



# A Mile Wide and an Inch Deep



*The Powder River, Sheridan County, Wyo., July 1950*



## Govs visit 2-300

*Wyoming's governor among major dignitaries in tour of the Mideast.*

CAMP VIRGINIA, Kuwait - With little rest from a cross-Atlantic flight, governors Dave Freudenthal of Wyoming, Haley Barbour of Mississippi, Ted Kulongoski of Oregon and Sonny Perdue of Georgia stepped into Kuwait, Nov. 10, to gain a first-hand knowledge of what their federally activated National Guardsmen were dealing with overseas.

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**2nd Lt. Christian Venhuizen/2-300th Field Artillery**

**DISTINGUISHED VISITOR -- Gov. Dave Freudenthal, right, walks with 2-300th battalion commander Lt Col. Brian Nesvik.**

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## Soldiers prepare to trade machine guns for hunting rifles



**GOOD READ —** Spc. Mark Reilly, of Lovell, Wyo., with C Battery, 2-300th Field Artillery, takes a look at some of the study materials for the Wyoming Game and Fish hunter safety class, offered in Kuwait.

**2nd Lt. Christian Venhuizen/2-300th Field Artillery**

CAMP VIRGINIA, Kuwait -- The fact that the nearest huntable elk was 7,000 miles away only fueled the desire of Soldiers from Wyoming's 2nd Battalion, 300th Field Artillery, to sit through four three-hour-long hunter safety classes with their battalion commander.

As a game warden for the state of Wyoming, Lt. Col. Brian Nesvik became the first Wyoming Game and Fish official to teach the course in a combat zone.

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*"The Powder River, a mile wide and an inch deep, too thick to drink and too thin to plough."*

*- An old timer from Cowboys' past*

# Soldier in the Field:

What are you looking forward to in the next six months



**Sgt. Duc Bui,**  
Headquarters: I'm looking forward to my next leave. I might be going to Vietnam.



**Sgt. 1st Class Dustin Ruppert,**  
Headquarters : I'm looking forward to spending time with my family.



**Staff Sgt. Matthew McDonald,**  
C Battery:  
Renewing my wedding vows.



**Pfc. Jack Louiselle,**  
C Battery:  
Getting home.



**Spc. Kyle Catanzarite,**  
C Battery:  
Going home on leave.

## Notes from Powder River 6



**Lt. Col. Brian Nesvik**  
"Powder River 6"

Mid-November finds the Powder River Cowboys and Cowgirls continuing to do good work and meet, or exceed all expectations in the accomplishment of their assigned missions.

Our Soldiers feel good about being on the back side of the hill in our journey to complete our assignment and rejoin our families, communities and jobs in mid-April.

We've already started planning and coordination with our replacement unit to ensure that the transition is executed to the Powder River standard.

Our replacements recently completed a month-long train-up in preparation for their pre-deployment training. For us, it's a good feeling to do our own preparing — to transition out instead of in.

I know that many of you have seen and heard talk in the news about the responsible drawdown in Iraq. I am asked frequently about how this national-level policy will affect our unit and our missions. The short answer is that we are not able to thoroughly predict the drawdown's impacts.

Our challenge is to ensure that we are doing everything possible to maintain our ability to respond to change. This includes projecting what resources we may need and methods to change how we operate, if necessary.

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## Chaplain's Corner

Well, we've made it half-way through the deployment! There seems to be a sense of greater anticipation in the air as the soldiers here are counting down the days until they will be reunited with families and loved ones. They are doing a great job, and I know they will finish strong.

Veterans Day is fast approaching, and as I was thinking about the high caliber of men and women I am serving with. I came across a story, written some time ago, by an Army chaplain in Iraq. This story is so indicative of the men and women who are here now, serving their country and protecting our freedoms.

Read now the words of Chaplain Jim Higgins, and on this Veterans Day, remember to thank a veteran for the sacrifices they made to keep our country strong and proud!

*I recently attended a showing of Superman 3, here at LSA Anaconda. We have a large auditorium we use for movies, as well as memorial services and other large gatherings. As is the custom back in the States, we stood and snapped to attention when the National Anthem began before the main feature\*.*

*All was going as planned until about three-quarters of the way through the National Anthem the music stopped.*

*Now, what would happen if this occurred with 1,000 18 to 22-year-olds back in the States? I imagine there would be boos, catcalls, laughter, a few rude comments; and everyone would sit down and call for a movie.*

\*At a military theater, the National Anthem is played before a showing.

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**2-300th FA Chaplain  
(Capt.) Randy Sawyer**

## Alpha Battery



2nd Lt. Christian Venhuizen/2-300th Field Artillery

**CAMP VIRGINIA, Kuwait — A Battery Soldiers form up in front of a few of their vehicles for a battery group photo at Camp Virginia, Kuwait, in October.**

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I can assure you that there have been no hints, or discussion about any kind of an extension of our deployment. While the possibility of an extension exists, I predict the chances of that happening are very, very low.

