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Warhorse Brigade comes to Iraq

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As Soldiers from the Warhorse Brigade arrive at Camp Echo, an old sign greets them.

*photo by Sgt. Rodney Foliente,
2nd BCT Public Affairs Office*

Warhorse Sends: Deployment Update



Warhorse Soldiers have arrived into Kuwait and are currently moving into Iraq.

The Warhorse Brigade has a very diverse and challenging mission in southern Iraq, and 1st Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment will operate in northern Iraq under 1st Brigade, 10th Mountain Division.

The 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment will be working for the 41st Fires Brigade in eastern Iraq, however, the Warhorse Brigade will continue to provide all support and logistics.

The Warhorse area of operation is extremely large, covering three separate provinces: Najaf, Quadisayah and Muthanna.

The Warhorse Brigade will provide overwatch with assistance by, with and through the Iraqi Security Forces as they continue to secure the Iraqi population in these provinces.

Quality of life for Warhorse Soldiers in Iraq will vary depending on their missions and locations, my goal is for all Soldiers will have access to an environmentally-controlled sleeping area, showers, water, a dining facility, internet availability and recreational facilities.

While all of the forward operating bases have the basic necessities, I am concerned that some FOBs are lacking adequate internet connectivity, phones and MWR facilities.

Quality of life for our Soldiers is extremely important, and I have tasked Commanders to make improvements daily. I will continue to provide updates on the Warhorse Brigade through our deployment.

Remember, if you did not hear it from myself or the Warhorse Rear Detachment then it is only a rumor. Please continue to visit the Warhorse vFRG website to get the latest information.

We are Warhorse!

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Death Dealers Prepare For Full Spec. Ops

Story & photos by: 1st Lt. Chris Freeborg
1-67 Public Affairs Rep.

CAMP BUEHRING, Kuwait - Before the 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, begins their movement to northern Iraq and starts its year-long deployment, the battalion's first stop in theater was Camp Buehring, Kuwait. Once they arrived, they began the process of organizing, in-processing, training and preparing to enter theater. When all was said and done, the battalion will have spent more than a month here, with time spent on invaluable training.

During the month, the Soldiers preparation for combat operations occurred through a litany of training, including everything from close-quarter marksmanship to counter-improvised explosive device training. The training staff, multi-purpose range complex resources and multiple training areas and ranges afforded units maximum opportunities to focus on training.

"If you didn't know it was training, you would think it was the real thing," said Pfc. Brandon Duenne of Forward Support Company, 1-67AR. The FSC first sergeant, Sgt. 1st Class Robert Stanley, agreed.

"I think the guys at MPRC put a lot of thought into preparing a realistic range. It was well planned out," he said.

The Kuwaiti environment offers



1-67 Soldiers execute a dry fire exercise during marksmanship training at Camp Buehring.

an unmatched realism to the training. This realism also occurs because local nationals act as Iraqi citizens who, based on their cultural similarities, can closely imitate the mannerisms and reactions of the Iraqi people. This is best illustrated in the CQM and combat logistics patrol training conducted by the battalion's FSC Soldiers.

CQM and CLP training provides Soldiers with advanced marksmanship skills and opportunities to hone maneuvering skills during logistical re-supply missions. Even though the main purpose of the FSC is not direct combat action, it is still vital that the Soldiers can defend themselves and face the enemy if they are hit as they move around the battlefield to support the battalion's needs.

The CLP range consisted of a small

simulated Iraqi town with more than 150 role-players living inside. FSC started their patrols from a designated location and passed through the town while reacting to possible enemy actions, changes in road conditions, civilian movements, and IEDs as part of a set of scenarios they could run into on any standard mission conducted in theater.

Additionally, the close proximity to theater allows for constant updates on the latest tactics, techniques, and procedures to encompass both the latest enemy and Coalition forces' actions.

"When I got deployed in 2004, they told us to 'blow on through' any IED strike. Now that the TTPs have changed it has been a little different. Practicing the new TTPs gave Soldiers an idea of what to expect up north," said Sgt. Joshua McDuffie, FSC, 1-67AR.

