Jaime Aleman, Jerry Hayes, Thomas Nachman, Napoleon Register, Steven Thompson, and Brian Yee.

SFC Christopher Painter and SSG Scott Brown successfully completed Advanced Airborne School and now count themselves among a small, elite cadre known as "Jumpmaster". All of these soldiers exemplify the high standards and esprit de corps of the All American Paratrooper! Airborne...All The Way...Let's Go!

1LT McDonough

Lets Go!!!

B Company Commander's Notes

Greetings families and friends! I wanted to introduce myself to the families of the paratroopers of Bravo Company. My name is CPT Jeffrey T. Burgoyne and I am originally from Slidell, Louisiana. I took command of Bravo Company on May 10th 2004, from CPT Gabriel Barton. I served as the 1-325 AS/3 and prior to that the 2nd BDE S-3 shops. Though it seems like yesterday, it has been just over 90 days since I took command and the boys have accomplished some amazing feats. They went through an Operational Readiness Survey (ORS) to assume the DRF-1 on May 7th after only two weeks of preparation and passed with flying colors. They then conducted 2 Large Package Week Jumps the following week. The soldiers trained up for their EIB during the month of June and tested for their EIB in July. 29 soldiers out of 54 Bravo Company paratroopers who were eligible earned their EIB. This is an outstanding feat and a testament to their commitment to their job as a paratrooper. I'd like to congratulate 1LT Clark, 1LT Anderson, SGT Moskalik and SPC Mayes for earning the distinction of True Blue. They tested for the EIB and earned all GO's. After EIB testing, the majority of the B CO paratroopers deployed to the field to support the Robin Sage Phase of the Special Forces Qualification Course where they served as the opposing force (OPFOR). By the time you read this we should be on a well deserved two weeks of block leave. We sign in off of leave on Sept 6th where we have two weeks of support cycle taskings to support the Divisions daily operations then begin our Intensive Training Cycle (ITC) in October where we will focus on our jobs again. We will conduct Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) training, Squad and Platoon Live Fires, a Mass Tactical Airborne Operation to seize an Airfield down at Maxton Airfield, and a Squad Endurathon to wrap up the Training Cycle and prepare for Mission Cycle again in November. Our unit currently has no deployment orders in the near future but rest assured your paratroopers are trained and ready to answer our nations call once again and win.

I'd like welcome the following new paratroopers to Bravo Company. 3rd Platoon Sergeant SFC Cutno from Korea, 1LT Clark no stranger to B CO, moved to the serve as the Company Executive Officer and is doing an outstanding job. 1st Platoon Leader, 2LT Jerry from IOBC and

Ranger School, Incoming 2nd Platoon Leader, 1LT Lampkin from IOBC.

I'd like to say good bye and good luck to the following paratroopers, CPT Gabriel Barton and his wife who PCS'd to Fort Polk LA. I'd like to wish them good luck in their next assignment. SFC Hinternish PCS'd to Fort Polk to serve as an O/C at JRTC, 1LT Eric Shoenbachler moved to HHC to take over as the Scout Platoon Leader, 1LT Matt Golsteyn moved to D CO to take over as an Anti-Armor platoon leader, and finally 1LT David Anderson and his wife Sara are also moving to Delta Company after Block leave and will be missed. Sara served as the Company FRG leader and has done an outstanding job. 1SG Buckner's wife Carmen is going to take over. She and 1SG Buckner bring a great wealth of experience to the position with all of their experience in the Army. I can't thank her and Sara enough for volunteering. Thanks to both of you.

CPT Jeffrey T. Burgoyne, burgoynejt@bragg.army.mil

Airborne! All the Way!

1SG's Corner

Hello from the 1SG. It has been a while since we last put out a newsletter and a lot of things have changed. We started up a Company Store recently. Proceeds will go to benefit the paratroopers such as gifts for newborn babies, departing gifts for paratroopers etc. So far it has been a great success and very popular with the paratroopers at least with the Company Quarters (CQ). Encourage your spouses to support the store.

Bravo Company has a few paratroopers currently in off post schools. We have three paratroopers in Ranger School. They are SPC Sawyer, SPC McWaters and SPC Keown. They are currently in the Mountain Phase under the watchful eye of CPT Burgoyne's brother. If all goes well they will graduate 17 September. Good Luck to them and their wives. SSG Dallas is in Drill Sergeant School in Fort Benning and graduates in September, and reports to Fort Knox for duty in October. Good Luck to he and his wife Jennifer. SSG Foland recently promoted to SSG is currently attending Basic Non-Commissioned Officers Course in Fort Benning and will graduate in September. He and his wife Nikki recently gave birth to a healthy baby girl Leah. Congratulation to both of them.

