

# SUPER BREED SPECIAL

MAY 2012

USMC

## FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER

### INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

H&S	3
BRAVO CO	7
CHARLIE CO	14
ECHO CO	19
MAC	23
ESC	27
Miscellaneous	31

Family, Friends, and Loved Ones:

The War in Afghanistan began on October 7, 2001, as Operation Enduring Freedom, a response to the September 11, 2001 attacks on the United States of America. This marked the beginning of the U.S. War on Terrorism. The purpose of the invasion was to capture Osama bin Laden, destroy al-Qaeda, and remove the Taliban regime which had provided support and safe harbour to al-Qaeda.

The 26<sup>th</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit was the first Marine Corps unit to arrive in force, and captured a Taliban stronghold, which they called Forward Operating Base Rhino. Camp Rhino was in use from 26 November 2001 to 1 January 2002. At its peak, the camp contained about 1100 US Marines and sailors. The troops were commanded by Brigadier General James Mattis, USMC. Life at the spartan Camp was rough. There were no showers or wash facilities, no messing facilities (only ration packs), every drop of water had to be flown in, and most troops were simply accommodated in a large, open warehouse building. Troops were either sleeping on the cold cement of the warehouse or on the cold dirt outside the camp. The base was surrounded by extremely desolate desert terrain resembling the surface of the moon.

Today, 10 years later, your Marine is taking part in securing our Nation's freedom. In many parts of the area we operate, conditions have improved. In many areas, however, there remains much work to be done. Having been here one year ago, I can personally attest to the fact that solid, tangible, productive changes have occurred.

The biggest sign of change? Less violence and more work being done by the Afghan National Army. This is clear. The big question is whether the Afghans will be able to sustain their level of operations and commitment after we depart.

Our battalion's mission in Afghanistan is twofold: (1) to ensure coalition forces have the freedom to maneuver wherever they need to in the Helmand province, and (2) to develop the ANA engineers to be self sufficient. I can assure you that the Marines of 1st Combat Engineer Battalion are boldly meeting that mission, every day, whether on foot or mounted in vehicles. There are none better at this than the Engineers of 1st CEB.

It takes an enormous amount of manpower to ensure we meet this mission. Mechanics work tirelessly to keep vehicles running, the Corpsman – our angels of mercy – treat Marines and ensure they stay healthy. Everyone from the battalion staff, to our equipment operators to our communicators to our supply Marines, enable the engineer on the ground, the 'tip of the spear,' to perform his job.

Families, Friends and loved ones – make no mistake that you are an essential part of what enables us ALL to perform at our best. Your support, thoughts, and prayers are comforting and felt. For some, your ability to carry on without complaint, absent a husband or father at home, allows us to focus. As I've mentioned before, "it takes a village" for us all to be able to do what we do. Take care of each other, your Marine, and yourself.

Sincerely, LtCol Andy Niebel





### SGTMAJ CORNER

Families and friends of 1st CEB,

It has been about a month since we took the helm from 3d CEB and have been running the engineer fight. For many of us that deployed last year, we returned to the same workspaces and same routines making feel almost like we never left. However, while it feels the same, many things have in deed changed. Our mission is split between conducting combat operations, including partnering with our Afghan allies; to preparing the battalion and the vast amount of engineer assets for eventual retrograde from theater. There is no shortage of work to be done and your Marines are working diligently to accomplish the multitude of tasks ahead.

You may have noticed that Shantel is no longer serving as the Battalion FRO. Sergeant Clements, previously the deputy, has stepped up to fill the void. We do not anticipate interviewing for a new FRO until the battalion returns from deployment, so Sergeant Clements is it. If you need assistance in that lane, please utilize him as he is here to support you.

Very soon units from the battalion will be returning home. These are the platoons from Company B that deployed last year during the holidays. So while our arrival in theater was a welcome sight for them, a reminder that they are closer to going home, their departure means the same thing to us a reminder that we are closer to returning home. We still have a long way to go, but each return is a milestone that you can count in anticipation of your Marines' return. I want to dispel any rumors before they get started. Every Marine in the battalion is prepared to remain deployed for the entire 7 months, although that may not be the case for some. Please do not count on your Marine coming home early; you need to be prepared to have him gone for the duration. Anything less than that sets you up for disappointment. There will be some Marines that will return home early but who and when has yet to be decided. All I can say is plan for the worst and hope for the best and you will never be disappointed.

To my own family: I love and miss you all and please pet "the Muppets" for me.

Semper Fidelis,

SgtMaj Simburger





# H&S Company 1st Combat Engineer Battalion

May 2012

## H&S Mailing Address

**1stCEB H&S Company  
(Leatherneck)  
Unit 40503  
FPOAP 96427-0503**

### Inside this issue:

Administration	2
Intelligence	2
Operations	2
Logistics	3
Communication	3
Medical	3
Supply	4
IDD	4
1stSgt's Remarks	4

## Operation Enduring Freedom

### From the Desk of the Executive Officer

Hello from Afghanistan, friends and family! It was a lot of work getting out here, but we are finally settled in and doing day to day operations. Your Marines and Sailors have been performing fantastically thus far. H&S Company, though perhaps not the most glamorous, is essential to the successful completion of our battalion's mission here in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Without the support of your Marines and Sailors, Marines on the front lines would not have the equipment, supplies, and ammunition they need. They would not have the intelligence updates to keep them safe. They wouldn't have the support to plan and

train between all of our different companies. We provide centralized medical care, award support and pay issue resolution. We ensure our Marines can communicate effectively with up-to-date gear repair and supply. We even provide them with dogs that can sniff out IEDs! H&S Company works all day every day to make sure our Marines and Sailors are set up for success. We appreciate all of the love and support you all have given us thus far, and I ask that you continue sending those care packages, letters, and emails as it is all the little things that make deployments like this from wearing someone down. For now, however, we are all in high spirits

and enjoying our job out here. Know that your Marine or Sailor is doing an important job, and we love and miss you all!

-Respectfully

2ndLt Ankeny

### From the Chaplain

It is easy to call you all family with sincerity, having now been with the battalion for two and one-half years. Much to the heartache of my wife, and many of the other spouses, I have spent more time with the Marine Corps than with my family. After serving alongside your Marines and Sailors, I can say with full confidence it's an honor and a privilege to sacrifice the limited time I have on Earth to work with these men. They protect and save countless lives, doing so with full knowledge of the risks; they even accomplish the mission ethically. All of you are playing a part in this endeavor. RP2 Garcia and I have done what we can to bridge the gap

especially to the children. Already this deployment, over eighty-five Marines and Sailors participated in United Through Reading. We will continue to support you and your spouse, children, or friend through counseling, spiritual enrichment, and our own prayers. Please contact me via email [Loren.Crone@USMC.mil](mailto:Loren.Crone@USMC.mil) with any concerns. Thank you again for your generosity in the form of letters and care packages. This year, as last year, I am overwhelmed by the generosity of those of you back in the United States. We are long and far from home, but you can still draw close to your loved one and God. Times of trial are always an opportunity



to grow. One pastor who I love reminds his congregation "not to waste their suffering." As we suffer the separation together, let us be people who learn, develop, and thrive. "Thy shoes shall be iron and brass; and as thy days, so shall thy strength be."—Duet. 33:25 May the God of all mercy and grace bless you and keep you.