The battalion will also conduct additional training to include entry control point training, advanced individual marksmanship and sharp shooting, Mine-Resistant Ambush-Protected vehicle driver's training, medical skills combat trainer, route clearance and counter IED training prior to leaving. The training and preparation Soldiers are able to receive here, makes them more confident and will allow them to succeed in Iraq. 



Soldiers from Forward Support Company, 1-67 participate in combat logistics patrol training. The unit received various training to prepare them for combat scenarios in Iraq.

WARHORSE BRIGADE ARRIVES IN IRAQ



Story and photos by Sgt. Rodney Foliente
2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div. PAO

CAMPECHO, Iraq— Soldiers from 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, based out of Fort Carson, Colo., arrived to Multi-National Division – Central South and Camp Echo and assumed responsibility of Qadisiya Province.

“The Warhorse Brigade will pro-

vide overwatch with assistance by, through and with the Iraqi Security Forces, as they continue to secure the Iraqi population in this province,” said Col. Butch Kievenaar, commander, 2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div.

The Warhorse Brigade’s 1st Combined Arms Battalion, 67th Armor Bn., will be operating in northern Iraq, and the 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment, will

operate in eastern Iraq.

The battalion and squadron will each fall under different units; however the Warhorse Brigade will continue to provide all of their support and logistics.

“We’re ready to do our mission and help the Iraqi people take over and get their country back on its feet,” said Sgt. David Barnes, armorer and gunner, Headquarters

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and Headquarters Company, 2nd Combined Arms Bn., 8th Inf. Regt.

Barnes, who calls Colorado Springs, Colo., home, is on his second deployment with 2-8th Inf. Regt., and patrolled some of the areas that currently fall under the Warhorse AI in 2005-2006.

He said it's a completely different mission than the last deployment and is eager to personally see

how far security and stability have progressed. The Soldiers of 2-8th Inf. Regt. hold the main responsibility for Coalition forces' presence in this province.

"We're here to help the Iraqi people to better their local communities and country as a whole and help ensure they have a better way of life," added Spc. Josh Dalland, scout, HHC, 2-8th Inf. Regt., and a

native of Grand Island, Neb.

They have great confidence in their leadership, the Iraqi people, the ISF and collective Coalition capabilities, said Pfc. Brett Humbert, driver and gunner, Company E, 2-8th Inf. Regt.

"I'm ready. We're all ready to do our mission and get things accomplished," said Humbert, who comes from Deer Trail, Colo. 



Home away from home:

Warhorse Soldiers enjoy quality of life at Camp Echo

Story & photos by Sgt. Rodney Foliante
2nd BCT, 4th Inf. Div. PAO

CAMP ECHO, Iraq – Although most would rather be at home, Soldiers from 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, have found ways to enjoy the comforts and amenities of life at Camp Echo, their temporary home away from home.

Soldiers from 2nd Combined Arms Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, Company C of the 204th Brigade Support Battalion, and the 2BCT Special Troops Battalion are based out of the camp.

“This is going to be my new home for the deployment and it’s better here than I thought,” said Spc. Chau Nguyen, automated logistics specialist, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2BCT STB.

Having some of these comforts helps the Soldiers deal with being away from home, said Nguyen, who calls Boston home.

Although the camp offers fewer amenities and on a smaller scale than most previously deployed Soldiers experienced on their last tour, Camp Echo boasts more features than the

Warhorse Soldiers expected.

“We’ll work as hard as we can to improve the quality of life here. We’re at the initial phase right now, but there will be significant changes within the next six months or so,” said Sgt. 1st Class Erin Langes, Camp Echo mayor, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 2nd BCT.

Soldiers have access to free laundry services, a free internet cafe, a phone center, a convenience store, a coffee shop, a movie theater and a Morale, Welfare and Recreation and gym facility.

The brigade plans to expand the MWR and gym facility and add more equipment, expand the internet café, phone centers, laundry facility and add an additional convenience store with concession stands.

Soldiers live in or are moving into containerized housing units with beds, electricity and air conditioners.

