



## **Bravo Company “Bushmaster” 1-327 Family Readiness Group News Letter – FEB 2008**

Bushmaster Family! Valentine’s Day was just not the same for the men as they had to spend it separated from those they love. I would like to think all the families and friends that sent hundreds of cards and care packages. Your continued support is critical for the men of Bravo Company during this long deployment.

The Company continues to patrol deep into the desert and have great success there. Attacks in the area are the lowest in two years. The company’s success finding caches and capturing insurgents while operating with both Iraqi Army and Iraqi Police have contributed greatly to this. I am extremely proud of the men and the job they are doing.

With deployments comes change. Not always are we thrilled about the affect of these changes on our company. Battalion has tasked Bushmaster to give up a platoon to work at the Baiji Oil Refinery (BOR). Giving up a platoon is not something we want to do but the decision was made for the benefit of the Battalion. This may or may not be for the rest of the deployment. 1<sup>st</sup> will still be a part of the company just working for HHC led by CPT Dasilva. 1<sup>st</sup> Platoon will still fall under our FRG although may receive additional info from HHC’s FRG. Meanwhile, Bravo Company will receive a Delta Platoon (which is a smaller platoon than we currently have). The desired effect is to supply more troops to the BOR which needs the man power. We ask that you please be patient during this transition.

1<sup>st</sup> PLT, led by 1LT Hensley and SSG Barrier (SFC Lamb was on leave), have been very successful operating in Siniyah with the Iraqi Police capturing insurgents. They also continue to patrol the desert and find IED’s. The recent surge of activity in Siniyah has quickly been answered by company with 1<sup>st</sup> Platoon at the lead.

Congratulations to SPC Pardon and his wife Brooke for the birth of their new baby daughter, Ariana Ryan Pardon born 2 Jan 08 weighing 7 lbs 8 OZ. Also congratulations to 1LT Hensley and his wife Lori for the birth of their baby daughter Emma Lyn Hensley. Emma was born 18 Feb 08 weighing 8 lbs 2 OZ.

2<sup>nd</sup> PLT, led by 1LT Enlow and SSG(P) Wisniewski discovered a large cache in desert and detain two key individuals responsible for previous attacks inside Siniyah. The effects of the capture of these two individuals and confiscating/destroying enemy vehicles have greatly hurt the enemy. The platoon has a great balance when it comes to their ability to operate inside the city or out in the desert.

3<sup>rd</sup> PLT led by 1LT Spurling and SFC Reffeor continue to excel at finding enemy caches in the desert. Their platoon has discovered multiple large caches this month, severally disrupting the enemies’ supply channels. Third Platoon had three individual wounded on patrol on 16 Feb. SPC Jason Smith was shot in the thigh, SGT Edward Boronow was shot near the knee, and our Interpreter Chris was shot in the buttocks. SPC Smith had surgery and is back at Ft Campbell. SGT Boronow returned to (light) duty and will recover in a couple of weeks. Our interpreter will make a full



recovery. The outstanding quick reaction of everyone on patrol and those that responded treating the casualties prevented further injury.

Headquarter PLT is operating smoothly after small changes. SPC Ames has done a great job taking charge of the Arms Room and SGT Mistrik has done a great job taking over the communications section. SGT Hollingsworth is now eligible for promotion after successfully passing the board. He also re-enlisted this month as well.

Happy Birthday to the following individuals who celebrate birthdays in March:

NABEL, JOHN	PV2	4-Mar-85
PEDIGO, JUSTIN	SGT	7-Mar-86
POOLE, ADDISON	PV2	13-Mar-85
ZESATI, GONZALO	PV2	16-Mar-88
HOOPER, MATTHEW	PV2	26-Mar-85
OLK, ZACHERY	SPC	27-Mar-82
SILVIA, JOSHUA	PFC	28-Mar-88
NANOLA, ED	PV2	31-Mar-85

Happy Anniversary to the following couples who celebrate anniversaries in March:

HOOPER, MATTHEW	PFC	16-Mar
GRAMMO, JASON	PFC	20-Mar

Thank you for supporting your Soldier(s) during this long deployment. I wish all of you God Speed. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your family readiness group representative or my wife Tracy, the FRG Leader, at TLynB13@AOL.COM.

Thanks, again!

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