Very Respectfully,

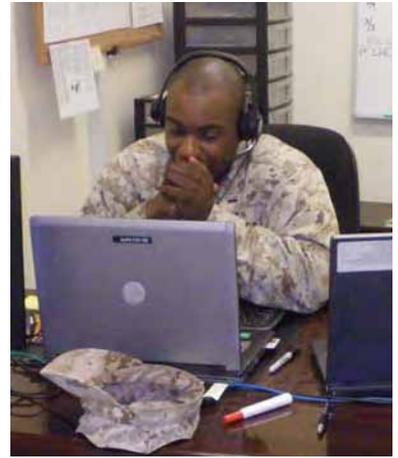
Chaplain Crone

### Administration Shop

Throughout the first month of our deployment S-1 has gotten settled in and we are continuing to support all of the deployed Marines of 1st CEB. We have been receiving lots of mail from the families and we have distributed it to the Marines and Sailors. Mail has been a great morale booster for Marines and Sailors. We have also been fixing pay issues, monitoring promotions, and pro-

viding limited legal services. Thank you for your continued support we look forward to writing you in the future.

-1stLt Jure



### Operations Shop

During the month of April the operations section continued to serve as the brains and reflexes of a fighting battalion. We have established our battle rhythm and are conducting coordination across the battlespace. Throughout this brief time period we were able to reinforce the battalion's engineer efforts across the Helmand province.

-2ndLt Scarfe

### Intelligence Shop

The S-2 section is supporting the internal components of 1st CEB and is maintaining cross talk with higher and adjacent units, including the MLG, on a regular basis. Day-to-day, the Marines of the S-2 section are busy with answering and facilitating any requests for support. The S-2 section has also been working directly with the US Army TF Rugged S-2 section for coordination and cross-talk. When

possible, we will PT at the 1st CEB compound gym, aka "The Prison Gym," which allows us to take a break.

-1stLt Eichman



**"Mail has been a great morale booster for Marines and Sailors."**



### Logistics Shop

The Logistics Section is staying busy providing essential services and support to the battalion's many elements. The section is located aboard Camp Leatherneck with the battalion's headquarters. As a staff section, the S-4 is responsible for Logistics Support, Ordnance Maintenance,

Maintenance Management, Ammunition and Explosives, and Embarkation. The section's most important task is getting personnel and supplies where needed to accomplish the battalion's mission. Personnel and supplies are transported via ground and air

to locations all across Helmand Province.

-Capt Braud

**“All the Marines within the platoon have done an excellent job”**

### Communications Shop

Greetings family and friends of Communications Marines; your loved ones are doing quite well and are especially busy. The Marines in both the Radio and Maintenance Sections have been working continuously to upgrade and repair broken communications gear to ensure that the Marines in the field have solid communications at all times. The Marines of the Wire Sec-

tion have been busy laying new lines and hooking up new phones so that the staff here at Camp Leatherneck can better support the companies. The Marines of the Data Section have been running around, tirelessly, fixing any and all issues that seem to arise from using a computer. All the Marines within the platoon have done an excellent job in ensuring that, no

matter what, the Commanding Officer can talk to his units. We also had one promotion in May; Sgt Rohrbach had his chevrons pinned on by SSgt Valois during a small ceremony on 1 May. We wish everyone back home the best, and I thank you for your continued support of your Marine.

-2ndLt Clark

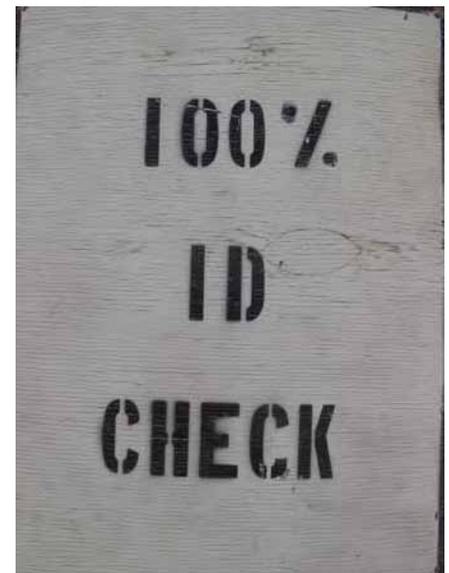
### Battalion Aid Station

Greetings from Afghanistan! The Sailors of the 1<sup>st</sup> Combat Engineer Battalion Aid Station have been keeping busy. All the Sailors at their respective bases of operations have been keeping busy taking care of the Marines of the battalion to their utmost ability. When they have the time, they have all been diligently working towards their Fleet Marine Force warfare qualification.

The first rounds of qualification boards are right around the corner for HN Dollins, HM3 Howard and HM3 Barbusca. HM3 Martin from Charlie Company just received his first Navy Achievement Medal, from his previous command at Naval Hospital Yokosuka, for his actions during the Tohoku earthquake and the ensuing tsunami that hit Japan in

2011. Chief Thompson was also awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation medal for his service at SEAL Team 3 and his deployment to the Philippines in support of the Joint Special Operations Task Force there. Bravo Zulu to both of these Sailors for their dedication to duty and upholding the highest traditions of Naval service!!

-HM1 Romero



### Supply Shop

Greetings family, friends, and love ones of 1st Combat Engineer Supply Marines.

“ Buenas yan saludas para todus hamyo. Maolek’ha toduguini magi. Bai u haggan hoo talo agupa.” Saludos a todos, espero que se encuentren bien. Nosotros estamos bien y sanos. Your loved ones are doing quite well and are especially busy supporting the war-fighter. The Marines have

been working countless hours to ensure that the Marines in the field are equipped with necessary equipment to support all missions. All the Marines within the platoon have done an excellent job in ensuring that, no matter what, the battalion has all the requirements to combat the enemy. In addition, we had one promotion in May; Cpl Coles had his chevrons

pinned on by Sgt Jackson and SSgt Deleonguerrero during the platoon ceremony on 1 May. Congratulations Mrs. Coles, you son is doing great things along with all the other Marines. We wish everyone back home the best, and I thank you for your continued support of your Marine. Gracias por su apoyo. Mrs. Cullens, your son is a funny character.

-1stLt Mata

### IED Detection Dogs

1st CEB IDD’s have been very busy supporting our designated units with IDD’s. We have a great time working with the IDD’s; who wouldn’t want to go to work everyday with a dog? We are constantly working and training with the IDD’s. They are a good asset to the Marine Corps in finding IED’s; we have been successful already! With units coming and going it is always

busy at the kennels. We will have over one hundred dogs here at one time! We have been told by the Field Service Representatives that we have one of the best groups of IDD’s and Handlers that have been in country for a long time.

-SSgt Carter



### From 1stSgt Hernandez

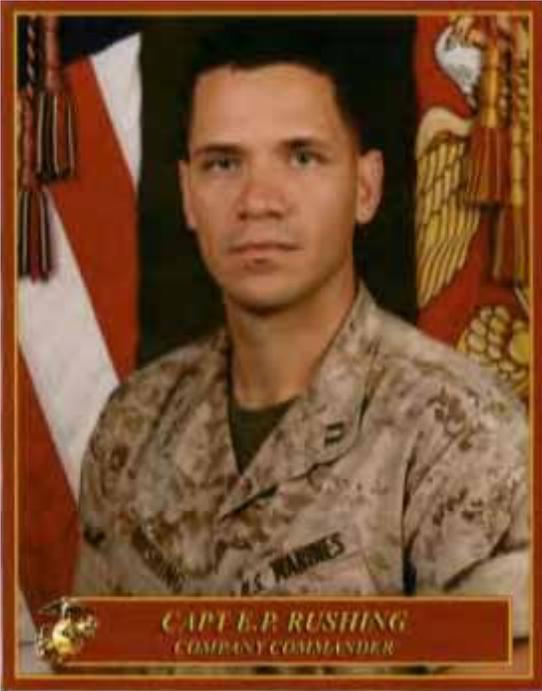
Hello from Camp Leatherneck! We are proud of our Marines and sailors; they continue to perform their duties daily in an extraordinary manner. As soon as the Marines’ and Sailors’ boots hit the ground each company work section excelled in all of their duties. I assure you that 1st Combat Engineer Battalion Headquarters and Service Company is the best in Afghani-

stan. They support companies in an area as big as southern California or even bigger. In my career I have seen many H&S companies, and I will tell you this: they are the hardest working Marines I have ever served with. From H&S, I thank you for your support and the love we receive from all of you.

