

2nd Brigade Combat
Team Forward
Camp Buehring, Kuwait



Striker Torch

SPECIAL EDITION 09 APR 06

Expert Infantryman Badge

What's Inside?

EIB From The Beginning	3
Infantry for A Day	4
What it takes to Earn the EIB	5
No Room For the Weak	6
New Opportunities in Kuwait	8
True Blue	9
MWR Events	10



A Word from the Striker Command Team



Col. Robert E. Scurlock Jr.

CSM Jose A. Santos



Iron Soldiers,

On 5 April the Iron Brigade celebrated its 64th birthday. We have come a long way from our humble beginnings in 1942, where we fought in a desert environment as part of the desperate world struggle against tyranny. The Brigade was initially organized to serve in Operation Torch, the liberation of North Africa, and found itself facing a veteran army under a skilled command. The difficult situation in which our Brigade was tempered and tested speaks to our history and tradition of victory against adverse conditions. Once again, our Brigade is called upon to put its Iron against those who wish to impose their tyranny. It is in light of these historical times that I consider another challenging event with far-reaching historical ties, the Expert Infantryman's Badge competition.

This outstanding training event would not have been possible without the support from everyone in the Brigade Combat Team. As a team, the BCT worked together to build the site, train and test Soldiers, and provide logistic support to provide the best training event possible. It was a team effort, from both the cadre and the unit leadership, who ensured every Soldier had the opportunity to

perfect their warrior skills. On site, we witnessed tremendous team building; ranging from squads and platoons who identified the perfect score of "True Blue" as a goal, to buddy teams struggling to perfect throwing hand grenades or getting the sequence down on the 50 caliber machinegun. This grueling training and testing served to teach each Soldier a little more about themselves.

The most valuable lesson learned by those who faced dust, heat, new equipment, and challenging warrior tasks is to carry on these traditions of excellence. The time and training that went into mastering your Warrior skills and being recognized as experts is only half the challenge. EIB recipients now have a solemn duty, obligation, and opportunity to impart these warrior skills to other Soldiers. EIB recipients will serve as the next generation of cadre serving at a EIB testing site to pass on their knowledge and expertise to fellow Soldiers, and to carry on these traditions. Iron Brigade, I am proud of you. Continue to build on our history every day.

**Iron sharpens Iron as one Iron Soldier sharpens another.
Strike Hard!**

Front Cover: All Photos by Pfc. Evan Richardson

Top Left: Pvt. Matthew McCarty of Company A, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment of Task Force Conqueror applies a simulated atropine injection into his calf during the NBC lane at EIB testing.

Top Right: Pfc. Kevin Adkisson from Company B, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, of Task Force Conqueror rushes to the next concealed position during the hand grenade lane during EIB testing.

Bottom Left: Pfc. Benjamin Bay from Company A, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, of Task Force Conqueror observes targets in the distance while calling for artillery at the Shift Fire lane of the EIB testing.

Bottom Right: Pfc. Phillip Lundy from Company B, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, of Task Force Conqueror prepares to fire a simulated Javelin anti tank missile during EIB testing.

Back Cover: All Photos by Pfc. Evan Richardson

Top Left: "True Blue" Soldiers stand at attention after being awarded not only their EIB badges, but Army Achievement Medals for completing EIB training with no mistakes.

Right: Spc. Trevor Young from Company B, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment moves onto the react to direct fire lane after camouflaging himself and his equipment.

Bottom: Sgt. Jeffrey Shannon of Company A, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment of Task Force Conqueror clears an M249 Squad Automatic Weapon during EIB testing.