Most Soldiers arrived with the expectation of living in tents for quite a while. The BCT is working on establishing wireless internet availability at the housing units.

Hungry Soldiers can fill up at the

dining facility with food available 24 hours a day.

The food is good and there is a pretty wide variety available, said Spc. Kenneth Hill, medic, brigade personal detachment team, as he played a game of billiards. Hill comes from Columbus, Ga.

“The living conditions are pretty comfortable and everybody says the quality of life will get better,” said Sgt. Leif Wood, senior radar operator, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 3rd Battalion, 16th Field Artillery Regiment, attached to 2nd Combined Arms Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment.

Sure, he’d rather be home, but he said overall, there isn’t much to complain about.

“I think the Family members back home should know that we’re doing fine and trying to have a good time,” said the Colorado Springs, Colo. resident. “They’ve got things you can do on your off time and that keeps the morale up.” 

(Left) Warhorse Soldiers and Coalition forces eat amongst each other at Camp Echo's dining facility. Soldiers have a wide variety of food available to them from the main entrée line, the grill and the salad, taco, pasta, sandwich and dessert bars. Outside of normal operating hours, the Soldiers get fewer choices, but food is available 24 hours every day.



(Above) After a long day of work, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Ian Holt, fusion officer in charge, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, hits the gym at Camp Echo Sep. 24. Holt comes from Colorado Springs, Colo. Soldiers have access to free laundry services, a free internet cafe, a phone center, a convenience store, a coffee shop, a movie theater and a Morale, Welfare and Recreation and gym facility.

(Left) A row of containerized housing await Soldiers as they move into Camp Echo. Although-most Soldiers arrived with the expectation of living in tents, they were please to see containerized housing units with beds, electricity and air conditioners. The brigade is working on establishing wireless internet availability at the housing units.

Story Ideas?

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2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division Soldiers Sgt. Leif Wood (left), senior radar operator, and Spc. Thomas Anderson, radar operator, both from Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 3rd Battalion, 16th Field Artillery Regiment, attached to 2nd Combined Arms Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, find a way to play football in the desert heat by playing the video game at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation facility at Camp Echo Sep. 24. Wood comes from Roanoke, Va., and Anderson calls Colorado Springs, Colo., home.

Chaplain's Corner: Here I am; send me!

By Chaplain (Major) John Kallerson,
2BCT Chaplain

So here we are, Warhorse; in a foreign land with conditions very different from our homes and what we are normally use to, wondering about our daily routine and the dangers we will face.

Whether this may be your first deployment or not, it is a new experience every time we deploy and it is natural to seek to understand our mission and what is expected of us as soldiers and members of a team. We are not the first to answer the call to serve others. We are not the first to ask what God wants of us in our lives—our personal mission if you would.

“Here I am; send me!” (Isaiah 6:8) These famous words were spoken by the Prophet Isaiah when he answered the call to serve God. It is never easy to go and put yourself out to care about other people much less go to a foreign land and find yourself in harm’s way but that is what prophets of old were called to do.

Prophets in Israel did not have an easy life. Actually, prophets could count on having it rough in every facet of their daily life but they kept on serving God and others. Isaiah was a prophet during two major wars and when he received a vision of God, he heard a voice say, “Whom shall I send,



and who will go for us?” He knew that he would have a rough time while serving God and others and that is exactly what he received. But nothing, not even wars, would deter him from completing his mission.

Well, you may not have received a vision, you may not have heard a voice, but you have answered a very important call to serve. I wish you to know how important your service is.

Only a small part of our nation serves in the military and of that, only a part of the military has served in a combat zone. It will be hard to face a year’s separation from loved ones, family, friends, and all that you like back home but I believe it is worth it. I wish to encourage you because you have answered a very important call

of service and in doing so, I pray you know the strength and perseverance that the prophets of old had to carry on daily with your duties. The prophets served with the help and assistance of God and God’s people.

May we all seek to help one another to make this a good year and find personal growth for ourselves while also serving the needs of our nation.

