



58TH COMBAT ENGINEER CO.
FAMILY READINESS GROUP NEWSLETTER

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Weekly Heroes featured in this issue...

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WEEK 8

3 AUGUST– 9 AUGUST 2004

To All,

Congratulations to SFC Zavala! SFC Zavala was promoted on the 3rd of August in a ceremony held in the unit motor pool. Congratulations to the entire family because we know that they helped him get where he is today.

The right set rides continued this last week and time to start the ground maneuver. Also, the basic requirements are also out there and have maintained to keep us rolling. We still have to maintain our equipment, weapons, personal gear and even ourselves. Most of the platoons have been conducting classes as the leadership continues the ride. Some of the classes include basic first aid, communications, crater analysis, cross weapons training and culture awareness. Like we say, "culture awareness is force protection." These classes are important for the soldiers to maintain the basic skills and help prepare them for future missions. Basic first aid is important to know. Many soldiers have been given the class but when things happen out there and it is dark and you are in the intensity of an engagement you want to know that you can take care of your buddy without thinking. Many of our medics are giving the classes and PFC Hales in Dirty Deuce is also giving a hand. The same goes for all the other classes. Soldiers learn everything over and over to make sure when they need the skill it is there without question.

Chaplain Snyder, where are you? Don't think that we have seen or met a chaplain as good as you. Sure the soldiers would like to bend your ear out here but we understand that you are back there where our families are living and that is more important to us. There are many religious services available here and the chaplains even have a table in the dining facility for handouts and books. There is a camp chapel and most religions are cared for here.

Not sure if it has been mentioned, but care packages are great and we love them. If you are sending packages to a particular soldier, then keep on sending them. We want them! We have received several packages from different organizations and we put them all together for everyone to pick from items they may need. Please understand about care packages. Single soldiers here are doing great. They are paid very well and do not have much to spend on except TVs, cds and video games. They probably do not need that much. A nice written letter to them may be a better choice. Many of the young married soldiers cannot afford such luxuries because their money goes to the family. Sending some personal care items may be a great thing for them and their family won't have to worry about doing that. You may not hear that from soldiers but the unit sees it. Remember anything you decide to send to a soldier out here is appreciated. Thanks again.

Quality of Life. There are two swimming pools on the camp. Not many soldiers have had a chance to use them, but they are here and available for use. They are about the same size as the family pool on post. So, if your soldier asks for his swim trunks it is okay. Talking to some of the soldiers in Dirty Deuce, they said it was definitely a break from it all. Wearing a uniform 24 hours a day does get tiring and a good swim is refreshing.

Finally, this week's hero. PFC Hales is recognized this week for standing out among his peers. PFC Hales has brought many talents with him to Iraq. One being medical knowledge. He has spent many hours and was recognized by unit leaders for providing outstanding training to his peers and battle buddies. The soldiers of the Red Devils want to thank his lady and family for letting him soldier with us.

ISG Elmo L. Leichenauer

CPT Christopher J. Emond



WEEK 9

10 AUGUST– 16 AUGUST 2004

To All,

We are the ground force. The end of this week found all three platoons out in the Iraq countryside either on patrol, guarding areas or supporting other units with our abilities as engineers and infantrymen. They all have personnel from the headquarters platoon assisting them with medics and drivers. Maintenance has some soldiers out with third platoon to provide a much needed mechanical support team. A&O is getting ready and preparing for a tough task, which is security of a gate. The entire company is busy with all sorts of missions. We even have an infantry platoon working with us.

When things heat up in this country they generally call for engineers and this last week was no different. SSG Turton and the soldiers of 3rd platoon got the ball rolling by getting a few hours notice to roll out with one of the infantry battalions. Then in the hours of darkness as they were getting ready, they were told to load vehicles up on trucks and they would fly out to their temporary site. The next day two Black Hawk helicopters landed, loaded the Wardogs and off they went into their sector in the Northern area of Baghdad. Middle of the week SSG Ray and the Dirty Deuce of 2nd platoon took off in support of their unit and headed south. As true in the engineer's world, they are taking care of a bridge and who better than the damn engineers to do it. Finally, SSG Mallory and the 1st to fight platoon headed out with their unit. They are going to relieve a unit needing some assistance. With all the firepower they bring, not sure if I would want to take them on in a confrontation. 1st to fight is ready.