As the command sergeant major, battery commanders, senior staff and I look at the bigger challenges for our Soldiers at this point in the deployment, complacency recurs as a common theme. Our Soldiers are at the point where the newness of our missions and daily activities has worn off. They are extremely proficient at doing their jobs. They often execute monotonous assignments that are similar day-to-day. In an effort mitigate some of the complacency in the battalion, the command sergeant major and I have initiated the "Commander's Cup". This program provides competitive events, ranging from flag football to poker tournaments, for our Soldiers to participate in as a team. The Commander's Cup began in early November and will continue until March, culminating with the winning unit being awarded commander's coins. Some of the other events include a humvee push, tug of war, cribbage tournaments, softball, badmitten, basketball and eight-ball tournaments. This should be a good event for our Soldiers to break up the monotony and spend time competing with their fellow Soldiers.

I will sign off by wishing you all a happy Thanksgiving. I realize that big holidays are sometimes difficult if you have one, or more family members deployed, but I wish you all the best and hope that you can find a way to celebrate the blessings we all enjoy living in the greatest country in the world.

POWDER RIVER, LET R BUCK!

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*Of course, that is, if they had stood for the National Anthem in the first place. Here, the 1,000 Soldiers continued to stand at attention, eyes fixed forward.*

*The music started again. The Soldiers continued to quietly stand at attention. And again, at the same point, the music stopped. What would you expect to happen?*

*Even here I would imagine laughter, as everyone finally sat down and expected the movie to start. But here, you could have heard a pin drop.*

*Every Soldier continued to stand at attention. Suddenly there was a lone voice, then a dozen, and quickly the room was filled with the voices of a thousand soldiers, finishing where the recording left off: "And the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air, gave proof through the night that our flag was still there. Oh, say does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave, o'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave."*

*It was the most inspiring moment I have had here, in Iraq. I wanted you to know what kind of Soldiers are serving you here. Remember them as they fight for you! Pass this along as a reminder to others to be ever in prayer for all our soldiers serving us here, at home and abroad. For many have already paid the ultimate price.*

*-- Chaplain Jim Higgins, Iraq*

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“It was the Soldiers of the unit that actually approached me and said ‘Hey, we know what you do on the civilian side, we don’t have hunter safety, is there a chance you can teach a course over here so that we can get certified while we are over here and deployed?’” Nesvik said.

Passing a hunter safety course is a requirement to hunt in Wyoming and many other states, he said. That includes the free hunting opportunities deployed Wyoming Soldiers have if they go home during the hunting seasons.

“It makes me homesick every week, but I look forward coming to it though,” said 2nd Lt. Tony Gerrell, with A Battery, 2-300th Field Artillery.

“They look forward to it every week, just because it gets them out of the normal mode of military mode and back into stuff they were doing back at home: messing around in the woods and in the mountains and stuff like that,” Gerrell said of his Soldiers taking the class.

There are nearly 30 students in the class, which was offered twice a week, beginning in October. Students range from veteran hunters, to aspiring sportsmen with little hunting experience.

Nesvik said the most enjoyable part of the experience has been, “just being able to interact with Soldiers on different subjects other than military subjects.”

“I know the Game and Fish is extremely supportive of me doing this,” Nesvik said, noting the agency mailed all of the supporting materials to conduct the class and have been extremely supportive of the Guard. “They are a role model employer and have been through my entire career with the department which spans now about 14 years.” This is Nesvik’s second deployment.



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**THE TEACHER AND THE STUDENTS** — Lt. Col. Brian Nesvik, top, commander of the 2nd Battalion, 300th Field Artillery, took on his duties as a Wyoming Game and Fish game warden and donned the department’s signature red shirt and badge for the final hunter safety class taught in Kuwait. From right, Spc. Matthew McKee, Capt. Ben Joesphson, Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth Plum, 1st Sgt. Michael Warner and two other Soldiers participate in the first Wyoming hunter safety course to be taught in a combat zone.





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**HUNTER SAFETY** — Lt. Col. Brian Nesvik, top left, sports a Wyoming Game and Fish top with the Army Combat Uniform while teaching a hunter safety class in Kuwait. 1st Sgt. Michael Warner, top right, and 2nd Lt. Lara Taylor, below, review materials before class begins. Capt. Kevin Messamer, left, teaches portions of the hunter safety course as he works towards being certified to teach the full curriculum.



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"This is a key part of the mission here. It's essential for the functioning of the war effort and it makes you proud," Freudenthal said of Wyoming's 2nd Battalion, 300th Field Artillery and the 960th Brigade Support Battalion. Both units are a part of Wyoming's 115th Fires Brigade and both operate from Camp Virginia.

The 2-300th, or the Powder River Cowboys, provide security for bases and personnel in Kuwait and security for supplies moving from Kuwait into Southern Iraq. The 960th BSB is the unit in charge of running Camp Virginia, a hot bed for units moving out of Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan.

The tour by the four governors began with a briefing back on U.S. soil by the Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, Nov. 9.

