

# The Trojan Horse Watering Hole

## 8th Engineer Battalion OEF Newsletter

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### LTC MARK A. GERALDI



Dear Trojan Horse Family -- Greetings from Forward Operating Base Shank, Afghanistan!

29 May was a great milestone for the 8th Engineer Battalion. We executed the Transfer of Authority (TOA) ceremony from the 1st EN BN & assumed responsibility for all of the engineer operations in our area of eastern Afghanistan, officially transforming to "Task Force Trojan Horse".

CSM Sparger & I are glad to finally be over here and reunited w/ both the 937th Beast & 59th Bushwackers, even though we are geographically separated. In addition to our organic companies here with us (HHC "Trailmasters", FSC "Wolfpack", 59th MAC "Bushwackers", and 87th Sapper "Sappers"), we added 4 new tribes to the Trojan Horse Family: 40th MAC "Punishers" from 2nd EN BN, 57th Sapper "Rough Terrain" from 27th EN BN (Airborne), 402nd Sapper "Reapers" from Iowa Reserves, & 850th Horizontal "North Star" from Minnesota NG. The Battalion is now almost 900 Troopers strong!

The week of July 4th was another important milestone for Task Force Trojan Horse – we celebrated the 8th Engineer Battalion's 97th birthday on July 1st with a Task Force ceremony. The ceremony included an early recognition of Independence Day, the awarding of the 36th Engineer Brigade shoulder sleeve insignia indicating wartime service (AKA "combat patch") to all of our deployed Troopers, the promotion of SGT Pavey (our BN Electronic Warfare Officer, EWO) to SSG, the reenlistment of 7 of our dedicated Troopers, and last

but not least, the cutting (and eating!) of our Battalion Birthday cake.

As many of you know, Afghanistan is still a very dangerous place. That being said, I hope that each of you draw confidence in the fact that prior to deploying, each one of our Soldiers has gone through the most intensive training that the US Army can provide and has the best equipment in the world. Additionally, while here, our Soldiers continue to train and to receive the latest equipment updates, and all of their leaders work tirelessly to take care of each and every TF Trojan Horse Trooper.

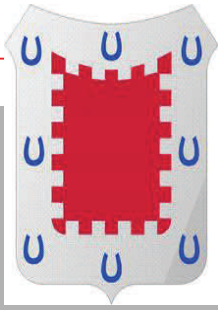
We all really appreciate your support for all of our Soldiers over here and for everything you're doing to take care of the home-front, whether that's taking care of little ones, running the household, or working (or all three in some cases!). I personally want to thank our Families for all of the sacrifices that they are making during this deployment. Your Soldiers are simply doing a phenomenal job at their very difficult and vital missions keeping the roads safe, building facilities for our forces, and training the Afghan Army, but they couldn't do it without all of your dedicated support!

Lastly, there have been some rumors floating around about companies coming home early. What I will tell you is that we have orders that tell us 9 months is how long we are supposed to be in theater. As of right now, no company is scheduled to come home early. If you hear any rumors, please contact your FRG leader who can get in contact with the Battalion Rear Detachment and get you the correct information.

Clear the Way!

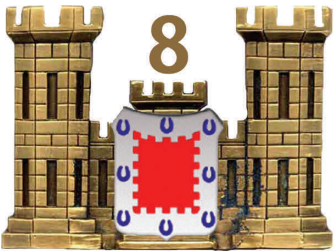
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## The Command Sergeant Major's Corner

### CSM SAMMY W. SPARGER

Trojan Horse Family,  
Our Soldiers are working extremely hard in support of the Afghanistan people and Coalition. Very few of our Companies are collocated with the Task Force

Headquarters. I am continuously doing Battle Field Circulation to see them in action and joining them on their missions. By patrolling with them, I see firsthand how hard they are working and what challenges they have to overcome. Believe me when I tell you, "that our Soldiers keep me humble, there are no better Americans in the world". It is my intent to do a mission with every platoon at some point; as always, I will take pictures in order to get them posted on the 8<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion Facebook site. I do my best to get a picture of everyone, however, sometimes I miss a few, or they are a little camera shy.

Recently, I hosted a promotion board where several Soldiers earned their promotable status. It is great seeing Soldiers progress in their careers. We also had the opportunity to reenlist several deserving Soldiers and we celebrated the Battalions 97<sup>th</sup> Birthday on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July. Other than being away from

our Families it has been an awesome experience since taking charge of our Area. I cannot begin to thank all of our friends and Family members; you are why we serve our Nation.