Congratulations to all 29 Bravo Company Paratroopers for earning their EIB. We had a 71% Go rate. The Battalion has the highest Go Rate in the Division so far this year. The Paratroopers in Bravo Company make me proud to be their 1SG.

The following Bravo Company Paratroopers have re-enlisted in the Army. SSG Keizur re-enlisted for Fort Lewis with a report date of October. SPC Green re-enlisted for Fort Lewis and a . SPC Meade re-enlisted for three Years Fort Carson and a \$5,000 bonus.

I'd like to welcome the following wives to Bravo Company: Nicole Ferrenberg, Heather Herbig, Tamatha McCloud, ToniAnn, Thompson, Tanya Lausch, Jaimie Hart, Sara Mayes, Yolumpa Cutno, Heather Chambers, Venissa Harris, Tegan Hidde, Norma Casey, and Soni Patton.

SSG Kim will be married soon and we are looking forward to welcoming April to the Bravo Company family.

I'd like to wish the following wives good bye and good luck in their next assignment or endeavor: Sarah Barton, Mynon Millwood, Krysta Hinternish, Teresa Jones, Betsy Vera, Lan Houston, Marcie Benslay, Amy Mason and Ketty Piniero. Thank you for your support to the Bravo Company FRG and again good luck.

1SG Buckner

PLATOON NEWS

HEADQUARTERS SECTION

Airborne!!! to Bravo Company family and friends! It's been quite a while since we've produced a Company News Letter so I'll try to make this as brief as possible. First down to the nitty-gritty:

I'd like to welcome to Headquarters our newest and most high-speed paratroopers to the unit. Since we've returned from deployment we've had the pleasure of integrating some outstanding soldiers into the unit. They are: from supply - PV2 Jeffrey Huddleston, and from Company Mortars - PFC Adam Kruza, PVT Wesley Ware, and taking the reigns of the work-horse section is SGT Leonard Parry.

Blue." Congratulations to SGT Moskolik for this outstanding achievement.

And now the farewells... It was hard to let SSG Cylus Jones depart, but I attribute his loss to HHC for the need of his expertise and leadership. Battalion's 81mm mortars will be a better organization with Cylus at the horns of that bull.

SPC Julian Johnson, PFC Kruza, and 1LT Brady Clark recently competed and earned the coveted Expert Infantry Man's Badge. There were many events involved, and any Infantryman would agree the feeling of accomplishment accompanied with this badge is a great one. SPC Scott McWaters is presently in Ranger School. We wish him the best of luck with present, and future endeavors. The Ranger Tab is a badge of honor. If awarded it, he will bear the privilege of setting the example, and leading from the front forever.

Speaking of schools, SGT Justin Geoffrion is a recent graduate of the Infantry Mortars Leaders Course (IMLC). He performed so well at Ft. Benning some of the Cadre had asked if he was interested in instructing for the school. It's a good thing he likes being in Bravo Company so much!

For the next promotion board we plan on sending SGT Parry and SPC Johnson. They will make Bravo a better institution if selected for promotion.

Shortly after the next promotion board SGT David Macintosh should be expecting the birth of his baby girl Hailey. Best of luck to him and his mom-to-be!

Headquarters Section is looking forward to the upcoming and well deserved Block-Leave. After leave we jump right back into training. Mortars is going to get to throw some 60mm rounds down range, while the rest of us get to get back into the groove of Close Quarters Marksmanship. Hopefully September and October bring a bunch of rain, because you know as they say, "If it aint raining, then it aint training..."

- LETS GO!!!

1LT Clark
SGT Parry

1ST PLATOON

Well, to begin this article, I would like to introduce all the new additions to the 1st Platoon recently. I guess I should start with myself; I am 2LT Grant Jerry and I took over as 1st Platoon Leader around the

end of May. I am from El Dorado, AR and currently single.

Since I arrived we have had several new additions to 1st platoon. I would like to welcome SGT Matthew McLeod and his family, wife Tamatha, children Deomisha and Diamond, SGT Danny Medina and his wife Hortencia, SPC Terry Patton and his wife Soni, SPC James Boling, PVT John Davis and his wife April, and PVT Reinhardt Ruf. We would like to welcome and make all these soldiers and their families feel at home.