Staff Sgt. Patrick Henderson applies camouflaging material to his protective helmet and gear during one of the EIB testing lanes. Staff Sgt. Henderson was required to apply camouflage material in such a manner as to break up and conceal key areas of the body. Photo by Pfc. Evan Richardson



EIB – From the Beginning

Story by Pfc. Joshua Ramey

2nd Brigade Combat Team Soldiers deployed to Camp Buehring, Kuwait, recently participated in Expert Infantryman Badge (EIB) training and testing at the sandy desert



outpost. Infantry and non-infantry Soldiers from around the Brigade participated in the training and testing for the EIB, taking advantage of a large number of seasoned cadre that brought a tremendous amount of experience and expertise to Soldiers across the 2nd BCT. Although only infantry Soldiers are allowed to wear the EIB on their uniform, those who are not infantry had an excellent opportunity to learn infantry skills. Professional EIB qualified NCOs have spent their careers honing the combat skills that few outside of the infantry branch truly master.

The history of the Expert Infantryman Badge (EIB) begins in August of 1943 as a result of a Lt. Gen. Leslie J.

McNair directed survey of the Army Ground Forces that indicated that the infantry was, by far, the least popular branch of the Army, even among infantry personnel. The results of the survey were

given to General George C. Marshall, the Army Chief of Staff, an infantryman himself, who set out to improve the prestige of the

infantry branch of the Army. General Marshall then asked Lt. Gen. McNair to submit some ideas to help improve the overall image of the infantry, as well as foster esprit de corps within infantry units.

One of Lt. Gen. McNair's proposals was to create a "fighter badge" that would be awarded to infantrymen who demonstrated high proficiency of knowledge on the battlefield. Gen. Marshall approved the concept, but decided to have two different badges; the Expert Infantryman Badge (EIB) and the Combat

and begins by stating: "The present war has demonstrated the importance of highly proficient, tough, hard, and aggressive infantry, which can be obtained only by developing a high

degree of individual all-around proficiency on the part of every infantryman." As a means of attaining the high standards desired and to foster esprit de corps in the infantry units, the "Expert Infantryman Badge" was established for infantry personnel.

The 2nd BCT's goal was to train as many Soldiers as possible to EIB standards with roughly 500 Soldiers participating in EIB training and testing. The Soldiers that went through the EIB training received a rare opportunity to earn the EIB while deployed to Kuwait and learn additional skills that will

"You've just got to keep trying and have heart, this is EIB after all."

-PFC Robert Blanchard from HHC, 1st Bn., 6th Inf. Regt. of TF Regulars.

help the members of the Brigade if they are called forward in the Global War On Terrorism. Everyone

Infantryman Badge (CIB).

On October 27th, 1943, Section I, War Department Circular 209 made it official. The circular contains all of the details and requirements for the EIB and CIB

who participated in the EIB training improved themselves as members of the U.S. Army by studying to the highest degree of proficiency, the most basic and essential skills required of all Soldiers.

Next Week: Expert Field Medical Badge Special Edition

Infantry for a Day

Story and Photos by 1st Lt. Dustin Gray



Pfc. Shawn Roy (right) of Company B, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment assists the lane evaluator in training Pfc. Joshua Adkins (left) of Company C, 1st Battalion, 35th Armored Regiment during Expert Infantry Badge (EIB) training and testing at Camp Buehring, Kuwait.

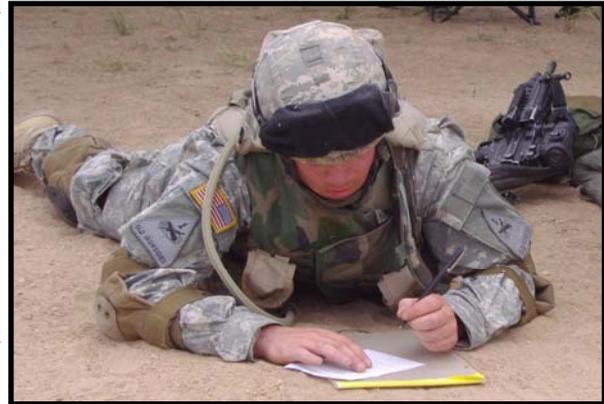
Expert Infantry Badge (EIB) training commenced recently with many of Task Force Conqueror's non-infantry Soldiers participating in the first wave of training. These non-infantry Soldiers were a diverse group including supply clerks, cooks, mechanics, and chaplain assistants. The EIB is earned by successfully completing 40 infantry related tasks such as a 12 mile road march, call for and adjust indirect fire, and operation and maintenance of the M2 .50 caliber machine gun. The Expert Infantrymen Badge is only authorized for wear by infantry Soldiers who have successfully completed the course.