**Clear the Way!**

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# Trailmasters Blast

HHC, 8th Engineer Battalion

FOB Shank, Afghanistan

## Commander's Corner

Trailmasters Family, friends, and Soldiers. We made it! Due to your hard-work and dedication we have made it to the 1 Month mark successfully. As Trailmasters begin settling into their new, yet temporary, home in Afghanistan, my thoughts go out to the friends and family members supporting our troops from Fort Hood and all over the US. Thank you for your continued support. Our troops continue to impress ISG and I with their versatility and will. We had a seamless transition with TF Diehard due largely to the impeccable work ethic of Trailmas-



## ISG's Corner

Trailmaster family, friends and Soldiers. It's a true honor and privilege to serve with the Soldiers of the 8th Engineer Battalion Headquarters, Headquarters company. The hard work, determination and sacrifice over the past months have paid off as we fall into our role in supporting our Battalion Soldiers and Operation Enduring Freedom. I am truly impressed in the occupational versatility that has been displayed by our Trailmaster Soldiers. Last but not most importantly thank you family and friends for your unconditional support of our great Trailmaster Soldiers. Hooah! TM7

## Promotion

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate a few of our junior enlisted Trailmasters that were promoted to Non-Commissioned Officer in June: SPC Papciak to Sergeant, and SPC Solomnikova and SPC Knox, to Corporal. These Soldiers have been an invaluable part of the success the Trailmasters have had and continue to "punch above their weight."

## Settling In.....



The Trailmasters have finally settled into their office spaces making the Trojan Horse footprint at FOB Shank their temporary home. HHC is spread between three buildings all

within a short walking distance of each other keeping the

Trailmasters a close-knit family. Our soldiers are also consistently receiving packages from their loved ones: it's a pleasure to see their faces light up when they come by to receive mail. We thank all of our friends and families for their continued support and want to ensure our loved ones back home that we continue to "Stay Rugged" and "Clear the Way!"



LIVE FROM **FOB SHANK, AFGHANISTAN**

**FSC, 8th Engineer Battalion**

# **THE WOLFPACK TIMES**

**June 2013**



Above: SFC Stuart promotes SSG Wilson

## **JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

01 JUNE SPC RANDAZZO  
08 JUNE SGT HOLLAND  
15 JUNE SGT BUENO  
15 JUNE SSG WILSON  
17 JUNE CPL RODRIGUEZ  
18 JUNE SGT LAWSON

## **SEND-A-HOWL**

**SGT LAWSON  
SENDS A  
HOWL TO HIS  
WIFE KRYSTAL  
AND HIS SON,  
MICHAEL JR. "I  
LOVE YOU!!"**

## **Movin' on up! June promotions**

On June 1 2013, Courtney Bruffus Wilson woke up a new man. "I just couldn't believe that I am now a Staff Sergeant," he said as he reflected on his illustrious 12 year career in the Army. SSG Wilson made the Staff Sergeant list in late May this year.

Other big promotions this month occurred for PFC Austin Montoya, who was promoted to Specialist, and SPC Isiah Rodriguez, who was laterally promoted to Corporal. "This was the best day of my life," said SPC Montoya. Expect more good news to come from FOB Shank as Soldiers focus on moving forward in their careers. When asked if he would re-enlist indefinitely, SSG Wilson just grinned and howled "WOLFPACK!"

## **A Letter From the Commander**

Dear Wolfpack Families,

We're settling in nicely here at FOB Shank! We thank you for your on-going support as we push forward through this period of transition and begin our mission in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Your Soldiers send their love and we will continue to keep you posted!

Below: SPC Montoya and SSG Wilson



**FOB AIRBORNE**

**87 SAPPER CO, 8th Engineer**

**SAPPER**

**SAPPERS**

**SAPPER**

**June 2013**



Above: PFC McKenzie  
and PV2 Bayless  
awarded Company Coins

Below:  
If it fits... it ships.



## **SAPPERS LEAD THE WAY!**

*Is June already gone? We have flown through this month executing multiple missions a week in the height of this Afghanistan Summer. Sappers continue to impress the BN leadership while conducting route clearance missions. Our company has strong morale and tight-knit group molding the fabric of the company. We have also established a squad volleyball tournament with 1SG as the officiator. Continue to positively influence your spouses and loved ones through this deployment. Cigars for warriors supported our deployment with a smoky treat. Your care packages, letters, emails, and phone calls are appreciated.*

*Thank you for all the support that you provide to the best, hardest working Sappers in the World!*

**CPT Ryan T. McHugh**

Below: SGT Osterhout on patrol





# Bushwacker Times

## 59th Mobility Augmentation Company

### Commander's Corner



Greetings from FOB Warrior, but shortly it will be FOB Ghazni as the 59th Mobility Augmentation

