



WHITE CURRAHEE



3 MILES UP



3 MILES DOWN

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THIS MONTH IN THE CHRONICLE



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The Command Desk

Welcome to the first monthly White Currahee BN Newsletter. The goal of this newsletter is to keep our heroes at home who support team White Currahee informed of our outstanding progress here in Afghanistan.

We have been in East Paktika for two months now and we've already made vast improvements to our area of operations. Your Soldiers have been working around the clock to make our corner of the country a safer place to live for U.S. Soldiers and the local population. Furthermore, we have had ten Soldiers reenlist since we arrived in theater, with even more scheduled before October is complete. The Battalion Command Team would like to

extend our congratulations to these Soldiers and their Families, we couldn't be more proud to have you and your loved ones stay White Currahee.

Earlier this month, members of our FRG participated in the Currahee Challenge in Toccoa, Georgia. The grueling six mile run which Soldiers of the 2-506th Infantry Battalion have run since the early days of WWII stands for everything that makes this Battalion the best in the Army. Congratulations to all participants, it is a tremendous accomplishment.

Additionally, I want to inform Families that we have started cycling Soldiers through Environmental Leave. When your loved one comes home for his or her leave, please ensure that we stay safe and healthy. Most importantly, I want to thank everyone at home for their tireless support. We've received countless care packages and well-wishes from home. I cannot stress how important your encouragement and blessings are to all of us here while we are away from home and our loved ones. Thank you for all that you do.



Above: The BN Chaplain pays a visit to Fox Company at COP Margah.



Right: Members of 2nd Platoon and HQ from Easy Company out on patrol.

Dog Company



Dog Company Helps Construct New COP for Afghan Security Forces (ANSF)

During the beginning of October, Dog Company Soldiers from COP Munoz and FOB Tillman made their way to a local town. Their mission was to support 226th Engineers as they built a new Afghan Border Police Combat Outpost. The purpose of this CP is to provide the Afghan Border Police and Afghan National Army with a presence in previously unsecured areas in Paktika. While there, Dog Company Soldiers assisted the engineers in multiple aspects of the construction, from filling HESCO barriers and stacking sandbags to providing overhead cover. This labor was performed after all Dog Company Soldiers walked from their respective "homes" to the build site, roughly 8 miles for each platoon. In addition to the CP itself, Dog Company Soldiers built an observation post completely by hand on a neighboring mountain. This construction required multiple trips up and down the mountain carrying everything from sandbags to 4'x8' wooden beams. This project represents a major accomplishment for Dog Company and our Afghan partners.



SPC Brown and PFC Garcia take a breather after a long day of hard work.

NEW SOLDIERS



PV2 Myers
PFC Clemons
PFC Dawson
PFC Forthoer
SPC Anderson
SPC Bathe
SPC Vogel
SGT Devereaux

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS



October 22- PFC Tuerffs
November 1- SPC Wang
November 4 – PFC Garcia
November 6 – PFC Perez
November 11 – SGT Hutcheson
November 13 – 2LT Fullmer
November 18 – PV2 Anger
November 20 – SPC Coleman



SFC Petrone and CPT Churchill hard at work during the construction of the COP

Easy Company



2LT Taylor enjoys some tea with the locals.

From the Commander:

In the past two months since arriving at COP Zerok, Easy Company has been busy building relations in the local villages and chasing the enemy off the mountains. Easy Soldiers have accomplished feats that were deemed impossible by our predecessors and they continue to break new ground. Their efforts have made COP Zerok and the surrounding villages safe places to live. Soldiers have also been receiving numerous care packages from various organizations and generous loved ones from back home to keep the morale up. Please maintain the support you have been providing your Soldiers and we will do our part to keep them in touch with you. Thanks for all you do and God bless.

CURRAHEE!

NEW SOLDIERS



PV1 Andrew Young
PV2 Ryan Brown
PV2 Hector Corona
PV2 Thomas Hittson
PV2 Isaac Lower
PV2 Jimmy Matthews
PV2 Stafford Visi
PFC Scott Grimes
PFC Rex Hann
SPC Jordan Bowens



CURRAHEE KIDS

Ryan J. Greenman SEP
30 2010, 6lbs. 11 oz.