-With Motivation

1stSgt Hernandez

Mission Statement: Bravo Company, 1<sup>st</sup> CEB provides mobility, counter-mobility, survivability and engineer reconnaissance support to RCT-5 ISO OEF 12.1



COMPANY COMMANDER  
Edward "Buddy" Rushing

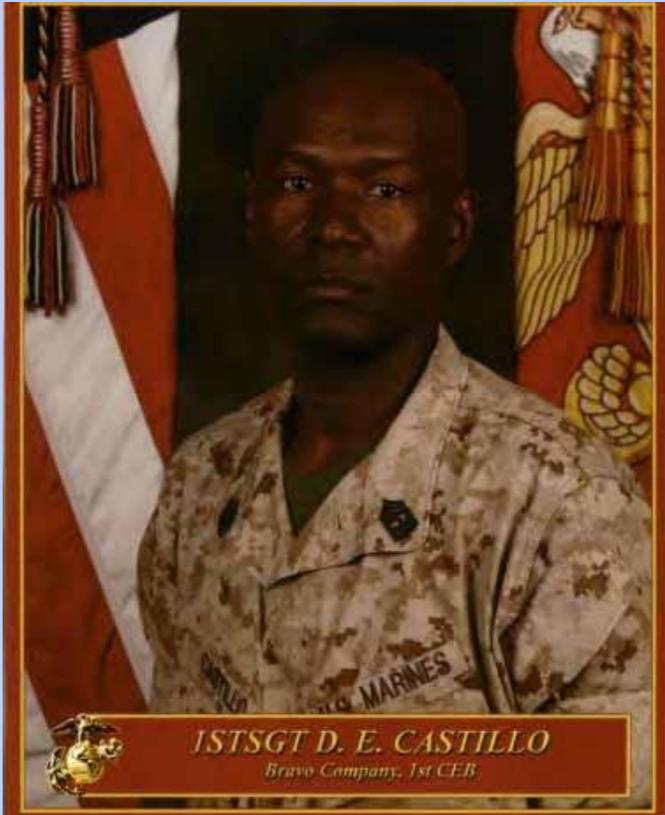


## Friends and Family of Bravo Company Marines:

First off let me apologize for taking so long to send out the first newsletter. It has been fast and furious since we touched down in Afghanistan and I don't see much change on the horizon. Be comforted to know that your Marines are all safe and sound and doing great things in Helmand Province. Our current mission has us responsible for half of the Marine Corps Division Combat Engineer forces in Afghanistan, a monumental job that requires focus and dedication from every one of us. I say that because I want you all to know how important and critical the job your Marines are doing is to the mission in Afghanistan. They are accomplishing tasks that are literally being tracked at the highest levels of the U.S. and Afghan governments. Be proud of your Marines, and be assured that I will do everything in my power to bring them home safe.

And to my beautiful wife: I love you very much and I'm incredibly proud of you.

COMPANY FIRST SERGEANT  
Damien Castillo



[ Hello from Afghanistan. I am proud to report that everyone in Bravo Company is working very hard and doing great things. Staying busy with challenging missions makes the deployment seem to go by quickly and all the efforts are making a difference here in Helmand province. Knowing that our families are thinking of us and waiting back at home makes huge difference.

There is not a day that we are not thinking about you also.

Thanks for all of your continued support. ]

HEADQUARTERS PLATOON

These Marines have been turning wrenches, driving big trucks, operating heavy machinery, planning and executing construction projects, and generally getting paid to do things every man loves anyway! Hammond has earned the nickname "Hammy" after the cartoon squirrel, for running everywhere he goes and exuding enough energy to power a city block. SSgt Battles has so far been successful in dragging Gunny Branch out of bed at 0430 for PT several days in a row, which is a miracle in itself. Lt Druffel shaved his head and we unanimously agree that he looks terrible, but he doesn't seem to mind. They have decent food and comfortable beds and reasonable access to phones and internet. All in all, it's busy but not too bad. They are filling a critical role and doing a great job. P.S. Care packages are always welcome and letters will never go out of style!!



1ST PLATOON

1<sup>st</sup> Platoon, Bravo Company, Direct Support to 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 6<sup>th</sup> Marines

During the deployment the Marines of Bravo Company, 1 Platoon has supported 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 6<sup>th</sup> Marines in Nawa District, Helmand Province, Afghanistan. The Marines have worked tirelessly over the last six months providing mobility, survivability and force protections improvements to the supported battalion. They have completed over 175 combat missions during their time including demilitarization of four Coalition Force bases and the consolidation of three more. Not only have they closed these bases but they have also provided the much need force protection improvements to the five enduring bases of the area. The Marines have show great tenacity and dedication during this deployment but are extremely excited to finish the deployment and join their loved ones back in the states. As always the Marines are in high spirits as the deployment comes to a close but they will do what Marines do and finish this deployment strong and with professional integrity. To all the families, know that I am extremely proud to have served with your Marines and will forever be in their debt for the job they have done. Thank you for your faithful service to your Marine and Semper Fidelis.



2ND PLATOON

2nd Platoon Combat Assault Battalion DS 3rd Battalion 8th Marines

During the last week and a half of our arrival, the Engineers of 2nd Platoon, Combat Engineer Company conducted relief in place with 1st CEB 1st Platoon Bravo Company. The leadership conducted a relief in place and travelled to several outposts and areas of responsibility. The mission will be to turn over several outposts to the Afghanistan National Army and Afghanistan Police, while shoring up outposts that have degraded over the years, effectively reducing the ISAF foot print and allowing the Afghan people to take control of their country allowing a smooth transfer of responsibility.



3RD PLATOON



2nd Battalion, 9th Marines Engineer Platoon conducted over 100 mounted patrols in order to support the companies in a variety of tasks, ensuring each company received support ranging from force protection improvements to generator maintenance. Additionally, a common theme throughout the deployment was the restructuring of PBs and COPs to support the transition to Afghanistan National Security Forces (ANSF). Over the deployment Engineers conducted route reconnaissance and bridge surveys to support 2/9 with additional mobility analysis and freedom of movement affecting mobility throughout the Marjeh Area of Operations. Partnered operations were conducted on a road repair of different Main Supply Route (MSR), an MSR washed out by heavy rainfall, which is used frequently by local nationals and directly supports Company's movements.

Engineers restructured the enduring positions within the Marjeh AO in order to reduce the number of personnel needed for force protection as the company size positions are occupied by a platoon sized element. Engineers were instrumental in the design and execution of restructuring positions to facilitate the transfer to ANSF. Additionally, Engineers constructed PB Ayer, an ANSF position and Post Beatley, also an ANSF position.

Emphasizing the diversity of the MOS, 2/9 engineers provided support to a number of missions across the Helmand AO. Over a two week period, one squad was sent in support of 2d Battalion, 4th Marines to Monar, Afghanistan to construct a PB. Additionally, Engineers provided mobility, breaching and cache reduction support during Operations, resulting in the destruction of over 15,000 pounds of drugs.