Company continues to move across the battlefield. Starting July 1, 2013 the Bushwackers will have Soldiers supporting combined arms assured mobility operations within Regional Command East from the very bottom with 3rd Platoon at FOB Warrior to the very top with 2nd Platoon clearing routes out of Bagram Air Field. The Soldiers within the entire company continue to be resilient and prepared for whatever is thrown their way. The 59th MAC has become a very versatile and expeditionary force moving a total of six times since the company arrived in Afghanistan in early March. 1SG Ortiz and I continue to travel across Afghanistan in order to promote and award well deserving Soldiers for their actions at Fort Hood, TX as well as here in Afghanistan. As of this article, SPC Wheeler was given his Combat Medic Badge for providing vital medical support during an incident that involved two 1st Platoon Soldiers. SGT McDonald and CPL Hayes both received medical aid during an engagement and with SPC Wheeler's quick and efficient medical help and both will have a complete recovery. Additionally 1LT Gibbs, SGT Irish, and SGT Watson finally were awarded their Combat Action Badge's for being directly engaged by insurgent's on March 22, 2013. We also had the great opportunity to promote six Soldiers to include CPL Forester to Sergeant, SPC Smith to Corporal, and PFC's Elliott, Vandelee, Cecchini, and Lopez to the rank of Specialist. All of the Soldiers awarded and promoted continue to do amazing work here in Afghanistan supporting route clearance operations throughout Regional Command East. The 59th MAC is always ready for whatever is thrown our way and while being in the middle of "Fighting Season" all of the Bushwackers will continue to execute at an extremely high level ensuring a timely transition to Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF).



Special points of interest:

#### NEW BUSHWACKERS:

2LT Pontrich, Adam W., 1<sup>st</sup> Platoon, Platoon Leader

#### BUSHWACKER AWARDS:

SPC Wheeler, Aaron A., Awarded the Combat Medical Badge (CMB)

#### NEW PROMOTIONS FOR MARCH, APRIL, AND MAY :

PFC Elliott, Larry W., to SPC 20130601 (1st Platoon, Combat Engineer)

PFC Lopez, Aaron E., to SPC 20130601 (1st Platoon, Combat Engineer)

PFC Randall, Alvier A., to SPC and Lateral Promotion to CPL 20130626 (FMT, Construction Equipment Mechanic)

SPC Smith, Zachary D., to CPL 20130601 (3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon, Team Leader)

SPC Forester, Kenneth D., to SGT 20130601 (2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon, Team Leader)

### From The TOP

Happy summer, we now move into the first month of summer and look forward to operating in the challenging conditions that we have to face. Temperatures here will soar above 100 degrees on a daily basis, and the combination of sand, wind and dust will only add to the flavor. Now is the familiar feeling of finding sand in unfamiliar places. Thanks to being stationed at the "Great Place", Soldiers will be prepared for the season. A greater appreciation for the simple things like water and sunscreen will be at the top of the list.

Thank You FRG for sending the 100 Day packages for all of the Soldiers in the company. Each Soldier received an individually addressed package. I appreciate all of the team work and dedication that allowed that to happen. I was blinded by the smiles and excitement from the Soldiers, as they went through their goodies. We have celebrated our 100 days into country, while also celebrating the Army's 238<sup>th</sup> Birthday this month.

The company continues to be spread across Eastern Afghanistan, now more than ever, and it is somewhat challenging to get to every Soldier on a regular basis. As we continue to conduct combat operations throughout Eastern Afghanistan, a need for our skills and abilities are in constant calling. We will soon be spread so thin, that an increased responsibility on the platoon's abilities will be tested. Please understand that we move forward in the retrograding of forward operating bases (FOB's), so there will be a greater lag in mail and additional resources. We have continued to occupy different FOB's, so check the company Facebook page for an updated mailing address for each platoon.

I am shocked to see some of the results from a dedicated work out plan that many of the Soldiers are involved in. Many of them are getting stronger, and will soon be lifting a "MINI Cooper". It gives me great pride and appreciation to see how they continue to mentor each other into getting physically fit for the fight. For our job's, physical fitness and combat readiness are like milk is to cereal, it just isn't the same without it. We recently received one new Soldier to the company, and I want to welcome his Family and friends.

