



CHARLIE COMPANY 1-506TH "GUNFIGHTER"



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Family, Friends & Supporters of Charlie Company,

Another month is now completed as we move closer to finishing this deployment and returning home. As I reflect on what the men of this company have accomplished over the last month, I am simply very proud of every soldier. Everyone is beginning to see the light at the end of the yearlong tunnel, but we all realize the mission is not finished until we are wheels down at home. The company continues to secure vital static positions and conduct kinetic offensive operations into the company area of operations. Each platoon has a key role in the success of the battalion mission, whether it's spending time at the always pleasant OP Hotel or raiding insurgent safehouses in the Ma'laab. The Gunfighters continue to perform all missions above the standard which allows the Iraqi Army to take on a greater role in securing their own country.

I would like to take the time to recognize the platoons for what they have done this last month: 1st PLT during a recent mission interdicted and destroyed an insurgent safehouse that had been used to prepare and initiate IEDs against coalition forces. This mission resulted in the capture of a large amount of material that the insurgents use in manufacturing IEDs and also a fully prepared 155mm IED was captured and disposed of on the objective. 2nd PLT conducted a series of raids that resulted in numerous insurgents being captured. After the raids were completed the mission turned into a recovery mission, due to large IEDs being detonated on our brothers in arms. The flexibility and stamina of the PLT was demonstrated as the recovery mission lasted through the morning and more houses were raided and cleared. 3rd PLT completed a long mission in the sun securing engineer elements as they cleared a former observation post, this area is crucial for success in the area of operations due to an insurgent presence. HQ PLT continues to accomplish all tasks assigned and is a critical ingredient for the success of the company. Recently the Mortar section fired numerous 60mm mortars to remain proficient on the weapon systems.

This month we have had numerous new soldiers arrive to the Gunfighters: SPC Khy Logan, SPC Leary Tomlin, PVT Charles Haskett and PV2 Glen Goings.

As I have said before be proud of your husbands, sons and family members as we continue to take the fight to the enemy and move closer to returning home for the holiday season.

CPT Nathan Guthrie
"Gunfighter 6"

1SG Corner

Hello again, it seems forever from the last letter. August went very slowly for a lot of us here and back home. September is flying by, leaving only a few months left. Soldiers and families are patiently waiting for their reunions to happen and for that I thank the Soldiers and families for their patience and continued support here and at home.

The most enduring legacy that we can leave for our future generations of noncommissioned officers will be leader development. **SMA Julius W. Gates**

With that being said I would like to welcome SSG Lloyd, SGT Joye, SGT Sommer, and SGT Louis to the noncommissioned officer (NCO) ranks. I am fully confident in these fine NCO's to continue to lead and develop Soldiers for the betterment of our future. Every Soldier continues to push forward with determination and discipline. I cannot say enough how proud I am of every Gunfighter in Charlie Company for their relentless perseverance and professionalism. Thank you...

God Bless you, the Soldiers, and, God Bless America.
1SG



Strongpointing in the Ma'laab with SSG Ivansic, SPC White and SPC Weber



SPC Sheppard and SPC Brown prepare to fire the 60mm Mortars



SPC Garcia overwatching the western area during a strongpoint operation in the Ma'laab



SSG Johnson fires an M14 at OP Graveyard



2nd PLT after finding an IED initiation device in the Ma'Laab



The sun begins to rise on a mission in the Ma'laab



TF BATTLECRY



When any platoon in Charlie Company leaves the wire, Task Force Battle Cry is not far behind. Our main purpose is to provide CASEVAC for any injuries that happen during combat. We also provide a “Sniper” team or Mortar section when needed. In the past 10 months we have been on over 50 mounted and dismounted patrols, providing security, clearing houses, setting blocking positions, and Infilling/Exfilling of dismounted troops.



When not on mission we still do our Headquarters thing.

- SPC Brown:** Plays Fight Night, Eats, and Sleeps.
- SPC Shepherd:** Plays with guns, and... plays with guns.
- SPC Gaydos:** Waits for the Steelers to play football
- SGT Harvel:** Breaks things with his GIGANTIC muscles
- SGT Rojas:** That’s pretty genius, “Those are the only thoughts I have”
- SGT Bell:** Cleaning up after Brown
- 1SG Klutts:** Always picking on the little kids!!!
- XO:** We would give his info but we don’t know what he looks like!
- CPT Guthrie:** Super Troopers Rocked!!



-SGT BELL-

1st PLT

Nine and a half months. It seems like just yesterday that our platoon boarded an aircraft headed to Kuwait. For some it was another tour in Iraq. For the rest, it was the unknown. Now, we are all on the same page. Working together day in and day out.

In the past month, it has been just like any other in Ramadi, Iraq. It has been full of guard duty and missions. Of course time between was taken up by the daily duties of cleaning, filling sandbags, vehicle and weapons maintenance. And, of course horsing around until the next shift, mission or detail came up. Let's not forget squeezing in as much sleep as possible.

Most of us have been in first platoon since the beginning of our Army careers. Some showed up as Squad Leaders, Platoon Leaders, and Platoon Sergeants from other units to train us for our tour of duty. However, every now and again, a new face shows up in our ranks. And, this past month has provided us with two new soldiers. We would like to welcome Sgt Hawkins, PV2 "Doc" Gonzalez, and Spc Weber to the platoon.

