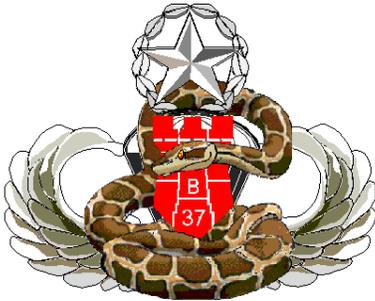


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B COMPANY 37TH EN BN (C)(A)
CAMP BONDSTEEL, APO AE 09340



Bushmasters Depart Fort Bragg for Kosovo

Special points of interest:

- Bushmasters Finally Deploy
- Photos from Camp Bondsteel
- Our Address in Kosovo
- Check the Web Soon
- Bushmaster begin work

Months of preparation and training came to conclusion on 11 May when the Bushmasters were alerted for an early departure from Pope Air Force Base, NC. Following an early morning phone call notification of departure, the Bushmasters arrived at the company area with family and friends to wish them farewell. The soldiers quickly stored their cars, cleared their barracks, drew their weapons, and loaded their bags for movement to Pope AFB. The entourage of family and friends followed to Pope AFB where they had some time to say their last goodbyes. All enjoyed homemade bread from Renate Cooke, and the dinner meal that the Battalion FRG brought to Green Ramp. Both ensured our soldiers deployed on a full stomach. After waving goodbye, the Bushmaster sat back for a long flight with stops at Hunter Army Airfield to pickup soldiers from Fort Stewart, then a fuel stop in Gander, Newfoundland. After taking on some fuel and SGT Babeu visiting his motherland, we were off to Shannon, Ireland for more fuel and a change of crews. Many soldiers enjoyed the opportunity to get some Irish Coffee, and hope to enjoy a Guinness Beer on the return trip. From Shannon, it was the last leg of the jour-



PFC Wilkes, SPC Vincent, and others board the ATA L-1011

ney to Skopje, Macedonia and Camp Able Sentry for inprocessing. After what seemed to be days of traveling, all inprocessed into KFOR and were bedded down for some well deserved rest. The Bushmasters spent three days at Camp Able Sentry locating the equipment that was sent months ago from Texas and preparing it for convoy into Kosovo and Camp Bondsteel. We have since arrived at Camp Bondsteel and just finished transition with B/94th En Bn.

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HQ's Platoon

Headquarters Platoon continues to be heartbeat of the Company. From the time the company was alerted on 11 May, through the Transfer of Authority the soldiers of HQ's platoon worked countless hours to make certain that the transition from Bravo 94th Engineers to the Bushmasters was seamless. SFC Bullock ensured that all sections conducted a thorough Right Seat Ride with their 94th counterpart to ensure all tracking systems were in place and operational. Our young supply sergeant, SGT Monzillo, made the transition of the property

book from the outgoing commander to CPT De Lapp a painless event. SGT Jordan (the next SGT Barton) is slowly learning the other side of his MOS, computers. If all goes well he will be working for Bill Gates in the future. Overall the members of Headquarters are living up to the high standards of the Airborne and doing all things well.

Promotions

SGT Richards promoted 1 June to Staff Sergeant
 CPL Redd promoted 1 June to Sergeant
 PFC Dayton promoted 1 June to Specialist
 PFC Espinoza promoted 1 June to Specialist
 PFC Reed promoted 1 June to Specialist

1st Vertical Platoon



PFC Teft during school visit

“One of the greatest and most satisfying tasks that we have been given is supporting an under-developed elementary school..”

The deployment kicked off on May 12, 2001 with all personnel arriving at the company. Upon calling manifest soldiers said their good-byes and loaded the airplane for our flight to Camp Able Sentry. From Camp Able Sentry we accounted for bags and baggage and prepped our men and equipment for a two-hour convoy to Camp Bondsteel. First Platoon spearheaded the convoy and briefed the convoy order of march from CAS to CBS.