# PUNISHERS

**NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2013**

**40<sup>TH</sup> MOBILITY AUGMENTATION  
COMPANY**

## PUNISHER 6 CORNER

This month has had its ups and downs. We experienced a few major events this month, but as always the Punishers continue with missions. With our recently incident 1LT Gallagher moved over to 1PLT to help with missions. CPT Turner and 1LT Fosher are doing well in Bagram Airfield. This month we received a change of mission. We moved from directly supporting the Polish 25 Air Cavalry Brigade to general support. This may change our working relationship but not our friendship. With this change of mission also pushes north into an unfamiliar area. We have tackled this area as 40th MAC does with any task and deliberately clearing this area of hazards for the locals of Afghanistan and supporting retrograde operations as we move into supporting force for the Afghan nation. 1SG and I have done everything within our power to keep the platoons safe with maneuver support and life support systems. We're hoping that these missions do not continue for the rest of the deployment but this is uncertain at the moment. We have heard from 216th MAC from the California National Guard and their ADVON will be arriving sometime in the end of July and/or the beginning of August. This is a sign the company's deployment is entering the last leg of our journey. The company is eager for the incoming unit, but remained focused on missions and preparing equipment turn-in and shipment back to White Sands. All of us are ready to return to White Sands Missile Range, but we will hold our excitement until we return. The Punisher family is growing stronger and closer together over the past few weeks and the Punishers down range appreciate the continued support of the Punisher friends and families from the states. - 1LT Bell (Punisher 6)



## PUNISHER 7 CORNER

As we close out another month, the Punisher's are now busier than they have been in the past. With the recent change of 1st Engineer Battalion to 8th Engineer Battalion as our higher headquarters here in Afghanistan along with the initial cleaning and packing of equipment as we start to plan and prepare for our redeployment process. The Punishers are going through a lot of changes and are working long hours but continue to push forward and set the standard. We greatly appreciate everyone's continued support and prayers. I ask that we keep OPSEC in mind as we move closer to the end of our deployment and be mindful not to discuss any specifics about the units operations or timelines in public places or with personnel that do not have a need to know.

Thank you all for all that you do.

- 1SG Lewis (Punisher 7)



**40TH MOBILITY AUGMENTATION COMPANY**



# NORTH STAR

## 850TH, 8TH ENGINEER BATTALION

### FOB SHANK, AFGHANISTAN

#### Commander's Corner

Northstar family and friends, I can't tell you how impressed I am with all of our Soldiers over here, they're truly doing amazing things. We have been training the Afghan National Army on engineer and construction operations. In the beginning, we've been shoulder to shoulder training them, and now we are transitioning to more of an over the shoulder assist and advise role. When we are not training the ANA we've been doing a lot of construction ourselves and continue our strong reputation for our capabilities and work ethic. It's been obvious how much MN cares about it's soldiers as we've received hundreds of care packages in the last month. Thank you for all your support, we couldn't do this without you.

CPT Thompson (Northstar6)



#### ISG's Corner

Northstar family, friends and Soldiers. It has been a true honor and privilege to serve with the Soldiers of the 850th HEC. We are spread out throughout Eastern Afghanistan's battle space which has created a challenging and unique role for the 850th to fill. The result has been much more than I expected. We have excelled on every mission we have received and earned the respect of our Active Duty brothers as well-prepared and competent Soldiers. I feel I am truly blessed to have been given this opportunity to serve by your side. Lastly but most important I'd like to thank the community, family and friends for your unconditional support of our Soldiers. We have been inundated with care packages as of late (which has been great for moral). God speed! Northstar7

#### 850th is leading the way in ANA Development.



With American forces beginning retrograde operations here in Afghanistan, the number one priority is forging our Afghan Army counterparts into a force that can stand up to terror.

When it comes to training the Afghan National Army (ANA) engineers, the 850th HEC is leading the way. With platoons disbursed around Afghanistan, 850th soldiers have risen to the occasion, and have already made their mark on the landscape of mission success. 850th's hard work and dedication is being recognized throughout the Triple Nickel Brigade as



#### We build and we battle.

Poised and ready, the Northstar construction engineers are making a name for Minnesota by building up force protection for troops, ensuring passable routes for movement, and aiding in the retrograde operations by deconstructing bases all over Eastern Afghanistan. The 84th troop command patch worn on the left arm of the 850th has become synonymous with hard work, long hours, and a drive to complete the mission at all cost. The 850th certainly lives up to their motto, "To build and to battle!"



# ROUGH TERRAIN

57TH SAPPER CO (C) (A) (RT)

FOB SHANK, AFGHANISTAN

## ANA Partnership: Blowing the Competition Away

With American forces beginning retrograde operations here in Afghanistan, the number one priority is forging our Afghan Army counterparts. Recently, the 57th Sapper Company lead demolitions training for the Afghanistan National Army (ANA) EOD (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) School . This course taught basic military demolitions, best practices , and demolitions safety to our Afghan partners. Once trained, these ANA EOD soldiers will be integrated into ANA route clearance units, enhancing their current route clearance capabilities, When it



## Commander's Corner

Since our departure from Fort Bragg, the 57th Rough Terrain Paratroopers have been busy supporting the Route Clearance mission, your Paratroopers have cleared thousands of kilometers of roadway, ensuring the roads here are clear of any explosives hazards that may cause harm to us, coalition forces, and the Afghan people.