Why are non-infantry Soldiers participating in EIB training? First, this allows the evaluators a chance to validate their lanes and ensure everything will operate

smoothly during the actual qualification. More importantly, this allows these Soldiers to participate in the training which gives them a chance to handle and learn about equipment not normally seen in their individual jobs. In addition, EIB training allows all Soldiers to refresh common basic skills such as map reading and Individual Movement Techniques (IMT).

Training the non-infantry Soldiers without the infantry Soldiers present gives the evaluators at each lane an opportunity to actually instruct as opposed to being only an evaluator. Sgt. 1st Class Michael Morton, platoon sergeant of TF Conqueror's mortar platoon stated, "When the Soldiers arrive at the station we give them some initial training, once they begin to execute the task we

allow them to finish the task and then retrain them as needed and the Soldiers appear to be learning quite a bit."



Top: Pfc. Joshua A. Adkins of Company C, 1st Battalion, 35th Armored Regiment, writes down his situation report during EIB testing at Camp Buehring, Kuwait.

Bottom: Pfc. Robert Lopez (right) and Pfc. Joshua Adkins (left) both of Company C, 1st Battalion, 35th Armored Regiment, prepare their standardized situation reports during the Expert Infantry Badge (EIB) training and testing at Camp Buehring, Kuwait.

What it takes to Earn the EIB

Story and Photos by 1st Lt. Dan Gregory

For the first time since 2002, infantry Soldiers from the 2nd Brigade Combat Team (2nd BCT), 1st Armored Division are being afforded the opportunity to test for the Expert Infantryman Badge (EIB). The purpose of the EIB is to train individual Soldiers to perform 40 critical infantry tasks to standard, in order to enhance individual training and readiness. Even though the badge is limited to only infantry Sol-

tire BCT. Once the testing site was complete, select members of the 2nd BCT who had already earned the EIB were assigned as instructors and evaluators. They were able to validate their site plan by training and testing the non-infantry Soldiers from across the Brigade. This served as a practice run for the site and a training opportunity for those Soldiers. Finally, all of the

2nd BCT Sergeants Major evaluated the different stations and blocks of instruction. Once they were satisfied that stringent testing standards and conditions were met, they certified each station ready to test candidates.

Infantry Soldiers across the 2nd BCT were excited by the opportunity to earn the badge. Due to increased deployment schedules across the Army, this is the first opportunity for many Soldiers to test for the EIB. Cpl. Alonzo Epps from Company B, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment of Task Force Conqueror stated that, “[EIB] is a lot of good training.” The sentiment was shared by Sgt. Jose Morales, also from Co. B, “Great training. I’m staying career, so this is a great opportunity.”

The train up and testing was broken into two eight day periods. The first block was for the infantrymen assigned to TF Conqueror and the second block scheduled for Soldiers from TF Regulars. Each eight day block was divided into three phases. The first phase was an overview of all the tasks that ensured each Soldier received an initial set



Pfc. Sexson from Company B, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment of Task Force Conqueror, attempts to destroy the 35 meter hand-grenade target during EIB pre-testing at Camp Buehring, Kuwait.

“Let there be no mistake, the testing for the EIB required incredible attention to detail.”

diers, everyone that participated in the training gained valuable experience and knowledge. The extraordinary training opportunity provided by the EIB will undoubtedly help Soldiers who participated to teach and spread valuable skills to others within the Brigade.