LAR PLATOON



**LAR Bravo Co DS 3rd Light Reconnaissance Battalion**

1<sup>st</sup> Combat Engineer Battalion, Bravo Company, Light Armored Reconnaissance Platoon has successfully completed their Relief in Place/Transfer of Authority (RIP/TOA) with their 3rd CEB counterparts. Since arriving in Afghanistan, LAR Platoon has completed a battlefield circulation, consisting of their Area of Operations (AO). They have seen the different Combat Outposts (COP) that the platoon will be operating out of. LAR Platoon has also conducted Route Reconnaissance Missions and site surveys for possible future projects. Their Marines are responsible for providing Engineer support to the southern most region of 1<sup>st</sup> CEB's forces.

**INSIDE THIS  
ISSUE:**

**CO and 1stSgt 1**

**Headquarters 2  
ISO RCT-6**

**C Co. 1st Plt 3  
ISO 1/8**

**C Co. 2nd Plt 4  
ISO 1/7**

**C Co. 3rd Plt 5  
ISO 2/5**



# Charlie Company "Colossus" 1st CEB (Fwd), Afghanistan

" O V E R C O M E "

M A Y 2 0 1 2

## Company Commander

### Captain Joshua S. Edwards



Dear Family and Friends of Charlie Company,  
The time we have all been waiting for is now here. That's right summer vacation. The men are still working hard on a daily basis and I can only use a single word to describe them and the work they are doing: "Proud" The men of Charlie company are continuing to represent us well as the leadership and you as their families. You would truly be proud of them. The task they complete are not easy nor do they come at no cost, but as I continue to say each month, the ones that they have at home supporting and praying for them each day is one of the reasons we carry on the fight. Thank you for this type of care and support. It is truly an honor to lead each of our men and every time I see them on the battlefield it is like seeing a member of my family. Thank you again for all the support.

Semper Fidelis,  
Captain Joshua Edwards, "Colossus 6"

## Company First Sergeant

### 1stSgt John J. Pettinato Jr



The heat we have all been waiting for has begun. A special thank you for those that mailed us chocolates during the cooler months. I hope that chocolate will now stop coming, "things could get messy if not" So you want to know what the Marines are doing. I can honestly everything under the sun (heat humor) I have to look at the "Owl calendar" (the one GySgt Reynolds dose not like) and see where did the month go? We have been busy, but it's hard to sum up what have we been doing. The greater part of the day is spent communicating with the platoons, and waiting for them to answer our emails. (Their phones are always down, I wonder why?) The Marines are conducting engineer operations; they have a good time using demolition against the enemy positions, they like getting extra money for that. They work towards force protection projects for different locations in their AO. (I'm sure some will want to build a small look-out post for their parents when they get home.)The infantry counts on the engineers to safely lead them on patrols thru the IED maze the enemy leaves for them. I'm happy to report that the Marines take time to communicate home, and continuing their career enhancement while forward deployed. Time here moves in a way a farming season does, the people are very busy now with the harvest, and then they will celebrate at the end. The enemy wants the farmers to grow poppy so they can have drugs for financing their control. We are not letting that happen and now with the partnership of the people they are taking their country back, one day at a time.

\*\*\*The overwhelming support is seen by "Jim Hogan-Socks for Heroes"- "Marine Corps League, Mount Diablo, CA"- "anymarine.com"- "Mothers of America"- "pop corn for troops"- and many many more.\*\*\* "Thank you all, and God Bless" First Sergeant

# Charlie Co. Headquarters Camp Delaram II



“Four Horse Men”



“Russian out-house”



CO's field kitchen



Fog???, No Engineers



“Admin, Utilities, Driver, Doc, Mechanic, and a few old guys”



1stSgt Pettinato, LCpl Esparza, LCpl Herzog, Cpl Cristobal, LCpl Dalton, , Doc Martin, GySgt Reynolds, LCpl Rodriguez, Capt. Edwards, LCpl Phipps, SSgt Maliuwelur LtCol Niebel and SgtMaj Simburger

# C Co. 1st Platoon 1/8



Sgt Wiener Starter Rpl: Sgt Wiener is replacing a starter that broke a project usually done by multiple marines

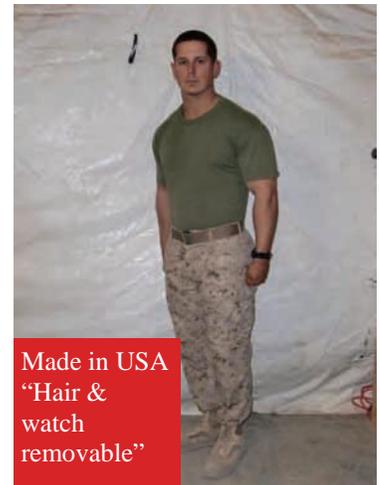


LCpl Fetsko working on the MTL: LCpl Fetsko is attempting to repair the MTL. With Sgt Adeloye is the Background.



1st Sqd Ready to start an OP: They are standing by waiting for their bird to take them the enemy position.

**This spot is dedicated to LCpl Sean D. Adams  
We miss you brother everyday, see you soon.  
Wounded Warrior**



Made in USA  
"Hair & watch removable"

Marine Plt Sgt action doll  
"When the mission requires only one"

# C Co. 2nd Platoon 1/7



GySgt Luis A. Galvez the Platoon Sergeant for 2nd Platoon getting comm. checks with all vehicles in preparation for a convoy.

Maximizing efforts during FOB improvements and Post construction at FOB Tabac. Cpl Leeroy Shaffer, the self appointed “Crawler King”, and the Support squad leader Sgt Christian Dahm filling HESCO around a newly constructed post. The Marines in Support squad have been busy improving the force protection in 5 FOBS in the AO. Utilizing the Dozer and Tram, Heavy equipment operators have put up over 1000 meters of berm and filled countless HESCO barriers.

LCpl Fernette getting ready to go on patrol. LCpl Fernette from Charlie Co 2nd Plt. 1st Squad has provided a safe route for the Marines of Dog Co. by sweeping in 15 foot mobile patrols. LCpl Fernette has also been an instrumental part of conducting classes on metal detectors for the infantry ensuring they all know how to properly employ the equipment they are carrying.



Cpl Dillan Boaz getting promoted on 1 May. Corporal Boaz is supporting Company C and has provided sweeping support for 12 patrols. He has also assisted in the construction of multiple guard posts and over 500m of triple strand wire emplacement. In addition to providing foot mobile support, Cpl Boaz also served as lead gunner for multiple convoys providing security from the front.



Cpl Matthew M. Bowser posing with a local boy during a dismounted patrol. One of the many mission of these Marines is to provide a safe environment for the local children and earn their trust. Cpl Bowser has participated in over 22 patrols in support of company C. Cpl Bowser’s positive attitude and charm has helped with the local people by giving them a sense of friendship and caring.

- 1) 1stLt Ross (Non-paying customer)
- 2) LCpl Cutright (And he better, cut-right)
- 3) One very dull pair of clippers (free)

“Price less”



The Hard charging Marines in 1st Squad. From Left to right, Cpl Kolten Clubine, LCpl Joseph Fernette, PFC Steven Stevens, Sgt Lloyd Crabtree, and PFC Sean Roberts. The Marines in 1st Squad supporting Dog Company have a combined over 172 total patrols. During their “off” time, they have also assisted the infantry company’s force protection by improving all posts on the FOB.

# C Co. 3rd Platoon 2/5



This space is dedicated to our fallen brother.  
We are not the same without you.  
In some ways we are stronger.  
Your strength and dedication to something greater lives in all of us, we will never forget you.

**CPL ALEX MARTINEZ**



## COMPANY E, "ECHO COMPANY"

### 1st Combat Engineer Battalion; *"The Super Breed"*

Our mission: provide mobility, counter mobility, survivability, and limited general engineering support to the 1st Marine Division

## COMPANY COMMANDER AND COMPANY 1STSQT

Family and friends of Echo Company,

All your Marines, Sailors and Airmen have arrived at Camp Dwyer and have begun route clearance operations in support of Coalition Force units. They've spent the last 14 days conducting operations with the company they're relieving in an effort to learn as much about the area as possible. As expected, they've performed admirably and work hard each and every day. Echo Company assumed control on 21 April and we believe each and every Marine, Sailor and Airmen in Echo is ready.