Local children from the Zerok area.



1st PLT Easy Co moves into a village.



AIR ASSAULT!



3rd PLT Easy Co on the lookout.

Fox Company



CHRISTMAS MAIL DEADLINE:

**PRIORITY & 1st CLASS
POSTMARKED
NO LATER THAN
02 DECEMBER 2010**

**(YOUR SOLDIER'S NAME)
FOX CO 2-506 IN, 4TH BCT
FOB BORIS,
AFGHANISTAN
APO, AE 09311**

From the Commander:

An average day for a Soldier in Fox? There is no such thing! Depending on the platoon, you would either be manning the guard towers, patrolling the local valleys and ridgelines, or training the Afghan National Army that we are partnered with who live at our base and outpost. The men have already made great improvements in the very short time we've been here. Many of the guys have been to this exact area before. The weather is starting to get chilly and the days are starting to run together- we have no clue what a weekend is anymore!

The men of Fox Company have been working very hard since their arrival into Afghanistan. We have one of the toughest missions spread across a large area next to the Pakistani border. The men are doing very well, are in good shape, and high on motivation. We miss you guys very much and are all looking forward to our block leave! You should all be proud of your Soldiers.

VISIT OUR COMPANY ONLINE:

- ◆ www.company-c--2nd-bn--506th-inf.com/Charlie%20Co%20Today.html
- ◆ www.anysoldier.com/WhereToSend/Dynamic.cfm?SEQNO=78121&popup=no

NEW SOLDIERS



PVT CHEZE
PV2 HEIMES
PV2 & KRYSTAL LAGEORGE
PV2 & LILLIE LEDWELL
PV2 RABENDA
PV2 VERDUZCO
PFC FLOYD
PFC & BARBIE GAINES
PFC GRAMMER
PFC LAKNER
PFC & ERIN MOREHOUSE
PFC RAYNOR
PFC SYRAKAS
PFC & MELINDA WILLIAMS
SPC & REBECCA BENNETT
SPC & SHARON BROWN
SPC LOVINGOOD
SPC & TRANG MARIONEUX
SGT & FONTANA DAWSON

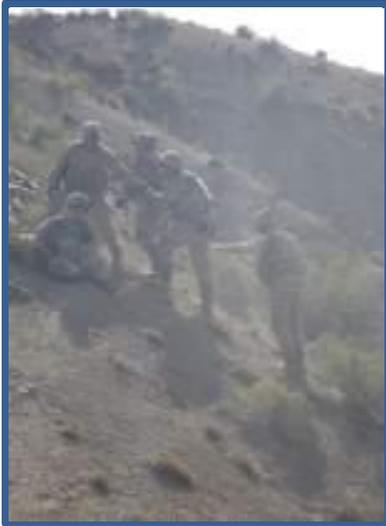


Newly promoted Specialists open care packages at our monthly 'care package' day.



Third platoon at our company's combat outpost.

Whiskey Company



Soldiers from Whiskey Company help each other up the last stretch of a steep mountain.

NEW SOLDIERS



The Following Whiskey Company Soldiers Recently Joined Us In Combat:

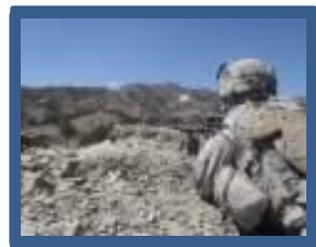
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| -PV2 Gonzalez | -PFC Staley |
| -PV2 Hendrix | -PFC Webber |
| -PV2 Nelson | -SPC Meta |
| -PV2 Paul | -SPC Little |
| -PV2 Smith | -SPC Opulskas |
| -PV2 Stafford | -SPC Poberzyn |
| -PV2 Wilder | -SPC Swaleh |
| -PV2 Wolf | -SPC Swebilius |
| -PFC Allers | -SPC Turcotte |
| -PFC Hiebert | -SPC Vysocky |
| -PFC Owens | -SPC West |
| -PFC Poorman | -SGT Reeder |