Congratulations go out to SGT Alvarez, SGT Keaster, SPC Flores and PFC Marsh for their recent reenlistments. These soldiers decided that they would stay Army and continue their military career. It didn't hurt that they received a little monetary incentive to do this. All four of these soldiers will be a great-added bonus for the Army. The first three did their reenlistment ceremonies in one of the Palaces here and the fourth did his in the 1st Cavalry Division Headquarters. Look for the photos. They are great.

Quality of Life. This week we look at the laundry service. I know many think, what kind of quality of life does that provide the soldiers? Any soldier can walk down to the laundry turn in point, stand in line for about 15 minutes on a hot day, and turn their dirty, nasty uniforms and clothing in for cleaning. About three days later, they can go and pick the clothing up. It is all free. If they lose or damage your items they will be replaced by the facility. Yes, a couple of soldiers still try to clean their own items but that can take time out of a busy day. It is not a perfect service and there are some errors occasionally but the price compared to the dry cleaners on post, well if it wasn't worth it then there probably wouldn't be a line.

Finally, this week's hero. PFC Bower's is this week's hero. More to follow on the story but he did a great job. He is out there on the streets with his platoon doing his job. PFC Bower is a hard working, motivated sapper. He represents everything a unit wants in their soldiers. The Red Devils want to thank his family for letting him soldier with us and that they should be proud of their soldier.

1SG Elmo L. Leichenauer

CPT Christopher J. Emond

For Everything There Is A Season

For everything there is a season,
And a time for every matter under
heaven:
A time to be born, and a time to die;
A time to plant, and a time to pluck up
what is planted;
A time to kill, and a time to heal;
A time to break down, and a time to build
up;
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
A time to mourn, and a time to dance;
A time to throw away stones, and a time
to gather stones together;
A time to embrace, And a time to refrain
from embracing;
A time to seek, and a time to lose;
A time to keep, and a time to throw
away;
A time to tear, and a time to sew;
A time to keep silence, and a time to
speak;
A time to love, and a time to hate,
A time for war, and a time for peace.

Todo Tiene Su Tiempo

Todo tiene su tiempo, y todo lo que se
quiere debajo del cielo tiene su hora:
Tiempo de nacer y tiempo de morir;
tiempo de plantar y tiempo de arrancar lo
plantado; tiempo de matar y tiempo de
sanar; tiempo de destruir y tiempo de
construir; tiempo de llorar y tiempo de
Refr; tiempo de estar de duelo y tiempo
de bailar; tiempo de esparcir piedras y
tiempo de juntar piedras; tiempo de
abrazar y tiempo de dejar de abrazar;
tiempo de buscar y tiempo de perder;
tiempo de guardar y tiempo de arrojar;
tiempo de romper y tiempo de coser;
tiempo de callar y tiempo de hablar;
tiempo de amar y tiempo de aborrecer;
tiempo de guerra y tiempo de paz.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

WEEK 10
17 AUG - 23 AUG 2004

To All,

First, everyone is okay. Also, everything has culminated in our military careers. All of our training in one form or another has been called upon. This week was a lesson to all of us and a wake up call for those of us that have not paid attention. All three line platoons have seen some action in one form or another. Mortar fire, small arms fire and improvised explosive devices (IED) have all been seen, heard and felt by the Red Devils in all platoons. This is not a safe place; but we are safe because of our training.

Let's recap the story of last week's hero. PFC Bower is fine and back at work. He was wounded during a mortar attack. His family was immediately notified through the proper means and way of notification. The same way in which we would want everyone notified in case of an emergency. He has a small mark on his arm and face, which will probably be gone within a month or two. He has been recommended for an undetermined award, which by the time he is old and gray in life will be a Medal of Honor story. I believe that PFC Bower is just an example of every Red Devil in 1st to fight platoon and the company. He accepted his duty and performed at a level far above than expected. His concern to be with his battle buddies displays the professionalism and courage found in all the soldiers here. He is already back on the streets of Iraq, backing up his battle buddies. For the families of 1st platoon that are wondering and some have been told, the platoon is supporting a tank battalion from Fort Riley and they are currently on the eastern side of Baghdad. They are doing a great job.

The Wardogs of 3rd platoon have been up north for quite some time. They have had a couple of fire fight incidents and everyone is okay. They perform about five major jobs up there in support of an infantry company. Just as the families want their soldiers back home, the unit leadership wants them back in our camp just as much. We are very concerned

about the welfare of the platoon. One problem may be that because they do provide such outstanding support for their unit there, that unit may not want to let them go. For the Wardog family members, mail is as much a concern to us as it is to you back home. We are doing everything in our power to get everyone their mail. After the safe well being of the soldiers it is the second greatest concern of the ISG. Mail is a morale issue and a soldier's morale is very important over here. We have made linkup with the battalion they support and worked out a plan to get mail to them. So keep sending your letters and packages to the Wardogs, they want them.

