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Highlander 6 Sends

Good work, Muldoons! You made it through AT, but this wasn't just AT and Fort McCoy won't be either — we're preparing for war!

Keep your heads in the game, Muldoons. Take full advantage of the time we have before activation, but be smart . . . That means don't be stupid!

We've made the final cuts . . . THIS is the team and it needs to stay that way.

I know you know this, but we've had some lapses in discipline recently. No more! Be sure you have your heads straight before and during this break.

Do all the 'fun' stuff before the 18th, Muldoons, and come back ready to move out. We're not going to Disneyland . . .

We're going to war!

Chaplain's Notes:

CH (CPT) Hammiel

"The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him."

- G.K. Chesterton

Deploying to a combat environment, or anywhere that keeps us separated from those we love, is a trial of the greatest kind!

But while we are deployed, and hopefully, even before we go, we discover what really matters in our lives—our faith, our family and our friends. It's true that being a part of

Highlander 8: On the Way

Final greetings from the dust of Yakistan.

As AT draws to a close, all of us look forward to seeing our families for the brief break we have between AT and deployment. There are a myriad of last minute details that will need to be worked out such as bills, repairs and such. Just remember to not get bogged down in the details and make the effort to spend special times with your families. Take plenty of pictures and make this break an especially happy time, one both you and your loved ones will cherish.

The tasks that we'll face over the next year may seem huge and the time that we'll be away may seem very long right now. The easiest way to deal with

the "hugeness" is to break it down into smaller bites. Deal with the 50 meter target and worry about the three hundred meter target later. Reassure your family and help them set small goals, ones that are more easily marked off the calendar.

The 18th of August is right around the corner. Though I'm not looking forward to deploying, I can't imagine a finer unit to deploy with. The 161 has been my family for the past decade. In fact, many of you are closer than family. I'm proud of you, the unit, and the families that support us.

Highlander 8, out.

"The True Soldier"

Operation Iraqi Freedom, we are part of something much bigger than ourselves and helping to secure the sustained freedom of the Iraqi people is a very noble cause. Having an impact on the global war on terrorism is also extremely important (none of us wants a repeat of 9-11!).

As we face the day-to-day monotony (sometimes punctuated by moments of terror), most of us will not be thinking of these noble and important causes. We'll be thinking about the ones we love and long to be with again.

And we'll be thinking about who God is and what happens after we die. And we'll be thinking about home.

As we get ready to face adversity, fear and hardship of deployment, let's not forget what we're REALLY fighting for.

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NEED TO KNOW

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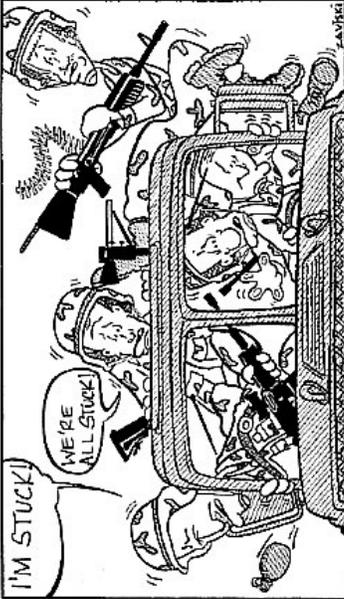
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WEATHER FORECAST / LIGHT

From WeatherChannel.com & US Naval Observatory

DATE	High	Low	BMNT	SR	MR	SS	EENT	MS	%Illum
6 AUG:	95	62	0515	0550	1208	2025	2100	2224	30
7 AUG:	96	62	0517	0551	1317	2024	2058	2246	40
8 AUG:	90	56	0518	0552	You probably won't be here . . .				
9 AUG:	doesn't matter . . . YOU WON'T BE HERE!								

PHRASES OF THE DAY

You wanna eat, you gotta speak:

6 AUG: "Ogaf!"

— Stop!

7 AUG: "Inta shayel slah wiyak"

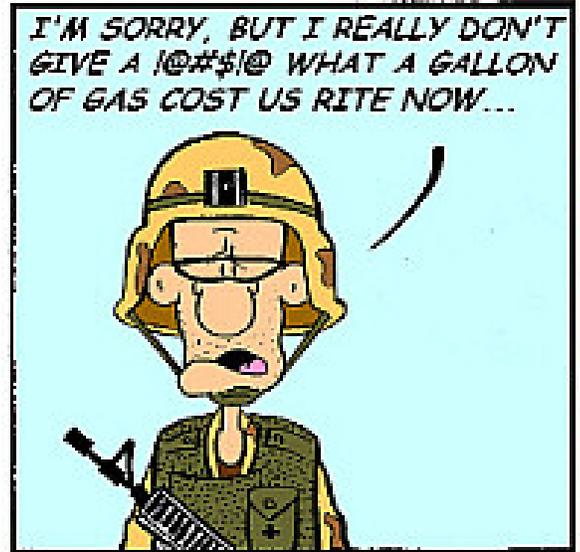
— Are you in possession of any weapons?

8 AUG: "Erfa-u aidkum!"

— Hands up!

9 AUG: (dust trails)

— Outta here!



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Highlanders in Action

Soldiers from C Co practice reflex fire team drills at Range 11. *SGT David Isaac*



D Co soldiers execute convoy live fire on Range 4.

Russ Carnack - The Tacoma News-Tribune



PFC Vincent Reil, left, and SSG Matthew Staybrook duck the blades of Medevac helicopter

Rajah Bose - The Spokesman-Review



Helraisers get pointers at zero range.

Kris Holland - The Yakima Herald-Republic