In these last three months, your paratroopers conducted several training events to maintain their proficiency to include marksmanship, combat lifesaver, and hand held detector training among many others. As far as self-improvement, several Soldiers are pursuing their educational development by taking online college courses and completing their Structured Self Development (SSD) requirements.

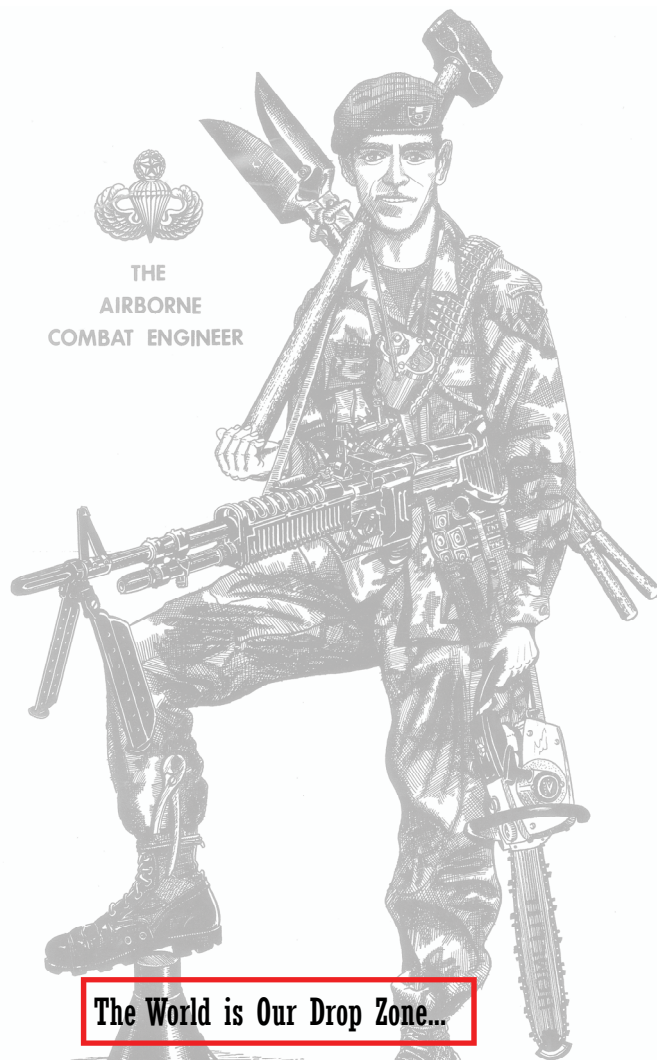
In country, your Paratroopers have established a great reputation by always accomplishing the mission. Thank you for all your continued support!

Airborne! All the Way! Rough Terrain!

CPT Erick Martinez



THE  
AIRBORNE  
COMBAT ENGINEER



## The World is Our Drop Zone...

Dedicated and determined, the Rough Terrain Sappers are making a name for Fort Bragg through their aggressive Route Clearance of roads in Logar Province . Our operations ensure passable routes for the movement of troops and supplies as well as safe passage for local Afghans. The long hours our Sappers endured prior to deployment, has ensured a high level of readiness and professionalism in country. Their dedication to the mission and "never quit" attitude has placed them at the forefront of the 8th Engineer Battalion.