Planning for the EIB testing started last winter, requiring a lot of leg-work and site coordination prior to the physical construction of the site. The site took nearly a month to construct with help from the en-

of instructions for every lane. The second phase allowed Soldiers to move around the site freely, training on those tasks that might need improvement. Finally, the Soldiers tested on the last three days. During this entire eight-day period, the evaluators monitored and assisted the Soldiers to ensure they met the established standards.

“Let there be no mistake, the testing for the EIB required incredible attention to detail. Each of the tasks required of a candidate is a basic Soldier skill, but performing a single step out of sequence results in failure,” said Sgt. 1st Class Raymond Poore from Co. B, 2nd Bn., 6th Inf. Regt. of TF Conqueror. Each candidate was allowed only two attempts at any event throughout the graded portion of the test lanes. If a candidate failed to complete a single event within two tries, testing was terminated. It is not uncommon for a unit to only have 10% of tested candidates earn their EIB; however, this may be different from other EIB tests as Soldiers and units are spending much more time preparing and training. The eight solid months of training throughout the past year also helped keep the knowledge fresh. When the dust settles and the competition ends, there is little question that the individual Soldiers, as well as the entire Brigade, will be better trained due to this event.



Sgt. Evagbai Evborokhai from Company A, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment of Task Force Conqueror checks his azimuth while preparing to sketch local terrain during EIB pre-testing at Camp Buehring, Kuwait.

No Room for the Weak...

Story by Spc. Michael R. Noggle



Spc. Dylan H. Lugibihl of Company B, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment of Task Force Conqueror, throws a dummy grenade into a bunker during the hand grenade course at the Expert Infantryman Badge qualification lane at Camp Buehring, Kuwait. Photo by Pfc. Evan Richardson

Three days, 40 events, zero mistakes. That's what it takes to be among the elite infantry Soldiers in the United States Army.

Soldiers from the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, strived for that achievement by putting their skills to the test for the Expert Infantryman Badge here Thursday through Saturday. "These are all individual skills that the infantryman has to conduct in day-to-day conditions," said Command Sergeant Major Michael Eyer, Task Force Regulars Command Sergeant Major. "It is very important for each Soldier to conduct every skill to standard."

Before testing for the EIB, Soldiers in the infantry branch must complete a 12-mile road march in three hours, score 70

points in each event on their physical fitness test, qualify as an expert marksman on their personal weapon, and pass a day and night land navigation course.

From a deployed environment, the Brigade challenged its Soldiers to enter the EIB and be among the elite. Each participant had to complete 40 infantry common task tests, such as throwing a grenade, weapon handling, first aid, and call-for-fire from artillery, among others. "It's a lot more mental toughness than physical," said Spc. Trevor Young, Company B, 2nd Bn., 6th Inf. Regt. of TF Conqueror. "There are no shortcuts in these events; everything must be

done in a sequence," he said.

After the first day, 38 participants were eliminated, the majority of them failing on the hand grenade task. "Grenades have become one of the harder tasks because it is physically demanding and a skill that can be lost if you don't do it frequently," CSM Eyer said.

"Everything must be done in sequence and that's what [sets] them apart from the others," said Sgt. 1st Class Jon Otero, lane supervisor. "We have to be strict during the test-



Pfc. Jacob Paxson of Company B, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment of Task Force Conqueror, dons his Nuclear, Biological and Chemical mask during the NBC portion of the EIB test. Soldiers were required to don their mask then simulate injecting atropine into their leg. Photo by Spc. Michael Noggle

...EIB tests Soldiers Perseverance



Spc. Andrew Erhart of Company B, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment of Task Force Conqueror, positions a Claymore landmine during the Expert Infantryman Badge test at Camp Buehring, Kuwait. Photo by Spc. Michael Noggle

someone is there to watch over them,” CSM Eyer said. “Soldiers are very young nowadays and they tend to think they know everything. Then they get up on the test line and freeze.” At the end of the three-day test period, those

ing. If you were on the streets of Fallujah or Ramadi, you wouldn’t want to make any mistakes,” CSM Eyer said. “So it is important that a Soldier knows his task before going into battle.”