Echo was fortunate enough to have an Air Force explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) unit attached to us, which will make the platoons much more effective at their job of making the roads safe for Coalition Forces and local nationals. As our EOD team leaders told me, they see their job as getting their platoons back safe and sound. We have complete faith that your Marines and Sailors are in good hands.

Please continue to send letters and care packages. Email is a great way to communicate with your loved one often, but please keep in mind that the base's internet will be shut off on occasion. They'll also be on missions that may take them away from Camp Dwyer for days at a time. There's no need to be concerned if they don't get back to you immediately, as they will as soon as they can.

Lastly, there will be times that communications are restricted within our area of operations. There are varied reasons for this but, rest assured it is a nonentity and something you should not burden yourselves in terms of anxiety or worry. Your Marines, Sailors and Airmen are in good hands and are well protected. That combined with their training renders them as safe as they can be.

Thank you again for your support. Echo is now underway with the deployment we've all been training hard for during the last 6 months. Happy Mother's Day to all of Echo's mothers and soon-to-be mothers!

Respectfully,

Captain Mike O'Quin

1stSgt Deryl Jarnagin

## HEADQUARTERS PLATOON

Family and friends of Headquarters Platoon, Echo Company,

Thank you all for the continued support as the Marines, Sailors and Airmen get acclimated to being deployed to Camp Dwyer. In the short time we have been here, a lot of work has been done cleaning up our new work space and vehicle ramp to and make it our own. Time has been going rather quickly since everyone has been working hard. I can't praise the platoon's efforts enough on how much work has been done to improve our company's area as well as supporting the platoons going on patrols.

The Marines, Sailors and Airmen have had little off time, but in the time we do have off; we head to the gym for a work out or run the streets of the camp. First Sergeant Jarnagin has been a physical fitness inspiration by hosting his favorite work out program, Insanity, on a regular basis.

Letters and care packages have been steadily coming in and everyone appreciates what is, and has been sent. Receiving mail from home is always greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Camp Dwyer's coffee shop, Green Beans Coffee, has a promotion called "Cup of Joe for a Joe" where friends or family can go online and sign their Marine, Sailor or Airmen up for a donated coffee. The email address is [www.getcoj.com](http://www.getcoj.com). You can also buy gift cards for them via the Green Beans website which they will pick up here on Camp Dwyer.

Thank you,

Captain Erik Brandriff  
Company Executive Officer

Gunnery Sergeant Mark Ellison  
HQ Platoon Sergeant

# COMPANY E, "ECHO" COMPANY

## 1ST PLATOON

Greetings Family, Friends, and Loved Ones from the Province of Helmand in southern Afghanistan!

We arrived at Camp Dwyer after a long flight from Southern California that had us briefly stop in Manas, Air Force Base in Kyrgyzstan a former state in the Soviet Union. After the jet lag and adjustment to the new environment everyone settled in quite nicely to the accommodations here. Rest assured the federal government has made sure we are well taken care of with good food and sanitary hygiene facilities. Given the fact we are in a remote location in a country that has limited clean water and where electricity is a rare service Camp Dwyer is quite a feat.

The first order of business upon arriving was to conduct a relief in place of 3rd Platoon/ Alpha Company/ 3rd Combat Engineer Battalion. For the past seven months this platoon has supported 2nd Battalion 6th Marines (2/6) located at Forward Operating Base (FOB) Geronimo. A Relief in place is when key leaders from our platoon do what would be considered a ride along to familiarize you with the Area of Operation. 1stLt. Overly, Gunnery Sergeant Dordal, Staff Sergeant Herrington, Sgt. Tate, Sgt. Kruspe, Corporal Whyte, and Corporal Bush all paired with their counterpart and took a back seat role and observed how 3rd Plt A. Company performed their missions from start to finish. On April 22nd authority of equipment was officially transferred to us and operations begun shortly thereafter.

Our three Dog handlers Cpl. Johnson and LCpl's Fryman, and Allen are still in Camp Leatherneck at this time (with their dogs) and expected to join us shortly.

We had the addition of our Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) team from the United States Air Force meet us at Camp Dwyer. These Airmen, Tech Sergeant Putnam, Staff Sergeant Schuyler and Senior Airmen Sobania, are our go-to guys in regards to the proper disposal of any hazardous explosives emplaced on the routes that we are expected to clear. Although their uniform is a different color and pattern as ours they are well integrated in the team and have been with us for every mission conducted. Another addition is our interpreter Mohammad a local national from Kabul he rides along with us and when the situation calls for us to interact with any locals he proves to be a valuable asset to have.

Already at this time 1st Platoon has conducted two mission sets. We participated in a named operation that has already yielded in great success in that drug and weapon caches were seized and destroyed denying the enemy the use of these greatly helps the effort. We appreciate the care packages and all the love and support you give us as we continue our role in Operation Enduring Freedom. Until next time

1st Lieutenant Overly, M. D.



LCpl Pater issues the motivational "break" for the Platoon huddle as they plan on how to execute the changing out of a blown 7-ton tire.



A picture is a worth a thousand words; HM2 (FMF) Galindo and Cpl Ivy enjoy their job(s) immensely!!

# COMPANY E, "ECHO" COMPANY

## 2ND PLATOON

Family and friends,

Greetings from across the globe. It has been a busy month for your Marines and Sailors as they conducted final training in Camp Pendleton - focusing on cultural awareness and small unit leadership - got sustainment training in "Hurry Up and Wait" while shuffling from air station to air station, and finally arrived at their new home for the next six months: Afghanistan.

The few weeks we've been here have gone by extremely fast; your Marines first moved into a luxurious tent (with A/C - the other platoons weren't so lucky!), then into the "Cans", climate controlled metal boxes that are actually a lot cozier than they sound. They've also been busy acclimatizing to the weather here - one day it's dry and hot, the next cool and wet, and the day after, windy and dusty! And they've been fixing up the vehicles we will be using for the length of the deployment and reorganizing and inventorying all the gear, weapons, and tools we'll be relying upon during operations. On top of all that, your Marines have officially conducted operations "outside the wire" of Camp Dwyer and performed as expected: professionally, proficiently, and enthusiastically.

The most important piece of our platoon's deployment here is our relationship with the Afghan National Army; so far, everything has been going better than we could have hoped. Though we have only had limited time to interact with the ANA Counter-IED Company (or Tolai) in a non-operational environment because of how busy we've all been, it is easy to see that our Marines know how to handle themselves professionally, and that the ANA respond to them very well. Once we get a little more settled in, expect to hear about some USMC vs. ANA volleyball and soccer matches. . . we hear the ANA have got some game. . .

GySgt Hinson, myself and Sgts Thompson, Cole, and LaClair of the 1st CEB Route Clearance Advisor Training Team, led by Lt Oliver and GySgt McNeal, were extended the honor of dining with the ANA CIED Tolai one night after an operations meeting; there, we all witnessed firsthand how the fraternity of brothers-in-arms needs no translation. These soldiers, though different from your Marines in many ways on a surface level, are fundamentally the same: they joined the Afghan National Army to protect their friends, family, and country. Some of them don't know when they'll be able to go home again because of the Taliban threat to their villages and families; how many Marines would join the Marine Corps knowing they could not see their loved ones until their war was won? These soldiers are to be respected and your Marines understand that 100%.