Sgt Hawkins joins us from our brigade headquarters located in Camp Loyalty, Rustamiyah, Iraq. Doc Gonzalez comes strait from basic training, which makes him the "new guy". However, he's fitting in well and learning fast. Spc Weber moved to C co from down the street from our brothers in B co.

We would like to thank all the loved ones at home. Weather a mom, dad, brother, sister, spouse or complete stranger who just happened to get our address from a friend. Thank you for all the letters and postcards. Thank you for the care packages that we all like. I say "all" because we tend to trade each other for things we like. Finally, thank you for your support. Without that, we wouldn't be able to do it.

SPC Nathan Conard
"Gunfighter 1-6 R"



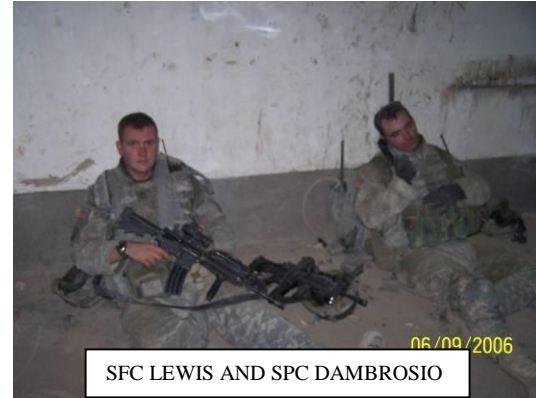
RAIDERS



2ND PLT



SPC WARREN BACK FROM LEAVE



SFC LEWIS AND SPC DAMBROSIO

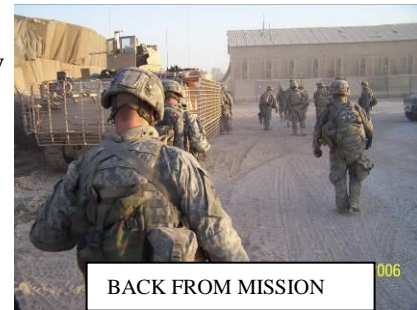
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Morale is high here in Raider country. Why? The football season is upon us! While every Raider has, by default, become a Buckeye fan by order of SFC Lewis, they are still allowed to root for their "other" favorite college football team...as long as they do it quietly. Special thanks goes to SPC Spears for risking life and limb getting our satellite TV fixed so we can all enjoy the gridiron mayhem.

Although the twilight of our deployment is upon us, the Raiders are still kicking down doors and taking names. Our mission still remains as important as ever, and your Raiders are still superbly executing the task at hand. Their bravery and fighting spirit has earned them the respect of those around them.

By the end of the month, every Raider will have returned from mid-tour leave. They have all enjoyed their time off spending it with their family and friends. Their stories and escapades from leave still echo in the hallways of the barracks.

We also want to congratulate the following soldiers for their promotions this month: SSG Lloyd promoted from Sergeant to Staff Sergeant; SGT Joye promoted from Specialist to Sergeant; SPCs Maldonado, Crump, and Eckeberger promoted from Private First Class to Specialist. Each of these soldiers earned their well-deserved promotions and we expect them to continue to do great things for the platoon. Well Done!



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SPC NOEHLY

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SSG CAMPBELL AND SGT SINGLEY



PROMOTION CEREMONY

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3rd PLT

Another month or so has gone by and we have seen many changes to Carnage Platoon. We have said goodbye to our leader and brother, LT Nicholas Goshen. Who moved on to greater responsibility in Delta Company. Yet, along with loss comes hopeful new beginnings as we welcome LT Randal Waters. LT Waters has already shown great enthusiasm and camaraderie towards joining the platoon. We also welcome two new NCOs to the platoon, SGT Medina and SGT Faiai. Carnage Platoon continues to grow on the support side along with the new soldiers. We would like to welcome SGT Faiai's wife and children; as well as newborns: Brooke Lynn Brown, Matthew Allen Quickery, and Christopher Brandon Nelson. Our best wishes to the platoon's newlyweds, SPC Duncan and his wife Nicole Duncan. Congratulations are in order for all the soldiers who have been promoted this past month. Two of our best Specialists proudly join the NCO ranks, SGT "Joe" Sommer and SGT "Danjermaine" Louis. SPC Swanson and SPC Perez made the transition from PFC this month as well.



Newly promoted SGT Louis and SGT Sommer wait to be "pinned."

OP Tempo has gratefully slowed as we reach the end of the tour. We have settled into a normal rotation of FOB Security, OP Graveyard, and OP Hotel. This comes as a welcomed rest from the hectic initial months here in Ramadi. As we prepare for Ramadan and Transfer of Authority our main concern has become defense and security. Our top priority remains bringing every one of us home safely. Until that day the Platoon morale remains high as we look forward to returning home to our families and loved ones.



SSG Hiltibidal and SGT Row improve positions at OP Hotel.



2nd Squad relaxes out back of the "Shoot House."



SPC Perez and SPC Swanson receive congratulations from SFC Ruble on their promotion.



SFC Ruble cools off after a long and grueling mission with an ice cold non-alcoholic Becks.