We also have some soldiers and their families departing 1st Platoon. SSG Douglas Ross, his wife Samantha, and daughter Madelyn are leaving this month for 6th RTB in Florida. SGT Philip Manuma is leaving for Italy. We would like to say goodbye to them and wish them well on their next assignment.

1st Platoon has accomplished a lot in the short time I have been here. They have completed the Expert Infantryman Badge (EIB) training with the following soldiers earning the coveted EIB: PFC Wells, SGT Deffendall, PFC Trout, PFC Cooper, SPC Houston, SPC Alfonso, SGT Medina, PFC Casperson, SGT McLeod, SPC Blair, PFC Orta, and PFC Hacker. The soldiers also completed Advanced Marksmanship Training including strenuous stress shoots. The soldiers of 1st platoon just completed a two week long detail supporting Operation Robin Sage. They are all looking for a much deserved two week rest during block leave next week. After that the tempo will pickup as we lead into an ITC training cycle including MOUT training, platoon and squad live fires and an airborne operation. So far 1st platoon has accomplished great things and is headed for even greater things in the future.

2LT Jerry
SSG (P) Smittle

2ND PLATOON

Hello to family, friends and loved ones of Bravo Company. My name is 1LT David Anderson from Winston-Salem, NC. I am a graduate of The Citadel in Charleston, SC. 2nd platoon has had a lot of changes since the company last put out a news letter. SFC Ellis is still the Platoon Sergeant. I have been the Platoon Leader for a little more than a year and my replacement will be taking over 2nd platoon shortly.

Since we have returned from Baghdad many moves have taken place. SSG Brown went to SFAS and is currently in the Q-Course. We wish him the best of

luck in Special Forces. SSG Millwood has moved to Battalion S3 Air and is enwe all stay jumped qualified. SGT Gross changed over to battalion scouts and is doing great things over their. SGT Burge PCS to Korea the first week in Aug and SPC Baughn is going down the street to LRSD.

The current Squad Leaders are SSG Mullikin, SSG MacKnight, SSG Delgado, and SSG Scott. We picked up SSG Mullikin and SSG Scott from other platoons in the company and both have been tremendous assets. SGT Gutierrez came to us from battalion scouts and has been invaluable. We have had a lot of men come into the platoon to help boost our numbers. They are SPC Mayes, SPC Morgan, PV2 Munday, SPC Perez, PVT Pedigo, PFC Womack, PFC Pierce, PV2 Huff and PFC Hewitt.

We need to congratulate some recent promotions for 2nd Platoon. These men are SSG Mullikin, SGT Thompson, SGT Robinette, SPC Singleton, SPC Stetson, SPC Williams, SPC Delgado, SPC Hart, SPC Jenkins, PFC Wiesner and PFC Pierce. These men earned their promotions do to their outstanding performance and their leadership potential.

Congratulations go out to PFC Wiesner, SPC Mayes, PFC Womack, PFC Pierce, SPC Stetson and SPC Baughn for earning their Expert Infantrymen's Badge. SSG MacKnight, SGT Galloway, and SPC Lausch also deserve a job well done for completing a semester of college credit.

Since the platoon has been back we have executed a number of training exercises. Some of the highlights were performing a platoon attack on a trench line for the SGM of the Army and a battalion Airborne Assault in which our follow on mission was being lifted out by helicopters which was fun no matter how far we had to walk through the woods that night. When we get back from leave the platoon is looking forward to MOUT training and preparing for what ever mission we receive.

1LT Anderson
SFC Ellis

3RD PLATOON

Greetings, friends and loved ones of 3rd Platoon. A lot has happened since your paratrooper has returned to work from block leave in March. First off, let me introduce myself. My name is 1LT Brad R. Henry and I have been 3rd Platoon Leader since late March. I am originally from Wyckoff, New Jersey and graduated from the College of New Jersey in May of 2002. I am extremely honored to inherit such a great platoon from 1LT Clark, who is doing great things for Bravo Company as Executive Officer.

B Company Commander's Notes Cont.

The past four months have been a time of great transition for 3rd Platoon. We've had to say goodbye to some great paratroopers and friends. First and foremost we have to say goodbye to SFC Hinternish, who left Bravo Company in June for the good life as an O/C at JRTC in Ft. Polk, LA. We wish him and his family all the best and we're sure he'll bring great experience, insight and humor to JRTC. As sad as it is to say goodbye to one platoon sergeant, we are lucky to have SFC Lawrence D. Cutno as our new platoon sergeant. SFC Cutno is no stranger to the 82nd, spending several years in the 505th PIR. He comes to us from Korea and has already done an outstanding job in his first three months.