# 402nd EN CO (SAPPER) FOB GARDEZ, AFGHANISTAN

## REAPER

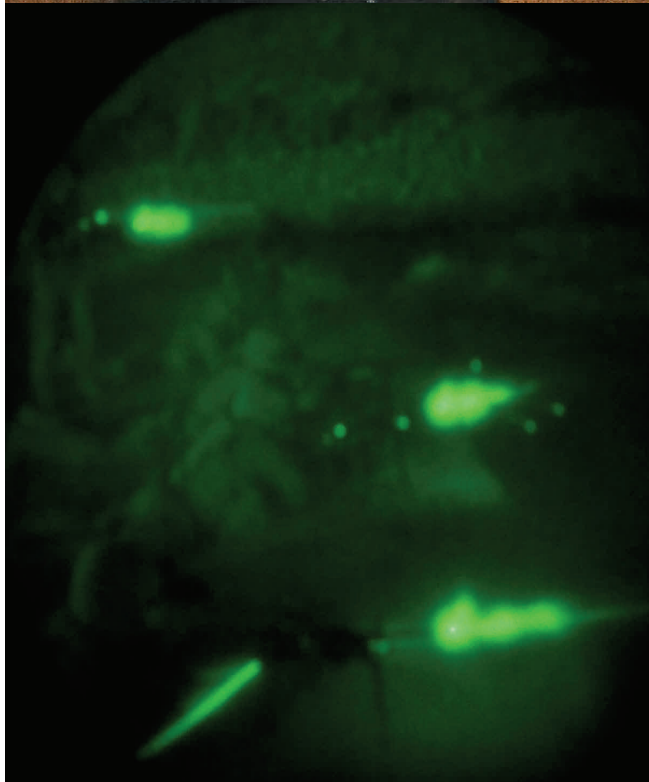
### *Reaper out getting at it!*

**1st Platoon Update:** Lead by 1LT Kenneth Klinner and SFC Nathan Gronemeyer, 1st platoon recently has had some time in the public eye. They recently had a visit by Task Force Currahee's PAO SGT Josh Dwyer. The PAO did an expose on the platoons life on mission which highlighted the platoon and its efforts to support TF Currahee Soldiers throughout the province. The video can be seen on 4th BCT, 101st ABN DIV Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=682126435137630>

**From the Commander:** The forty deuce is blessed to be a part of the Trojan Horse and Curahee families. Our Soldiers are working hard everyday to improve our skills through effective training and continuously challenging ourselves on the mission front to assist our Afghan and American partners. Keep up the support and be proud of our Reaper Soldiers.

### Below: 1st Platoon on Patrol



Above: 2nd Platoon Conducts Night Live Fire Training

**2nd Platoon Update:** Lead by 1LT Nicholas Mason and SFC David Fink, 2nd Platoon has been working hard training and out on mission to keep the roads of Afghanistan safe for ISAF forces. Recently the platoon conducted a low light no light class at the range with NVG's and thermal optics to maintain their edge over the Insurgency. One Soldier in the platoon was heard commenting after training was over "this is why the Army owns the night!"

## Quarterly News

# BEGINNING MISSION



LOGAR PROVINCE, Afghanistan – The 8<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion, Task Force Trojan Horse, officially took control and responsibility of engineer operations in eastern Afghanistan, with the final transfer of authority to the 87th Sapper Company at FOB Airborne, June 4. Task Force Trojan Horse is confident in their skills and prepared to execute the mission ahead.

“Everyone is working hard at their respective missions, and we also continue to train in order to sharpen our skills,” said Lt. Col. Mark GERALDI, commander of Task Force Trojan

organic units already assigned to 8th Eng. Bn., and also several additional units from across the Army. The battalion’s Headquarters and Headquarters Co., Forward Support Co., 59th Eng. Co., and 87th Eng. Co. are being joined by 40th Mobility Augmentation Co., 57th Sapper Co., 402nd Sapper Co., and 850th Horizontal Construction Co.

Task Force Trojan Horse replaced and will continue the mission of Task Force Die Hard, led by the 1st Engineer Battalion out of Fort Riley, Kan.

explosive devices.

Task Force Trojan Horse welcomes the mission and the challenge ahead



PVT Thomas, 59th MAC, searching for IEDs during their route clearance patrol.



TF Trojan Horse during their Transfer of Authority Ceremony, May 29.

Horse. “I am extremely proud of our new, expanded Trojan Horse Team!”

Their task force is a combination of

In the coming months, Task Force Trojan Horse must build supportive relationships with their partnered Afghan National Army units, in order to provide adequate training and mentorship on engineer operations. They must also answer to the call of all maneuver

units requiring route clearance in Regional Command-East, in order to allow freedom of maneuver and eliminate the threat of improvised

as coalition forces reach the end of ISAF-led operations in Afghanistan. The task force is ready to take Afghan partnership to a new level and ensure an effective Afghan engineer force remains in Afghanistan once the coalition’s combat mission ends at the end of 2014.



FSC preparing their trucks for a logistics patrol.

\*Reprinting from DVIDs



87th Sappers on dismounted patrols

## Quarterly News

# ANA D7 DOZER TRAINING



PAKTIKA PROVINCE, Afghanistan – The Afghan Engineer Coy of the 4th Kandak, 3rd Brigade, 203rd Corps completed training on the D7 bulldozer, June 14. The Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers now have the basic skills necessary to efficiently operate D7 dozers in military construction operations.

Once the unit fielded the D7 dozers, the Afghan commander and first sergeant coordinated with the Security Force Advise and Assist Team (SFAAT) for training. The 850th Mobile Training Team (MTT), Task Force Trojan Horse, arrived at Combat Outpost (COP) Bande Sardeh to train the soldiers of the engineer coy.

Mn., conducted the PMCS class. All the soldiers were given a demonstration of the performance steps, conducted practical exercises, and after rehearsals an opportunity to demonstrate their new skills.

The end of the first day concluded with the ANA soldiers getting familiar with basic driving techniques for the D7 dozer.