Spc. David Kearney, Co. A, 2nd Bn., 6th Inf. Regt. of TF Conqueror, said he agrees that this event allowed him to hone those skills. “You weren’t familiar with this stuff three weeks prior to the training leading to the event,” he said. “Now you’re proficient and confident on the basic skills.” To make things easier, squads of Soldiers would quiz one another before entering the testing zone. Once they entered the test, there was no turning back. “It’s not a competition, it’s about helping each other out and for everyone to succeed,” Kearney said.

“It’s very important that

who met the challenges were awarded the EIB. Perhaps more importantly, they were given an opportunity to become proficient in important Infantry skills. “It’s a mark of perfection,” CSM Eyer said. “At the end of testing, you have a well-rounded Soldier who has been through a lot of physical and mental stress in to get there.”

“This will definitely help you out when you go into combat,” Spc. Kearney said. “You shouldn’t have to second-guess yourself on whether it’s the right way to do something, you should already know it.”



Top: Spc. Justin Bartsch of Company B, 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment puts an M9 Pistol back together at the M9 Pistol lane during EIB testing. Photo by Pfc. Evan Richardson

Bottom: Sgt. Charles Ulatoski of Company A, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment looks out from behind a sandbag berm for hostile forces while moving through the Direct Fire Lane of the EIB course. Photo by Pfc. Evan Richardson

New Opportunities in Kuwait

Story by 1st Lt. Dustin Gray

Since the beginning of the Global War on Terrorism, the pace of the Army's operations has kept Soldiers and Army units extremely busy, leaving little time for opportunities such as a chance to earn the Expert Infantryman Badge (EIB). Given this great opportunity, Soldiers of Task Force Conqueror have been training for the past month in preparation for EIB qualifications. Soldiers have attended ranges, land navigation courses, and hands-on equipment training to best prepare themselves for their chance at the EIB. According to Sgt. Brian Ward of Company A, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment of Task Force Conqueror, "Because of the war, this is my first chance to earn the EIB in my four years in the Army."

Earning the EIB requires dedication and determination from



Sgt. Lonnie Short of Company A, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment of Task Force Conqueror performs a functions check on his M16 rifle during testing for the Expert Infantryman Badge at Camp Buehring, Kuwait.
Photo by Staff Sgt. David Mardon

the Soldiers. The qualification consists of 40 events including six prerequisites such as a twelve mile foot march in three hours, a day and night land navigation course, weapons qualification, and a physical fitness test. When asked how the Soldiers prepared for the EIB qualification, Sgt. Lonnie Short Co. A, 2nd Bn., 6th Inf. Regt. of TF Conqueror stated, "For the past month we have conducted company level training focusing on many of the common infantry tasks." The Soldiers have also had the opportunity to train on the actual EIB site with the same evaluators who will administer the qualification. Pfc. Rodney Gatton of the TF Conqueror mortar platoon summarized, "Classroom training doesn't really help prepare you... it's all about the hands-on training here."

Some of the qualification tasks are common infantry tasks that all Soldiers find themselves doing frequently; however, a few of the qualification tasks require skills used infrequently. Those tasks that are performed on an irregular basis usually present the biggest hurdle for the qualification. Spc. James Lindemier, Co. B, 2nd Bn., 6th Inf. Regt. of TF Conqueror said, "The hand-grenade qualification seems to be the biggest challenge right now."



Sgt. Brian Ward of Company A, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment of Task Force Conqueror assembles and disassembles an M249 Squad Automatic Weapon during the weapons knowledge portion of the Expert Infantryman Badge qualification at Camp Buehring, Kuwait.
Photo by Staff Sgt. David Mardon

"Classroom training doesn't really help prepare you... it's all about the hands-on training"

This station presents difficulties for many Soldiers as this is their first opportunity to throw hand grenades

while wearing all of their personal protective equipment. All of the training over the past month, both off and onsite, accompa-

nied by the high success rate of the Soldiers accomplishing the prerequisite tasks, has led to high morale and great expectations. Sgt. Brian Ward stated, "I expect a higher success rate than you would normally see, I think about eighty percent of the Soldiers will earn their EIB out here." Regardless of how many pin on the coveted badge, there is little doubt these Soldiers are already experts at being infantry.