On May 15th we left for Camp Bondsteel and all vehicles, men, and equipment made it safely. The B/94th was there to receive us. The next day we immediately started inventories and completed this by 18 May 01. After inventories were over, we went into our right seat ride with B/94th. The vertical platoon leader from the 94th, LT Shaffer, started the right seat ride off by orienting me to Camp Bondsteel and introducing me to all of his contacts and people he did business with. Following this, we started sector tours and school visits. First we rode out to recon a possible sidewalk project in Pozaranje. The next day we rode out to CP 88

vicinity the Ground Safety Zone (GSZ) to recon some tier III tents. Following this recon we went to Camp Montieth to look at some more work B/94th did and I was also able to link-up with all of LT Shaffer’s contacts there. On 22 May 01 we went out to see some of the schools and drop off packages. We went to the medical high school in Ferizaj and BiBaj Elementary School.

On 24 May 01 we changed over to left-seat ride and we went out to recon a radio tower at Zellini Hill and a project down at Red Base near Gnjilane. On 25 May 01 I lead a convoy to attend a graduation party of the school my platoon is sponsoring. The party was at the Lubeten Hotel in Ferizaj. The night was filled with great food and dance by the young graduating 8th graders of Komogllavë Elementary and Middle School. The projects done to date are a mailbox for the Bn S-1 and boxes for the S-3 to hold maps. Overall the last two weeks have been a great beginning and start to our KFOR rotation.

1LT Marmon/SFC Page

2nd Vertical Platoon



2nd Platoon during school visit

Hello to all of the families and friends of Bravo Company, 2nd Platoon from Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo. We have only been at Camp Bondsteel for a week, and already, we are finding it to be a home away from home, Camp Bondsteel has everything that Fort Bragg has to offer, including an excellent theater and an outstanding dining facility. More importantly, the Burger

King and Cappuccino Coffee Bar are hard to pass up without stopping in.

The local populations, both on and off post, are very warm and receptive to our being here in their country. They are always happy to see us coming into their towns and neighborhoods and sad to see us leave.

Since our arrival, we have spent a majority of our time being escorted around by the Vertical Construction Platoon that we are replacing. One of the greatest and most satisfying tasks that we have been given is supporting an un-

der-developed elementary school located approximately five miles outside of Camp Bondsteel. To date, at BiBaj(BE-BI) Elementary School, we have already began constructing some much needed bookshelves for their classrooms and have started delivering supplies and clothes to the children. Many more ideas and plans to improve their school facilities are in the works and we eagerly look forward to accomplishing these all-important tasks.

Until next time, 2nd Platoon sends its best wishes to all of our loved ones....

1LT McRae/SFC Price

Light Equipment Platoon

Hello to all friends and family back in the States. So far, the Light Equipment Platoon has hit the ground running, beginning with our arrival at CAMP ABLE SENTRY (CAS) on May 12. Even with our hasty departure, we were still happy to see how accommodating our arrangements were at CAS. We spent the time getting in processed, receiving our live ammunition, and preparing for our convoy to CAMP BONDSTEEL (CBS). In the off time, we enjoyed the MWR facilities. SPC Michaels even won the CAS billiards championship tournament.

After arriving at CBS, our first order of business was to take over all the heavy equipment that the departing unit would leave for us. Afterwards, the platoon began the right seat ride process where we observed the departing unit out on the job site. Our first mission in the right seat was out at a German Check Point. We were tasked to help clear out a site for the German platoon to live on and park their military vehicles on. We compacted the site and dropped off 32 loads of rock on site to keep their feet and tires out of the mud, which they appreciated very much.

After the right seat ride, we started

Maintenance Platoon

On May 11, 2001, the deployment to Kosovo became a reality for the soldiers of maintenance platoon. By noon the platoon was ready to go overseas and begin the six-month rotation as part of Task Force Falcon. The flight was long and enduring as the plane made stops in Newfoundland and Ireland before reaching its final destination in Macedonia. Upon arrival at Camp Able Sentry the platoon conducted in processing for the next couple of days. During that time maintenance conducted operations with Brown and Root in preparation for the convoy to Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo.