We've also had to say goodbye to many more paratroopers from third platoon. SSG Ramer and SGT Rodriguez have taken the walk down the street to Special Forces Qualification Course. SGT Cruzatte and SGT Anderson left us for assignment to NTC at Ft. Irwin, CA. SSG Mullikin is doing great things for 2nd Platoon,

B Co. SPC Blackman has moved on to that other Airborne unit in Italy and SPC Workman has returned home to Texas at Ft. Hood. SGT Olson and SPC Francis have moved on to Ft. Living Room and the civilian life. We wish all of these fine paratroopers the best of luck in their next Airborne missions.

With so many leaving, we must now welcome some new faces. SSG Rouse has joined us from C Co., SGT Dodge and SGT Sankus have joined us from 2nd Platoon and SGT Heffley has joined us from 1st Ranger Battalion. We must also welcome the following new paratroopers: SPC Harris, PFC Miller, PFC Smith, PFC Brenzien, PFC Robberson, PFC Hide, SPC Zvoder, PV2 Camillo, PV2 Smith and PV2 Casey. We look forward to working with all of these paratroopers in the months ahead and I'm sure they will all make great paratroopers and friends.

We must also congratulate some recent

promotions. SGT Moskolik, SPC Rogers, SPC Posey, PFC Deluna, SPC Gore, SPC Brasier, SPC Martinez, SPC Meade, and PFC Deluna have all been recently promoted due to their outstanding performances. We look forward to seeing all these fine paratroopers progress further through the ranks onto positions of greater responsibility.

Our platoon has also welcomed 6 new Expert Infantrymen to its ranks. 1LT Henry, SPC Posey, SPC Meade, SPC Gore, SPC Youmans and SGT Moskolik all earning the coveted EIB. SGT Moskolik received all Go's during testing and earned his "True suring

The past few months have seen a very busy time for 3rd Platoon. Since resuming training, your paratroopers have conducted Squad and Platoon live fires, ORS inspections, assumption of the Division Ready Force, 2 Large Package Week Jumps and most recently, supporting the Robin Sage phase of the Special Forces Qualification Course.

1LT Henry

C Company News

There are many things moving and shaking here in Charlie Company. Over the last few weeks we have seen many promotions and we will see a wedding and a birth here shortly. These include:

Promotions:

The following soldiers were promoted from PFC to Specialist: Matthews, Kitzman, Mcelfresh, Kingdom, Miller, Olson, Kuhn, Person, Packard, Lars, Patraw, Ukleja, Curry, Smith, Fernandez, and Hovest.

The following soldiers went before the promotion board for promotion to SGT in their quest to join the ranks of Charlie Company's Non-Commissioned Officers: Carroll, Stevens, Lopez, Hood, Call, and Durocher.

The following soldiers went before the promotion board for promotion to SSG: Boone and Velasquez.

The number of soldiers getting promoted

in the company is testament to the hard work that the soldiers have been putting in day in and day out and to their professionalism and dedication to their duties. If you see them around, please congratulate them all on a job well done.

Weddings:

There will be one wedding in the company in the next few weeks. SPC Arpin will be tying the knot on 21 AUG 04.

Expecting:

There may soon be a new member of Charlie Company! SFC Nelson's wife is expecting the birth of their second child on 5 SEP. We wish them all the best as they anticipate the arrival of their newest family member. Congratulations!

Upcoming Events:

The morals of the officers, NCO's, and soldiers of Charlie Company is sky high as they prepare to debark on two weeks of much-deserved block leave. Since returning

to Fort Bragg from Iraq, the company has been very busy during ORS, being the quick deployment Brigade for the 82D, two Large Package Week jumps, and most recently, being placed on 2 hour recall as the DRF-9 call-out battalion. The men of Charlie Company look forward to spending time with family, taking a vacation, or simple relaxing at home and sleeping in in the mornings.

Upon our return, the pace will pick up even more as the company moves full steam ahead with training. We have numerous ranges scheduled in the next few weeks to get the men reacquainted with their weapons and to hone the skills they will need to be effective in combat. We'll also be jumping a lot more upon our return to make up for the break we have taken from jumping the last two months as we focused on the EIB.