True Blue!

Story by 1st Lt. Dustin Gray



Sgt. Charles Ulatowski from Company A, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment low crawls to his next concealed position during a lane for EIB testing. Photo by Pfc. Evan Richardson

The Mortar Platoon of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 35th Armored Regiment of Task Force Conqueror, commonly referred to by their motto, “Black Sheep,” recently received an opportunity that most of the platoon’s Soldiers have waited for since joining the Army. Beginning on March 20, 2006, the Soldiers had the chance to prove themselves using their infantry skills by earning the Expert Infantryman Badge (EIB).

The “Black Sheep” began aggres-

“It makes you strive to be the best and I look forward to being able to help others earn the EIB.”

sively preparing for the EIB two weeks prior to the event. The mortar platoon sergeant, Sgt. 1st Class Michael Morton and his section sergeant Staff Sgt. Joe Sielski, broke down each task, training the Soldiers to the EIB standard. During the day the Soldiers conducted hands-on training with the

equipment and in the evenings they studied the performance measures with their roommates. The Soldiers of “Black Sheep” were well prepared for the EIB test, as Spc. Jose Briones stated, “As far as platoon morale, it was high and everyone was confident going into the event.”

The confidence paid off for the “Black Sheep.” Fifteen Soldiers from the platoon competed for the EIB. Of those fifteen, eight Soldiers earned their

EIB – a significantly higher number than lower historical averages. Going even farther, four of the eight that earned the EIB, earned the distinction of “True Blue.” The term “True Blue” is used when a Soldier earns the EIB by successfully completing all the events without making a single mistake. The following Soldiers earned the EIB with this special merit: Sgt. David Gilmer of Danville, Pennsylvania, Spc. Joseph White of Raleigh, North Carolina, Spc. Jose Briones of Los Angeles, California, and Spc. Dante Burce of San Diego, California, all of HHC, 1st Bn., 35th Armd. Regt. of TF Conqueror. When asked what earning the EIB meant to him, Sgt. David Gilmer exclaimed, “It makes you strive to be the best and I look forward to being able to help others earn the EIB.”

For most of the Soldiers it was the first chance to earn the EIB. The Soldiers of the mortar platoon were enthusiastic about this new opportunity and came together to prove themselves. As Spc. Briones said, “We helped each other, everybody gave it their best, and I haven’t seen this level of camaraderie in a while.”



Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 35th Armor Regiment’s Mortar Platoon that participated in EIB Training stand together after the EIB awards ceremony. Four of the eight were true blue Soldiers. Photo by Pfc. Evan Richardson

Upcoming MWR Events

Sunday, 09 April 2006

BAZAAR (in front of movie tent)

1600: Tug of War @ Theater Courtyard

Monday, 10 April 2006

1900: Uno Tournament @ Oasis

Tuesday, 11 April 2006

1900: Chess Tournament @ Oasis

1900: Checkers Tournament @ Oasis

Wednesday, 12 April 2006

1700: 7.5k Fun Run @ Green Beans

1900: Madden Tournament

Thursday, 13 April 2006

1900: Ping Pong Tournament @ Rec Ctr.

Friday, 14 April 2006

SPA DAY

1900: Karaoke Night @ MWR Stage

1700: Stepper Competition @ Gym

Saturday, 15 April 2006

SPA DAY

1600: Scavenger Hunt @ MWR Stage



Top Left: Company B, 47th FSB FRG gets together on Valentine's Day to make care packages for deployed Soldiers.