As the company started movement to Camp Bondsteel, maintenance platoon brought up the rear of the convoy in case a vehicle happened to break down. The drive was intense because of the area, but the company crossed the border and arrived without any incidents. Once the platoon was on ground everyone settled into their rooms and then began the transition of taking the 94th Engineers place. The next mission was to begin inventorying the equipment that the platoon will be utilizing during the time here. The first few days here were busy for maintenance. During that time everyone in the platoon set up shop and started working on the TDA vehicles, which had major faults. Besides just trying to fix the equipment the platoon conducted right seat rides. From this maintenance learned how to drive the equipment around the

into the left seat ride where we took over the operation while the departing unit monitored our actions. On the eve of the collapse of the contentious Ground Separation Zone (GSZ), we were tasked to build a helicopter landing pad on Check Point 63, 100m from the border of Serbia and Kosovo. Reacting quickly with our Self-Deploying, Rubber-Tracked DEUCE bulldozers, SPC Newson

and SPC Michaels were out on the job site in two hours and back in the gate that night. Even though, we were tasked at the last minute, LE platoon's ability to react at a moment's notice showed we could get the job done quickly. Two days later, we learned that our helipad was used by the local unit in that area to rush a soldier to the nearest hospital after an accidental injury. We are all looking forward to more of the same exciting missions and doing good things for our own troops, for our foreign brothers in arms, and for the people of Kosovo.



On the job, SPC Michaels working furiously to finish the HLZ before sunset and the closure of the GSZ.
Photo by SFC Constantino

1LT Wohlfiel/SFC Constantino

area by going out on missions or just in the camp itself. This has allowed them to see how the area operates and what to look for while driving on or off the installation.

Outside of work the platoon has had the opportunity to sign up for and take classes so they can work towards an associates or bachelors degree.

About half of the maintenance platoon has signed up for college courses offered here by the University of Maryland. On the same note the education center here at Camp Bondsteel offers a head start program teaching soldiers how to speak the local language Albanian.

On a special note a congratulations goes out to SGT Babeu and PFC Henson on their recent promotions.

The spouses, parents, family members, and friends of all maintenance platoon can rest assure they are safe and doing the job they have been assigned to do to the best of their ability.



Camp Able Sentry Dart Champions SGT Babeu, SPC Hicks and SGT Turowski sweep competition taking 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Places!

2LT Henz/SSG Bolendar



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TO THE WEB SOON!**

155th Asphalt Platoon

The Ridge Runners have been busy for the past month making the roads around Bondsteel black. This month we have completed the South Access Road, CBS Fuel Point, and Salerno Road. Our upcoming projects will be on Route Hawk and Camp Monteith. We also welcomed the Bushmasters to Camp Bondsteel this month. The transfer of authority from the 40th Battalion Engineers to the 11th Battalion Engineers has moved smoothly and made us the old timers on Camp Bondsteel. MAJ Johnson also visited us from the 130th Rear Area Command from the Tennessee National Guard while he was on a leaders recon. The 130th will be taking over Camp Able Sentry in July.

The 1st squad led by SSG William Travis finished with South Access Road in ten days. The project used 25 tons of emulsion and 7,600 tons of asphalt. The 1st squad was in charge of the project but everyone in the platoon played a role in the completion of the project. South Access Road was an excellent showing of the platoon's talents to Task Force Falcon. SGT Claude Ligon and SGT Willis Talley hauled rock for Bravo Company, 37th Engineers to Camp Zegera along with Brown and Root Services to create a base camp for the Germans.

The 2nd squad led by SSG Kenneth Perry finished the CBS Fuel Point and the Salerno Road project. The Fuel Point was completed in 2 days and took 1,300 tons of asphalt. The Salerno Road project took 4 days and 1,400 tons to complete. The 1st squad provided the road guards for the projects. SSG

Harold Davison and CPL William Rudolph rolled the asphalt into a super smooth surface SGT Glenn Johnston controlled the dump trucks while SGT Willie Collins and SPC Joseph Zarana controlled the shovels for the paver. SGT Henry Wright

was the man at the stick for the paver. While the squad was working on the fuel point BG Quinlan the Task Force Falcon Commander visited them on the job.

The 3rd squad led by SSG Tony McMillan performed hauling missions for Bravo 94th Engineers to Camp Zegera. SSG George Taylor and SGT John Quarles handled the mission with ease. The rest of squad on a rotational basis has handled duties on the water tanker.

The 4th squad led by SSG David Street has made inroads with the Army's supply system. SGT Joe Osborn has been burning the keys off the computer ordering the parts needed by the line squads. SSG Tomlinson, SGT Gelande, SGT Bromley and SGT Ullom have been busy keeping our fleet of vehicles running for our daily missions. SSG Joey Perry and SPC Tony Dooley have been busy hauling 1LT Tony Lacy and SFC Eddie Brooks around to the job sites.



SPC Zarana and SGT Collins working at the fuel point

1LT Lacy/SFC Brooks