The dirty job goes to A&O platoon with help from maintenance and headquarters platoon. They have been given the mission of guard and security and control of the gate into a major camp. Many soldiers and leaders think this is a crappy job and one that is beneath them; however, it is a very important job. If one explosive device gets through the gate it could kill hundreds if not thousands of soldiers. These soldiers stand in the dead sun and heat 11 to 12 hours everyday with their gear on. They have dealt with informants, interpreters, unauthorized weapons, small arms fire at them, explosives near the gate area and every change that somebody thinks would be a good idea for the gate. Through all this, they have remained vigil of their guard. The families can be relieved that these soldiers get to say on this camp; however, they usually just sleep after a hard days work.

The Dirty Deuce is down south and taking care of business. They have received mortar fire a couple of times and stopped this by stepping up their patrols in that area. No soldier has been injured or hurt. The platoon actually over watches a bridge as one of its tasks.

Talking to some of the soldiers they think watching the bridge is generally boring. I tried to explain to them that engineer soldiers in World War II did the same thing. They found that to be interesting. They also setup checkpoints and conduct patrols in their

area. They get to come in and out of the camp here quite often so families may expect to hear from them a little more.

Finally, this week's hero is SGT Bichlmeier of the 1st to fight platoon. His actions on the objective were something that all young NCOs should learn. During a period when a soldier from another unit was injured and most of the personnel were trying to send up the proper report, SGT Bichlmeier acted without hesitation and moved the injured soldier to a medical aide station. While many may question what he did, ask the soldier he helped if that was the right thing to do. The strange twist is that this NCO was about to get out of the Army and stayed on with the Red Devils. We wanted to thank his family and let them know that he is making them proud in all he does.

*ISG Elmo L. Leichenauer
CPT Christopher J. Emond*



September

24th – Spc. Jason & Linda Enerson
17th – Spc. Tony D. & Jasmin Zeighler

*Happy Anniversary!!!
We wish you many more years of
Happiness and Love!*



September Birthdays

4th– Collen L. Cody
13th– Michael Garibaybartolo
15th– SPC Jesus Castillo Sr.
19th– Maria Otero
28th– Diego Azul Montes





CARE PACKAGE FRIENDLY RECIPES:**Best Brownies****Ingredients:**

1/2 cup butter	1/4 tsp salt
1 cup white sugar	1/4 tsp baking powder
2 eggs	2 tbsp butter, softened
1 tsp vanilla extract	3 tbsp unsweetened cocoa powder
1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder	1 tsp honey
1/2 cup all-purpose flour	1 tsp vanilla extract
	1 cup confectioner's sugar

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease and flour an 8 inch square pan.
2. In a large saucepan, melt 1/2 cup butter. Remove from heat, and stir in sugar, eggs, and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Beat in 1/3 cup cocoa, 1/2 cup flour, salt, and baking powder. Spread batter into prepared pan.
3. Bake in preheated oven for 25 to 30 minutes. Do not overcook.
4. To Make Frosting: Combine 3 tablespoons butter, 3 tablespoons cocoa, 1 tablespoon honey, 1 teaspoon vanilla, and 1 cup confectioners' sugar. Frost brownies while they are still warm.

Make sure to wrap brownies in plenty of saran wrap to keep them fresh and safe through their journey. ENJOY!!

**HEY YOU!**


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RED DEVIL WEB
SITE:**

LOG ON AT:

<http://www.irwin.army.mil/11acr/RSS/NEW%20FRG.htm>

**WHEN TO CALL THE REAR
DETACHMENT**

Please call the Rear Detachment anytime you need help with a problem, but especially if you:

- Need help with Finance.
- Are having trouble contacting your soldier.
- Have issues with post housing.
- Need to enroll in DEERS or get an ID card.
- Don't have a Power of Attorney.
- Intend to move the family.
- Take a vacation.
- Want to donate to soldier care packages.
- Need a memo verifying your soldier's deployed status.
- Need to know your soldier's platoon for his mailing address.

**RED DEVILS
CONTACT INFORMATION**

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*If you do not know your soldier's platoon, contact the Rear Detachment.

**REAR DETACHMENT
CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Es usted una familia que habla Espanol?

Porfavor, comuniquese con el Sargento Orozco.

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