From the Commander:

It has been a busy couple of months for Whiskey Company 2-506IN. Since the beginning of September the Company has executed over 50 combat patrols. These missions include air assault and ground assault operations into enemy safe havens, protecting combat logistical convoys, attending weekly Shuras with our Afghan Government partners, and several development projects. Our Company has forces in three forward operating bases and is responsible for security in three different districts; more than any other Company in the Battalion. After our two months in Afghanistan, the men have finally acclimatized to the lack of oxygen and the harsh terrain making it easy for Whiskey Company Soldiers to move long distances over severely restrictive terrain. All of you should be extremely proud of your Soldiers. The men of Whiskey Company have been tested over and over again and have never failed to produce positive results. The guys do find time to relax, however. The occasional game of risk or dominoes is a frequent occurrence, as well as watching a football game on AFN. Some of the Platoon's have Platoon movie night, while the Company HQ is content with watching TV and eating large amounts of Gummy Bears. We were also lucky enough to be serenaded by our Company XO, 1LT Lewis, while he sang *End of the Road* by Boys to Men in the chow hall after losing (actually winning, but he didn't know that) a bet to SSG Jackson. Overall all the men are doing well. I have deployed twice before, but have never been as proud as I am to serve in Whiskey Company. Please keep those care packages coming and keep us all in your prayers. 1SG Chaney and I will continue to do everything we can to get the Soldiers of Whiskey Company home as soon and as safe as possible. Thank you, and God Bless. Currahee!



Soldiers from 2/W prepare to EXFIL (leave an objective) in a CH47 Chinook.



PV2 Merritt from 3/W scans for enemy movement after a rocket strike from an AH64 Apache.

India Company



Re-Enlistments

SPC Nolan
SGT Castilleja
SGT Denby
SGT Jones
SSG Riordan

India, or HHC Company has hit the ground running for OEF 10-11 in the mountainous Eastern Afghanistan. We have maintained operations while conducting our Relief in Place with 1-187 IN. The White Currahee TOC is up and running with all the sections conducting operations to support all the companies in Eastern Paktika Province, Afghanistan. We are gradually adjusting to our new home away from home. This occasionally requires a hike up steep mountains, or interacting with the locals to get to know who they are, and how we can help them. We are excited to be settled in and on track to make a difference. We have already seen an impact on the people of Paktika and are proud of what we have been able to accomplish in such a short period of time.

The Scouts directly support battalion operations conducting reconnaissance missions and over watching areas of interest, that is, if we can keep them out of the gym. The mortar platoon is divided into sections supporting each company in combat operations. They have been busy improving their mortar systems' positions. The medics are staged out of Orgun where they have been able to treat many local nationals. There are also medics at each company location to support the Soldiers. Flu shots are on the way!



Promotions



SPC Alvarez
SPC Lopez
SPC Oliver
SPC Patton
SPC Rowland

CURRAHEE KIDS



- PFC Degbe's wife is due with their second child in November
- SPC Lincoln's wife is due in April
- Congratulations Chaplain Vineyard for the newest addition to your family!

The Company Headquarters element is busy conducting operations in the South. With maneuver elements from Whiskey Company and Artillery attachments, they have managed to patrol in one of the largest sections of land for the entire Battalion. They call themselves Team Curry! They are continuing to spread ISAF influence to remote areas along the border with the help of their Afghan counterparts. They are securing the populace in areas that have not had U.S. or Afghan Government influence for years. Of course 1SG Gallagher is taking charge at Orgun-E improving Force Protection, living standards, and taking care of India Company. We all love and miss our families but are proud to serve as White Currahees!



Sierra Company



PV2 Brosch “slings” a container to be carried to the front lines

NEW SOLDIERS



PVT Carissa Brackbill
PVT Kenneth Fitzgerald
PV2 Ibanez, Sandra
PV2 Mieir, Logan
PV2 Murray, Dexter

CURRAHEE KIDS

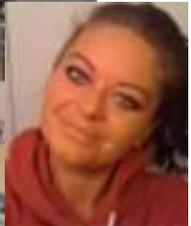


Liam Danger Hernandez reminds us to have our ID cards at all times.