I pray that you will use this time as an opportunity to examine your relationship with God and ask those tough questions that are lingering on your mind. So, go ahead and ask. Maybe the answer will surprise you. After all, you have put yourself out to serve others and I pray that you may also be served this year. God be with you all. 



Safety Tip of the Month: Electrical Safety

By Ed Keeser, 2BCT Safety Officer

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) estimates approximately 400 people are killed and thousands injured each year to electrical accidents.

Electrocution is the third leading cause of work related deaths among, younger Soldiers after motor vehicles.

Don’t forget electrical hazards in the home. Respect electricity and make it work for you.

1) Ensure that areas are inspected on regular basis.

2) Inspect power strips to ensure that they are not overloaded and are UL or CE certified.

3) Ensure appliances are plugged directly into the wall receptacle.

4) Inspect appliance plugs and ensure grounding terminal is not removed.

5) Clothing, sheets, dust and other combustible materials must be clear of

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204th BSB creatively sets up shops in Kalsu, Camp Echo

Story and Photos by Staff Sgt. Miguel Rivas, 204th BSB

FOB Kalsu, Iraq — As Soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 204th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, set up shop in Forward Operating Base Kalsu and Camp Echo, they have lived by the old Army moniker: adapt and overcome.

Some of the Soldiers have switched from doing regular jobs to help build things around the battalion area.

“It is more of a challenge for him (but) he is going to do a good job,” said Capt. Adhana McCarthy, speaking of one of her Soldiers, Spc. Allen Toliver.

Toliver is one of several Soldiers that include S-1, the Convoy Security Detachment and most of Charlie Company that are helping with the building process.

McCarthy’s crew is in charge of making sure the

unit has workable phones and Internet connections.

Scrambling to keep the senior leadership happy is a driving force that is matched by her desire to get things up and running.

Most tasks are accomplished by relying on training conducted during Gauntlets I & II and in the Mojave Desert in California, but other tasks are completed regardless of previous experience.

“We go around and look at what has already been built,” said Sgt. Brandon T. Krzyaniak, who serves primarily as the battalion commander’s driver when he is not swinging a hammer or eyeballing furniture designs.

Krzyaniak, along with Spc. Christopher Jordan, battalion repair and utility specialist, ‘beg and borrow’ building materials to make desks, shelves and cabinets.

Local contractors also do the same, but the Soldiers’ response time is more in



Spc. Christopher Jordan and Sgt. Brandon T. Krzyaniak, 204th Brigade Support Battalion switched from doing their regular jobs to build things around the battalion area.

keeping with Roughrider demands.

“We all come up with good ideas collectively,” said Krzyaniak. “It all comes down to trial and error. We use lots of wood.”

Key leaders in every section are challenged to mix lessons learned from field problems and draw upon the experience of other units, much like a chef instinctively tackles a new recipe.

Despite individual inno-

vation or initiative, no one doubts the whole operation is performed under the supervision of 204th BSB command sergeant major, Command Sgt. Maj. Kenneth J. Barteau, and the battalion commander, Lt. Col. Fredrick J. Hannah.

“Of course, we have to clear it all through (command sergeant major),” Krzyaniak said of his constructive efforts. “And he is very picky.”

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electrical devices.

6) Inspect electrical switches and receptacles to ensure that they are serviceable.

7) Examine light fixtures for signs of excessive heat.

8) Ensure proper operation of smoke detectors and fire extinguishers.

9) Ensure an evacuation plan is current.

10) Ensure emergency exits are not blocked or locked.

11) Ensure emergency contact numbers are posted in living quarters, common areas, and work sites.

October MWR events for Camp Echo

October 2 at 4 p.m.

Hammer Throw contest

October 26

Volleyball Tournament

October 4 starting a 7 p.m.

Halo 3 Tournament

Come sing and dance at the theater!

October 9 at 5 p.m.

Arm Wrestling Contest

Every Friday @ 8 p.m.

Karaoke

October 13 at 8 p.m.

Ping Pong

Every Saturday @ 8 p.m.

Disco/Hip-Hop Night

October 15

Pool Tournament

Every Sunday @ 8 p.m.

Salsa Night

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