Congratulations must be extended to Sergeant George Kok III, who was promoted to the rank of Sergeant at the beginning of this month. Sgt Kok is now a member of the very special brotherhood of the true foundation and backbone of our Marine Corps: its sergeants. He has shown he has the maturity and ability to be a great leader of Marines and we know he will prove himself worthy of this awesome new honor.

Also, please welcome Lt Oliver, GySgt McNeal, Sgt Thompson, Sgt Cole, and Sgt LaClair to the 2nd Platoon family as their 5-man Advisor Training Team has been officially attached to Echo Company. What that means is that 2nd Platoon and the Advisor Training Team will be working together very closely throughout the deployment to ensure the ANA Tolai is as proficient as possible upon our return to the states.

Last but not least, please also welcome our United States Air Force Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) team: Tech Sergeant Damian "Mouse" Taylor, Staff Sergeant Rileigh Woodward and Senior Airmen Taylor Swanson. We just find the IEDs - they are the ones who actually blow the darned things up!

Thank you all for your continued sacrifice. Know that your Marines are in good hands - those of their brothers to their left and right.

*"Those men on the line were my family, my home. . .they had never let me down, and I couldn't do it to them. Men, I now knew, do not fight for flag or country, for the Marine Corps or glory or any other abstraction. They fight for one another. . ."*

-William Manchester

Semper Fidelis,  
Second Lieutenant Alexander Wu

# COMPANY E, "ECHO" COMPANY

## 3RD PLATOON

3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon Families and Friends,

Let me start by saying your Marines, Sailors and Airmen are doing a great job here in Afghanistan. Since we've been here they have moved into their new residences here at Camp Dwyer. They are actually the first individuals to call these brand new buildings their homes away from home. They are fully equipped with air conditioning and they will have internet before long. The chow aboard Camp Dwyer is also pretty good; they serve a good variety of food and drinks too. The mail system is also working well and the Marines, Sailors and Airmen are **GLADLY** receiving your packages and letters. With the advancement of technology these days especially communication medium, receiving snail mail is still a highlight for every Service Member. This hasn't changed in 75 years so I encourage all families and friends to continue sending letters and packages to your Marines, Sailors and Airmen.

The platoon has worked hard the past 6 months to transition from a Tank Company to something totally different and with an entirely different mindset in Route Clearance. They have had to learn the ins and outs of several different types of vehicles, weapon systems, optics and various other equipment sets that help them become more successful at route clearance. They all should be applauded for this because it has been a long and trying road.

The platoon has just completed the change over with the outgoing platoon with whom we are replacing and with that comes getting all of our vehicles, equipment and gear up to our standards and liking. They have worked very hard to accomplish this and as a platoon we are ready for our first mission.

I encourage each of you to continue sending mail, care packages and most importantly your prayers our way. It means a lot to each and every one of us to know we have your support.

Semper Fidelis  
Third Platoon



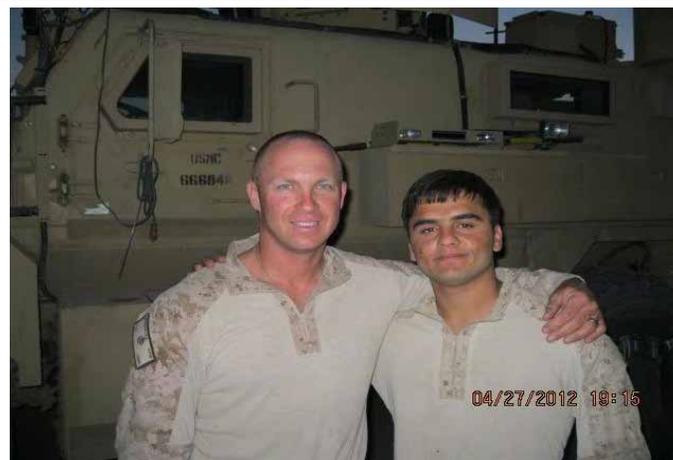
Cpl Garza along with LCpl's Holt, Rose and Mynes wind down after a long day on patrols



Maintenance is continuous for Route Clearance with Cpl's Couch, Garza and LCpl Bunch.

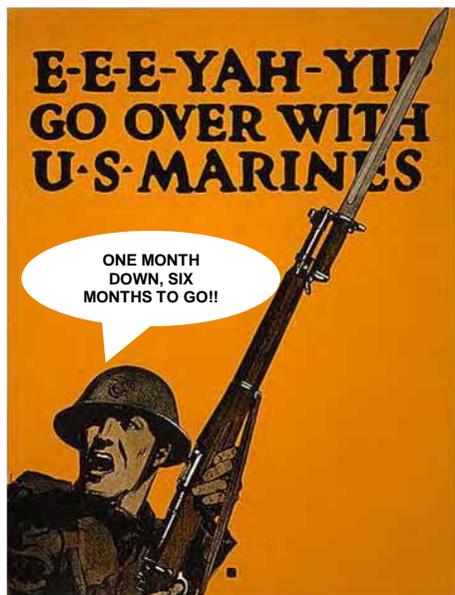


3rd Platoon's EOD team, TSgt Walker (center), SSgt Townsend (left) and SrA Cooper preparing to step off for their mission.



GySgt Marshall and Nabi, 3rd Platoon interpreter, an integral member of the route clearance platoon, after a long day of patrols.

# MOBILITY ASSAULT COMPANY



## CALLSIGN: BEDOUIN

**BEDOUIN: ARABIC TERM THAT MEANS 'THOSE OF THE DESERT'; THE TERM ALSO REFERS TO A NOMADIC TRIBE THAT TRAVELS THROUGHOUT THE ARABIAN PENINSULA LIVING BY THE HONOR CODE OF HOSPITALITY AND BRAVERY.**

## COMPANY COMMANDER & COMPANY FIRST SERGEANT

Greetings to Family, Friends, and Loved Ones,

The deployment is in full swing and we already have put one month behind us. To say that your Marines and Sailors have been busy is an understatement. We hit the ground running in early April and have not had a chance to catch our breath.

After our emotional departure in early April we traveled to Manas Air Base in Kyrgyztan for a brief one day stay and then we were inserted into Afghanistan. We conducted a detailed turn-over with members of 3rd Combat Engineer Battalion and have been operating out of Camp Delaram II since mid-April.

Though your Marines and Sailors are busy they manage to make time for phone calls, emails, and letter writing. We specifically reminded the men to send Mother's Day Card home! Let us know if someone failed to obey that order!!

We want to personally thank everyone who has sent packages to their Marine or Sailor. You may never realize what a morale boost it is for the men to come back from a long mission to be greeted by packages or letters from home. They may talk a tough game, but they miss you greatly & you are constantly in their thoughts.

We will close this letter with a promise. We promise that we will do everything in our power to bring your men home to you safe and healthy. Not a day goes by that we do not remind ourselves of our duty to accomplish our assigned missions and to take care of the Marines and Sailors who are tasked with those missions.

Respectfully,  
*Stuart D. Glass*  
First Sergeant / USMC

Sincerely,  
*Christopher G. Kim*  
Captain / USMC

### ??? HOW MANY IEDS CAN YOU FIND ???

I E D D E I L O K M U T Y K  
L V E T A Z Q G D E I V E W  
Y I O M B D G D S X I A W D  
F E G V D W E S X C E Z H G  
I I E D E H Y O P H D S E I  
D B N D K E F R S X S S W E  
S D T H B D J K I P Y V C D  
D M L K U I R E Q A S D E I  
G J K O P M D T Y F C X W F  
H L M U O H C E Z D M G D S  
Q I E D F H J N I T E W A Z  
P L J I Y N M B G F D I V H  
U I E D E I Q S C G B N M K

**HUNT UP THE ACRONYM 'IED' - SEE IF YOU CAN FIND MORE THEN YOUR MARINE OR SAILOR!!**

### PROMOTIONS FOR MONTH OF MAY

**PROMOTED TO SERGEANT-  
ANTHONY R. REDHOUSE**

**PROMOTED TO CORPORAL-  
ROBERT C. BARRETT  
COREY R. LANDSIEDEL  
RYAN J. SHUEY**

**PROMOTED TO LANCE CORPORAL-  
ZACHARY A. BENSON  
NICOLAS B. MYERS**

### DEPLOYMENT MAILING ADDRESS

RANK LAST NAME FIRST NAME MI  
1st CEB MA COMPANY DLM  
UNIT 40506  
FPO AP 96427-0506

# MOBILITY ASSAULT COMPANY

## FIRST PLATOON 'BEDOUIN 1'

LCpl Bahus works with Capt Kim during casualty training aboard Camp Leatherneck.