Sierra Company Soldiers have been extremely busy in the two short months that we have been serving in Afghanistan. Between fixing broken vehicles and equipment, flying various cargo using sling load operations, cooking countless hot meals to keep the troops on the front line well nourished, or conducting combat logistical patrols to get the troops what they need on the front lines, the Soldiers of Sierra Company have had their work cut out for them, and excelled in every manner.

The Sierra Company Maintenance Platoon would like to extend a special thanks to "Operation Sweet for Soldiers" which was created by Jessica Lloyd in order to provide morale support and the little bit of home that we lack here. She and this organization had a candy drive and collected 200lbs

of snacks to send over here to us. They have committed a tremendous amount of time and effort in order to support us. They are continuing to send snacks, magazines, toiletries, calling cards and Various other goodies the Soldiers have requested. Additionally, we'd like to congratulate SPC Buxton and SGT Torrelli on their reenlistments. Sierra Company is lucky to have them!



Above: The Sierra Maintenance Crew enjoying the goodies sent by Jessica Lloyd

Inset: Jessica Lloyd who created "Operation Sweets for Soldiers"
Left: PV2 Nero fixes a generator under the guidance of SGT Torrelli



Right: SPC Buxton taking the Oath of Reenlistment on FOB Orgun-E

Chaplain's Corner



BN Spiritual Challenge

Hello from Afghanistan, one of my challenges for the BN Soldiers and Families before we left was to have some spiritual goals for the deployment. One of those challenges was to read the Bible through in a year, or to 'Become One with the Word.' Also I have challenged Soldiers to hear the word, read the word, study the word, memorize the word, and meditate on the word. Many have accepted this challenge and are actively learning and growing. If you are interested in joining the challenge, check out the FRG website and look under discussions for more details and join us in 'Becoming One with the Word.'

Chaplain Update

As many of you may know, I was a 'late deployer' because my wife, Amanda gave birth to our 3rd child, Samuel James on August 30. I have now been in country for a month and I and my assistant SGT Birdsong are still in the process of getting around to see all of our Soldiers. We have been excited to see God at work in and through the BN and have been able to participate in 8 baptisms already. Our prayer is that God will continue to give our BN physical and spiritual success in all that we do.

Helpful Deployment Verses

Psalm 91

Philippians 4:4-6

Matthew 11:28-29

Matthew 6:25-33





Staying Informed

The most frequent question I am asked from White Currahee Families is, “how do I find out what is going on with my Soldier”? The social media site Facebook has prove to be an invaluable tool in answering this question for many of our Families who are already members of our 2-506th Infantry Battalion group. Links are provided for news stories and videos, photos are posted, and events are advertized on this page. Families are doing a great job supporting each other, with discussions about care packages that include tips on what our Soldiers like to receive.

If you are not already a member, here are some simple instructions on joining our group:

1. Your Soldier must have already provided your name and email address as an authorized user to view the Battalion’s Facebook group. If you are receiving this newsletter, then your Soldier has already done this. However, if there are more Family members who would like to join, your Soldier just needs to update his Family Readiness paperwork.
2. You must be a member of Facebook. Go to www.facebook.com in order to join.
3. Once you have logged into your Facebook account, use the search box at the top of the web page to find “2-506th Infantry Battalion.” Click on the link provided and it will bring you to the Battalion’s group page.
4. Request to join the group.
5. You will receive a private message from FRG White Currahee requesting your Soldiers name and your email address so I can verify it against our records. Once you’ve been verified, you’ll receive a message letting you know that you have been accepted to view the group.

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Moving or Going Our of Town?

Please be sure to let us know if you are moving, changing phone numbers, or emails so we will have your current contact information.

If you are traveling out of town, please sent Monica your travel dates and the address where you will be located, just in case of emergency.



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Currahee Challenge
Toccoa, GA September 2010**