Top Right: Freda Bobie cuddles with her infant, Valentine Bobie, born 14 February, 2006. Her husband, Spc. Kenneth Bobie is deployed with Company B, 47th FSB.

Bottom: Pfc. Justin McClain, a Soldier from Company B, 47th FSB FRG, is the proud father of infant Josephine McClain, born on 9 March, 2006.

COMBAT EARPLUGS

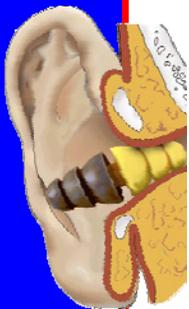
Help Keep You In The Fight

Insert **YELLOW** plugs while dismounted for "Impulse Noise" such as weapons fire



Insert **GREEN** plugs for "Steady State Noise" such as from vehicles & generators

Keep filter holes free of earwax and dirt



Protect Your Ears & Hear the Enemy!



Left: Pfc. Daniel Lockin from Company A, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment performs a functions check on his M4 as part of the steps needed to complete the M4 lane of EIB testing. Photo by Pfc. Evan Richardson
Right: Soldiers from 2nd Brigade Combat Team stand in formation at the EIB awards ceremony. 183 Soldiers out of the brigade successfully passed all required tasks to earn the Expert Infantryman’s Badge. Photo by PFC Evan Richardson

What Do *YOU* Think?

“What was the most difficult aspect of testing during the EIB?”

Questions and Photos by Pfc. Joshua Ramey



Spc. Ian Morris
Co. B, 2-6 Inf.

The pressure you put on yourself...it’s harder than anything the Army can invent.



Sgt. Christian Villanueva
Co. C, 1-6 Inf.

Watching one of your buddies not make it.



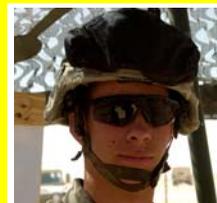
Spc. Jason Burkee
Co. A, 2-6 Inf.

Thinking through everything, and making sure not to mess up the little things.



Spc. Jeremy Sebastianelli
Co. C, 1-6 Inf.

16 hour days and remedial training classes.



Pfc. Jake Thompson
Co. B, 2-6 Inf.

Getting the first No-Go, keeping focus afterwards and not letting it get you down.

Next Week: “What do you feel you gained from the EFMB experience?”



STRIKER TORCH NEWS TEAM

2nd BCT Commander
Col. Robert E. Scurlock Jr.

2nd BCT Command Sergeant Major
Command Sgt. Maj. Jose A. Santos

2nd BCT Public Affairs Officer
Maj. Frederick K. Bower

Striker Torch Editor in Chief
Capt. Thomas A. Hasara

Striker Torch Editors
Sgt. 1st Class David R. Dockett
Sgt. 1st Class(P) Armaruel T. Peralta
Sgt. 1st Class Liviu A. Ivan

Striker Torch Design Coordinator
Spc. (P) Ben T. Siep

Striker Torch Staff Writers
Pfc. Evan Richardson
Pfc. Joshua P. Ramey
Pfc. Jeremy E. Neece



CONTACT US!

HQ, 2BCT, 1AD
ATTN: PAO

Camp Buehring
APO AE 09330

Call us @ DSN 828-2018

tom.hasara@us.army.mil
david.r.dockett@us.army.mil

This Edition can also be found online at

**We are looking for any type of submissions to include:
letters, articles, comic strips or artwork, and photographs.**

If you would like a copy of this issue please contact your Battalion UPAR

1-6 IN: Capt. Herbert Flather

2-6 IN: Capt. Gabriel Martinez

1-35 AR: 1st Lt. Dustin Gray

40th EN: 1st Lt. Patrick Turner

47th FSB: Capt. Maurice Miles

4-27 FA: Maj. Frederick Bower

The Striker Torch is an authorized publication for Department of Defense members. Contents of the Striker Torch are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. Government or the Department of the Army. The editorial content of this publication is the responsibility of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs Office.