Hello to all the Family and Friends of MAC 1<sup>st</sup>,

You will be happy to hear that your Marines and sailor have arrived safely in Afghanistan. Since our arrival in country we have completed our required training and have hit the ground running.

Our operations thus far have supported both Charlie Company, 1st Bn 7th Marines in the Upper Sangin Valley as well as Golf Company, 2nd Bn 5th Marines in the Musa Qua'leh District, providing both of these battalions assured mobility throughout their area of operations.

1st Platoon has also had the opportunity to promote several Marines this month. Corporal Redhouse was promoted to Sergeant, Lance Corporal Shuey was promoted to Corporal and Private First Class Myers was promoted to Lance Corporal.

You're Marines and Sailors are doing great and love hearing from you with letters and e-mails. And you can rest assured that they miss y'all as much as you miss them.

Respectfully,  
*Bryan C. Walker*  
GySgt / USMC

Sincerely,  
*Michael J. Kilmartin*  
1stLt / USMC

Lt Kilmartin & GySgt Walker promote their Marines aboard Camp Leatherneck prior to departing on a mission.



Sgt Herrera & GySgt Walker work with Marines from 1st Platoon to repair a damaged tire on a Husky.



Cpl Armstrong and Cpl Hall discuss upcoming operations.



**SECOND PLATOON 'BEDOUIN 2'**

To Family and Friends of 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon:

Hope all is well back home, your Marines are doing an outstanding job here in Afghanistan. Our arrival into country was very quick and we were able to conduct a smooth transition with the Marines of 3rd Combat Engineer Battalion who we replaced. We spent only a couple weeks in Camp Leatherneck for reset training and then left for Forward Operating Base Delaram where we are currently based out of. Due to the future operations outlook for US forces in Afghanistan we are seeing a lot of smaller Bases being retrograded and set up for complete turnover with the Afghanistan National Army. We expect to move back to Camp Leatherneck in the near future and stay there for the duration of our deployment.

The operational tempo for the platoon has been moderate up to this point. We have conducted a number of smaller missions to ensure roads are cleared of any explosive hazards for Coalition Forces (CF) and local nationals living in the area. Over the past year there have been major improvements in the security and road infrastructure systems in the Province which has undoubtedly had an effect on the insurgent's ability to emplace improvised explosive devices (IEDs). I am confident that this has had a major impact on why we have not found any IEDs; the country of Afghanistan is doing a good job of taking security seriously and taking over control of the battlefield.

Within the platoon I would like to send a special congratulation to Corporal Corey Landsiedel and Corporal Robert Barrett who were promoted to their current rank in early May. The Marine Corps newest Non-Commissioned Officer's are very deserving of this coveted role and will make everyone proud.

Thank you all for the care packages and letters, their significance does not go unnoticed and keeps the platoons morale very high. The expression of Marines receiving simple letters or packages is priceless and significantly helps in keeping their spirits high.

Lastly and most importantly, every Marine here has personally sent their wishes to their mother's and the mother's of their children for a very happy mother's day! We wish we could be there to honor you on this very important day and hope you thoroughly enjoyed it. We miss you all and want you to know we are doing very well over here.

Respectfully,  
*Gerhard W. Tauss*  
SSgt / USMC

Sincerely,  
*Ryan J. Chrobak*  
1stLt / USMC



Lt Chrobak & SSgt Tauss conduct a promotion formation prior to mission departure.



Second Platoon goes firm as the sun fades.

# MOBILITY ASSAULT COMPANY

## THIRD PLATOON 'BEDOUIN 3'

Dear Families and Friends of 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon,

We are happy to tell you that your men have reached Afghanistan and are energetically conducting combat operations throughout the Helmand Province. . They have been set up for success by having a vast in-country training package to include Afghan culture and geography orientation for the area they will be working in while deployed. They are indeed fully trained for every possible mission.

The first month of the deployment has come to an end and 3<sup>rd</sup> has much to be proud of. They have successfully completed the relief in place of 3<sup>rd</sup> Combat Engineer Battalion, and have already established a reputation for success.

Your Marines and Sailor have already begun receiving mail which enhances your Marine's morale daily. Thank you for your continued support of your men and if you have any questions please contact me at [phillip.vanderweit@afg.usmc.mil](mailto:phillip.vanderweit@afg.usmc.mil).

Respectfully,  
*Stephen J. Green*  
SSgt / USMC

Sincerely,  
*Phillip H. Vanderweit*  
1stLt / USMC



3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon recovers a damaged vehicle.



LCpl Gray and LCpl Jojo grab some sleep between during an operational pause.



Cpl Lam provides rear security.



3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon rolls out on a mission in support of Charlie 1/8.

**COMMANDERS CORNER**

Family and friends of Engineer Support Company, Your Marines and Devil Docs have been in the driver's seat for over a month now, and I am glad to say they are performing well in their duties here in Afghanistan. The company has put numerous missions under its belt and has many more to go before we head home, but your loved ones downrange have done the best thing possible in their first thirty days here – set the tone early with diligence, hard work and professionalism.

A commander of mine once told me that everything gets harder when you are deployed. I know from experience that it's not just hard for the man abroad with the rifle and boots, but a punishing challenge for those who are left at home. Know that just as your thoughts are daily with your loved one here in harm's way, you are equally in their thoughts as they go about the Nation's business and shoulder a burden that Marines have carried, with nobility and pride, for centuries. This fight has been long and difficult for our Corps. For the Marines of Support Company, many who are already combat veterans several times over, this is a reality that must be faced with the rising of each morning sun. But like all Marines of the past who have faced such hardships, we will prove ourselves worthy of the title we have earned, and the heritage we carry with us to every clime and place.

Please be patient with your Marine if they have been intermittent in communicating with you – we all do our best to keep multiple channels of communication open but even the slowest of days can be busy with a blur of activity. In a few short months when the company returns home, one can only hope that reunions will be made sweeter by such time and distance overcome, and that absence may truly make our hearts grow fonder.

Thank you, as ever, for your love and support. We would not have made it this far without it, and beyond this, we cannot succeed without you.  
Best Wishes and Semper Fidelis,  
Capt R.P. Gerbracht  
Commanding Officer, Engineer Support Company

NOTIFICATION:

**It's a girl!!**

**Congratulations to the Shanks family on the birth of Hayden; born the evening of May 11th. 18.5 inches/5lbs 10 ounces.**

**The Sangin Valley Latrine.****Our first sand storm.**

# OPERATIONS PLATOON

The Marines of Operations Platoon have been working hard during the first two month's of our deployment. Our operations have ranged from "Lot Reorganization" to supporting various sections throughout the Area of Operations. While our thoughts are always with our friends and family at home, we are focused on the missions and tasks at hand. 1stLt Justin Springman



# MAINTENANCE PLATOON



As we end our first month in an austere environment and with summer fast approaching, this deployment is promising to be an interesting one. Our accomplishments to date included the comprehensive re-organization of our work spaces, inventory of all that we're responsible for, completely rebuilding the hazardous materials storage site, and disposing of copious amounts of obsolete gear. As you can imagine, this involved some arduous work and extremely long days but throughout it all, your Marines have performed admirably and continue to remain ready for the many challenges that they are confronted with. It is an honor and a pleasure to be in charge of these Marines and I would like to thank the Marines and families for their sacrifices and unwavering support.