“The soldiers each began to get the feel for driving the bulldozer around the motor pool,” said Fry, at the conclusion of the day.

day of training pushing the material uphill, and one day pushing the material downhill in order to truly achieve a level of efficiency,” added Gehrke



ANA Soldiers check the oil in their D7 Bulldozer while conducting PMCS.

After mastering the techniques used in berm construction, the class moved to the construction of a tank defilade using the slot dozing technique and side-hill cutting.

“Upon the completion of the training, all of the ANA soldiers showed a marked increase in their skills operating a bulldozer. They now have the skills necessary to use the bulldozer in all of the techniques commonly used in earthmoving operations,” said Peterson at the conclusion of the training. “It is great to see the improvements and the can-do mentality from these soldiers and engineer units.”



SGT Jiaodin guides the bulldozer while building a hasty berm.



An ANA soldier uses the bulldozer to construct a berm.

The D7 training included Preventive Maintenance Checks and Services (PMCS), leveling, hasty berm construction, defilade construction, and side-hill cutting. The unit was also able to receive supplementary training using the backhoe loader, and supervisory training with an emphasis on job site safety and ground guiding.

Private Richard Fry, from North Branch,



ANA Soldier, Pvt. Habbilach, gets acquainted with the controls of the bulldozer

the bulldozer and the backhoe loader to level the training site.

Once the basic skills of leveling were attained, the class moved into the construction of a hasty berm.

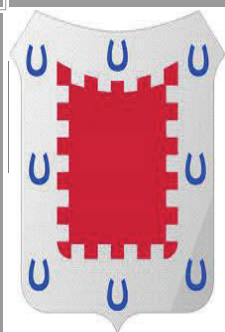
“The focus here was to build it quickly to provide force protection as soon as possible,” noted Peterson.

“The class spent one

dozer. They now have the skills necessary to use the bulldozer in all of the techniques commonly used in earthmoving operations,” said Peterson at the conclusion of the training. “It is great to see the improvements and the can-do mentality from these soldiers and engineer units.”

The engineer coy is planning on using their new skills to expand the COP, install field artillery firing positions, and construct a small arms firing range.

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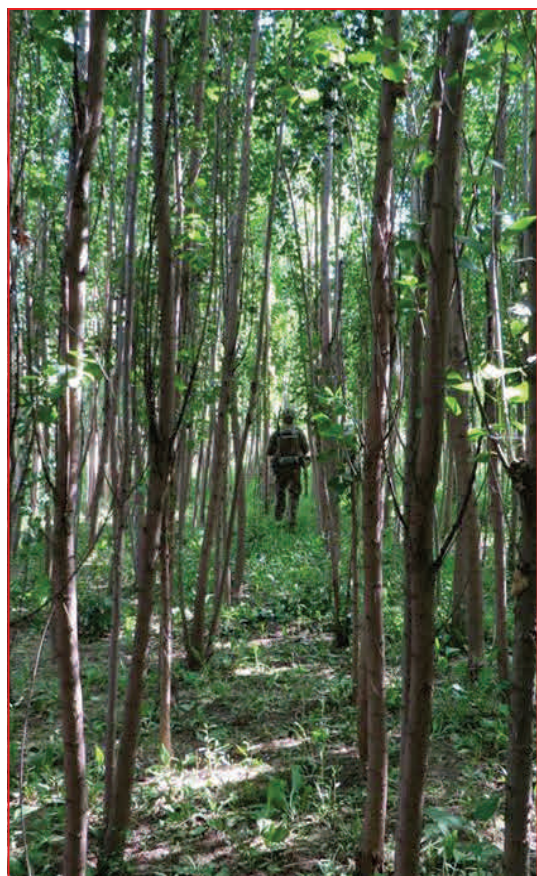
# TROJAN HORSE TROOPERS