All told, the men of Charlie Company are excited to be at Fort Bragg and look forward to our leave and to returning to work. We hope that this newsletter finds you well! ATW!



D Company Commander's Notes

Special Welcome to the New Members of Delta Company

- PFC Brad Kelm
- PFC Joshua Graham
- SPC Lincoln Rogers
- PV2 Brian Renton
- PFC Charles Cummings and his wife Stephanie
- SPC Nathan Panell
- PFC Jason Hawk
- PV2 Scott Pugh

The new soldiers are the lifeblood of an airborne infantry company. The global war on terrorism has broadened the missions of the 82nd ABN DIV in combat. As a result, the scope and intensity of training at Ft. Bragg has changed to meet the demands placed on us in war. New soldiers inject a fresh outlook and vitality into difficult and exhausting training. We expect that soldiers and families new to the unit and the 82nd ABN to feel like they have arrived on a different planet. The chain of command stands willing to answer any questions and tackle any problems that may arise. We appreciate your desire to serve in the 82nd and are proud to make you a part of Dawg Company.

Departures of Dawg Veterans

- SSG Daniel Skildum (recruiting duty)
- SPC Andrew Beckwith (West Point Prep School)
- SPC Michael Lehmillier (Italy)
- SPC Jacob Gapczinski (Korea)
- SPC Derrick Grey (Italy)
- SPC Louis James (ETS)
- SSG Gregory Biggerstaff

(Drill Sergeant)

- SPC Brandan Parra (Alaska)

With heavy hearts, we send these great soldiers out to meet the needs of the Army and to share their combat knowledge with their gaining units. Unfortunately, Dawg Company cannot hold on to its soldiers forever. Each of these soldiers contributed greatly to the company's success in combat and training in garrison. These men and their families will be a tremendous asset to their next unit. We are confident that they will succeed in their every endeavor. SSG Skildum has graduated recruiter school and is leaving to help bring more soldiers into the Army. Congratulations to SPC Beckwith who was accepted to the United States Military Academy Prep School; after which he will attend West Point and join the class of '08. SPC Lehmillier and Grey reenlisted to Italy. SPC Gapczinski was levied to Korea. After 6yrs of faithful service in Dawg Company, SPC James has decided to leave the Army. Best wishes to SPC James as he begins a new life in the civilian world. After completing Drill Sergeant school, SSG Biggerstaff and family are headed to Ft. Jackson, SC to mentor and develop the Army's next generations. All these men and their families are forever part of Dawg Company and their selfless service and commitment to duty will never be forgotten.

Re-Enlistments & Promotions

Congratulations from the Dawgs to SPC Ashley Brito and SGT Dave Cavell who reenlisted for Hawaii. We are sad that their time remaining with us is short yet we are happy that they have elected to stay in the service.

It is always a privilege and honor to reward and promote great soldiers. After outstanding service to the unit in combat, dedication to duty, and selfless service to the nation; SGT Derreck Wise was promoted to SSG, SGT Justin

Brown to SSG, SPC Damon Gutshall, SPC Damien Muse, SPC Russell Collins, and SPC David Cavell to SGT, and PFC Ryan Poe and PFC Ernest Marsan to SPC. These soldiers have excelled beyond their peers and consistently performed responsibly at levels above their rank. It came as no surprise to the members of Dawg Company that these fine individuals were promoted. It comes as a great benefit to the company that these men will continue to serve in the company in positions of greater responsibility.

Key Events for Dawg Company

Block leave could come at no better time for the soldiers of Dawg Company. After being part of the first battalion to assume DRF 1, Dawg Company's extended time on DRF 9 has made as all tired of being on the 2 hr recall string. The Dawgs have stood ready to support the ready battalion in a deploying should the nation call for the last month. Prior to assuming DRF 9, the battalion went through the Expert Infantryman's Badge training and testing. The Dawg's stunned the battalion by having 19 soldiers awarded the coveted EIB.

Weddings

Soon, there will be several new additions to the Dawg Family. SPC Justin Shobe married his wife Christina on 5 Jun 04. PFC Simmons married his wife PFC David Arnold married Caryn on 24 April 04. SPC James Reynolds and his fiancé Megan will be married on 4 Sept 04 over block leave. SPC Charles Swank and his fiancé Alaina will also marry over block leave on 28 Oct 04. PFC Clements and his fiancé Devin are to be married 23 Oct 04. We are excited for the growth of our family and the amazing commitment they are about to make. Our best wishes and support go out to these new families.

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