(U/L) Sgt CortesCortes creating something ingenious! (U/R) Sgt Buford leading ABV mechs in triceps showdown. (B/L) LCpl Vasquez swore he put that part in there. (B/R) Cpl Wright putting some "elbow grease" on something other than his pants.

# UTILITIES PLATOON



The platoon has been here for over a month now and we are just about as settled as we are going be for this deployment. For those that are new to our platoon family, our mission is to plan, install, operate, and maintain generators, air conditioners, and electrical equipment in support of 1st Marine Division's combat operations. Your Marines have worked hard and diligently to get ahead here on Camp Leatherneck by inspecting, fixing, and organizing our equipment so that we can affectively and efficiently assist the Marines that are "outside the wire". We take great pride in assisting our fellow Utilities Marines that are out with the infantry in the middle of nowhere. They have a very important job, they "keep the lights on"...keeping the generators running, providing electricity, and maintaining the little amount of air conditioning they have is what allows the units to communicate and accomplish their daily tasks. More importantly, after a long day's work a Marine can go to his tent and play his ipod or laptop and unwind; and maybe cool off a bit...its tough out there and sometimes that's all they have besides each other.



(U/L) LCpl Venditte on mission in support of 1st Bn 7th Marines. (U/R) LCpl Venditte, LCpl Howard, and LCpl Zapata working on a MEP 807 generator. Platoon photo: Top Row- Sgt Day, CWO3 Gonzales, SSgt Suyat, Cpl Menyongai, Cpl Paul, Sgt Israel, LCpl Kress, LCpl Hubberstey, Sgt Allen, SSgt Cruz, GySgt Claytor. Bottom Row- LCpl Jones, LCpl Venditte, LCpl Rowe, LCpl Slane, LCpl Vargas, Pfc Hernandez, and LCpl Rodriguez. (B/R) SSgt Suyat received an award for meritorious service at his last command.

# MARINE DEPLOYED ADDRESSES



## CEB Headquarters:

Rank Name  
1st CEB H&S Company (LNK)  
Unit 40503  
FPO AP 96427-0503

Mail Cut-off  
1 Oct 2012

## Engineer Support Company

Rank Name  
1st CEB Support Company (LNK)  
Unit 40507  
FPO AP 96427-0507

Mail Cut-off  
1 Oct 2012

## Bravo Co:

Bravo HQs  
1st CEB Bravo Headquarters (DWR)  
Unit 40515  
FPO AP 96427-0515

Mail Cut-off  
1 Oct 2012

1stPlt  
NAME  
2/6 Unit 73190  
H&S Company, CEB  
FPO AE 09510-3190

Mail Cut-off  
1 April 2012

3rdPlt  
NAME  
2/9 Unit 74115  
H&S Company, CEB  
FPO AE 09510-4115

Mail Cut-off  
1 May 2012

LAR  
Name  
3d LAR Battalion  
H&S Company, 1st CEB BLAR  
Unit 41695  
FPO AE 96427-1695

Mail Cut-off  
TBD

## Echo 4<sup>th</sup> Tanks

1st CEB Echo Company (DWR)  
Unit 40520  
FPO AP 96427-0520

Mail Cut-off  
1 Oct 2012

## MAC

Rank Name  
1st CEB Mobility Assault Company (DLM)  
Unit 40506  
FPO AP 96427-0506

Mail Cut-off  
1 Oct 2012

## Charlie Co:

C Co HQ:  
Rank and Name  
RCT-6 (Engineers)  
Unit 73805  
FPO AE 09369-3805

Mail Cut-off  
1 July 2012

1stPlt  
NAME  
HQ SVC CO  
1/8 UNIT 73200  
FPO AE 09510-3200

Mail Cut-off  
1 Jun 2012

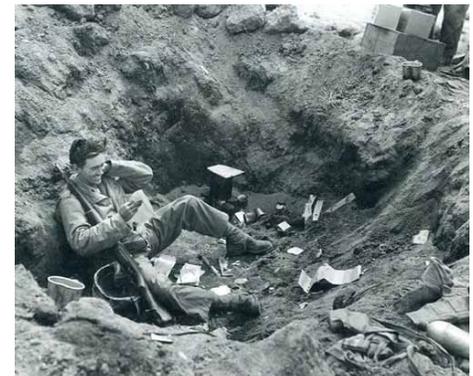
2ndPlt  
Rank and Name  
1/7  
Unit 41510  
FPO AE 96427-1510

Mail Cut-off  
17 Sep 2012

3rdPlt  
Rank and Name  
2/5 H&S Company  
Unit 40350  
FPO AP 96427-0350

Mail Cut-off  
28 Aug 2012

\* As mail cut-off dates become available for our units we will ensure to post them to our eMarine website.



To subscribe to our battalion's site as a Marine or Family Member, click on the Find a Unit Site button at the top of the page. Click on California, and then look for Camp Pendleton. Click on 1st Marine Division > 1st Combat Engineer Battalion (**California, UIC: M11400**)

I have uploaded all the Marines in our Marine Online (MOL) database. Sailors must be entered manually per request if they are not in MOL. I will be updating our database every Friday which will add new CEB members and remove members who PCS or EAS.

If you are subscribing as a **Marine**, you will need to provide information about yourself including your name and last four digits of your Social Security Number. If the data you enter matches with the data in the Unit's Sponsor Database, you will immediately become a subscriber and be granted access to the site.

If you are subscribing as a **Family Member**, you will enter your information and the information regarding your "Sponsor of Interest." Your sponsor is your Marine/Sailor. If the data you enter matches a Marine within the Unit's Sponsor Database (uploaded via MOL), and you are on the Marine's Family Member List, you will immediately become a subscriber and be granted access to the site.

**\*\*You MUST be in your sponsors MOL to be granted access. Your sponsor is the only one who can add you into his MOL account. \*\***

If the Sponsor data does not match, you can easily contact me (the FRO) of the site or Technical Support by clicking on the Contact Us link at the top and bottom of every page or email me directly at [matthew.clements@usmc.mil](mailto:matthew.clements@usmc.mil).

**Questions? Feel free to call me!**

Sincerely,

Sgt Matthew Clements

Office (760) 763-7892

BB: (760) 405-7692

The screenshot shows the eMARINE website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Login, and Contact Us. Below this is a search bar and a "Find a Unit Site" button. The main header features the eMARINE logo and the tagline "... delivering readiness information to Marines & those who support them". A secondary navigation bar includes Home, Getting Started, Support, Featured Links, Resources, and Private Help 24/7. The main content area is titled "Please Log In" and includes a welcome message: "Welcome to the eMarine Web System. Please enter your User Name and Password". A login form with fields for User Name and Password, and a Login button, is present. Below the login form are links for "Forgot your login info?", "Join a Unit", and "FAQs". A "Notice" section contains a "Security Warning" with the following text: "YOU ARE ACCESSING A U.S. GOVERNMENT (USG) INFORMATION SYSTEM (IS) THAT IS PROVIDED FOR USG-AUTHORIZED USE ONLY. By using this IS (which includes any device attached to this IS), you consent to the following conditions: ...". The bottom of the page features a search bar and a table of regional links for EAST COAST, WEST COAST, HAWAII, JAPAN, and AFGHANISTAN.