1st PLT, 40 MAC clearly a qalat wall on dismounted patrols



PV2 Robledo unloading Class 1 supplies



Soldiers of 87th Sappers conducting dismounted patrols



Hello! From SPC Johnson of the S6 Shop



# TROJAN HORSE TROOPERS



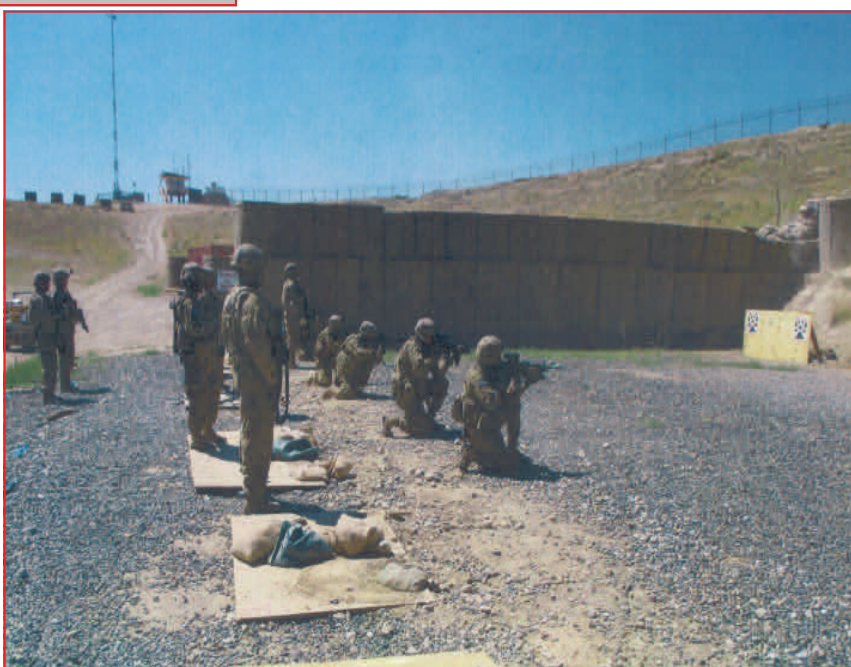
Spc. Garcia, 3/59, provides security during a route clearance operation



PV2 Fry teaches ANA Soldier Martin to check fluids during PMCS class



Soldiers from 87th Sappers



FSC conducting a M4/M16 range.



# TROJAN HORSE TROOPERS



CW2 Mixon seconds after being promoted!



Cpl. Smith, 3/59, provides security during a route clearance operation



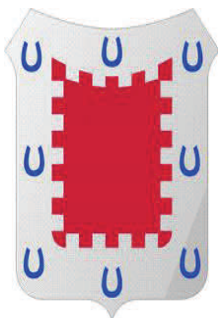
402nd receiving their 101st Airborne combat patches!



87th Sappers Engineer Castle



Panoramic photo of 57th Org Day



## TROJAN HORSE RE-ENLISTMENT

Congratulations to the following Soldiers for you continuing your service in the United States Army.

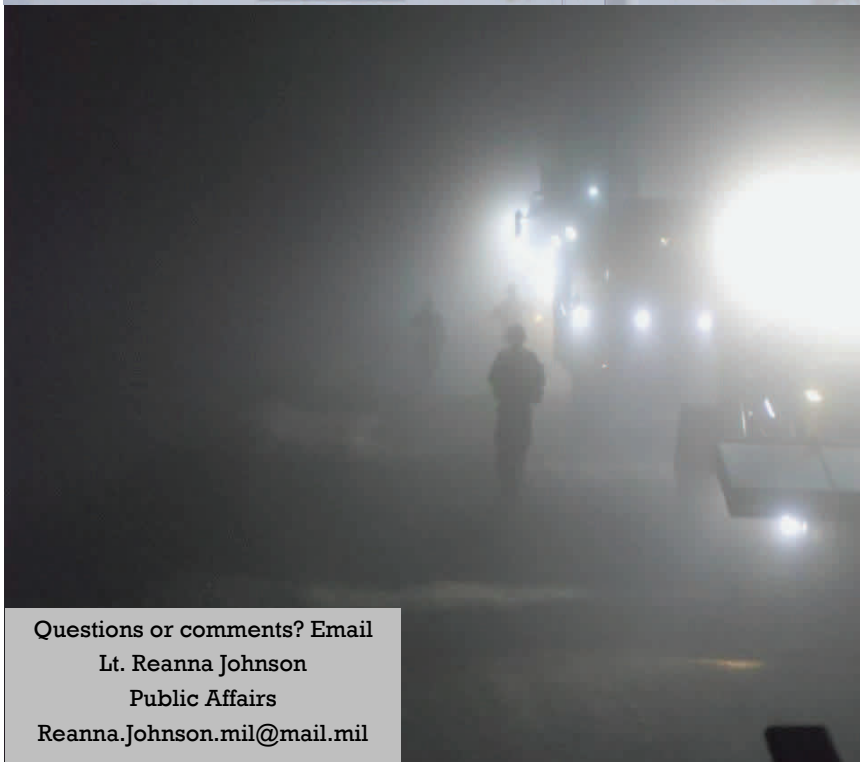
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SPC	TOMSIC, STEPHEN	937th
SPC	FISHER, ROBERT	FSC
SGT	RITCHIE, WILLIAM	FSC
SPC	BURT, PATRCALAN	FSC
SPC	CONRADO, ANTHONY	FSC
SPC	LOVE, SHAWN	HHC
CPL	KNOX, KYDRIC	HHC
SPC	STROMBERG, ANTHONY	87TH
SPC	KEEVE, DWIGHT	87TH
SPC	BOHON, DAVID	87TH
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