"Particularly I was impressed that the Secretary of Defense commented on how important the Guard is to the overall effort and was pleased to see that manifest itself in the Soldiers from Wyoming," Freudenthal said.

This was the Wyoming governor's second trip to Kuwait, the first in January 2006. "It's clear that things have stabilized a great deal and the amount of pressure and fatigue that the Soldiers are feeling is less and also the exposure is less," he said. "It's still a very dangerous place, I don't want to make light of that, but it's certainly better than what it was."

Better, not just in fighting the insurgency, but in the tools provided to Soldiers in the fight. "I'm also impressed with the amount of armor and stuff that has been placed on the equipment since I was here" Freudenthal said. "It is very different than it was a few years ago when I visited, but it is also important to remember it is still a dangerous place, it's just not as dangerous as it was a couple of years ago."

The state of the economy was among the topics on the minds of some of the Soldiers the governors spoke with. Despite the negative turn in the state's economic fortunes, Freudenthal said he will still push the state legislature to support programs helping military families.

"I encourage our legislature to continue to fund those things that we fund to support the dependents of the military that are deployed as well as the scholarship programs and the other assistance that we provide," he said.

Soldiers were all smiles when greeted by the governors. Freudenthal said it may have less to do with who he is, than where he's from. "The one thing I've heard pretty consistently since I've been here is that any news from home is always welcome." That includes news heard first hand from the state's top elected official.

"It's good to see that everyone is in pretty good humor and understanding that it's kind of the midway point of the deployment, but we hope that things will go well through the remainder of it. And we encourage people at home to keep communicating with the Soldiers," Freudenthal said.



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**COMMANDER IN CHIEF -- C Battery, 2-300th Soldiers, Sgt. William Burbridge, center, and Pvt. Austin Brookwell, right, shake the hand of Wyoming Gov. Dave Freudenthal, (top). Freudenthal climbs into a mine resistant, ambush protected vehicle operated by the 2-300th, and designed to provide better protection against improvised explosive devices (below). Freudenthal, seated center, Lt. Col. Brian Nesvik, 2-300th commander, standing, and other senior Soldiers from the 2-300th and 960th BSB attend a briefing at the 2-300th's conference room at Camp Virginia (bottom).**



# Working with Kuwaiti Soldiers



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**FAMILIARIZATION** — (Top) Sgt. Douglas Miyasato, left, instructs members of the Kuwaiti National Guard Soldiers about equipment U.S. Soldier maintain and operate. (Right) Staff Sgt. Shawn Kuykendall, gives a quick lesson on maintaining the humvee engines.

Care packages, letters, and cards can be mailed directly to your Powder River Cowboys. Send it to:

*Name of Soldier*

*Battery (either HHB, A, B, C, Btry. or A Co.) 2-300th FA*

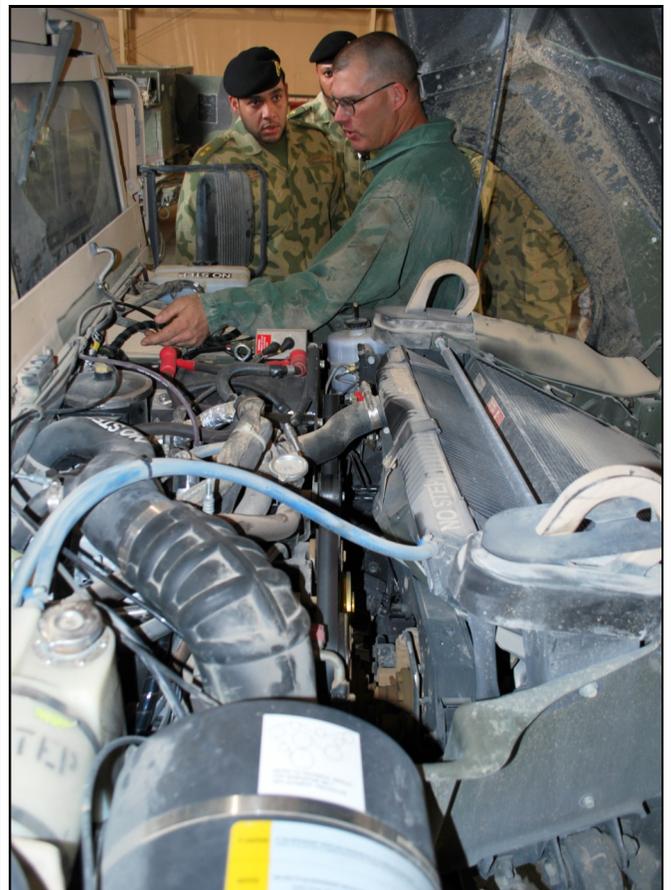
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If you want to send it to a specific battery, mail it to the same address, but address it to the first sergeant.

CAMP VIRGINIA, Kuwait — The Soldiers of the maintenance section for Headquarters and Headquarters Battery were the first of the 2nd Battalion, 300th Field Artillery tasked with sharing their knowledge and experience with Soldiers from their host nation, in mid-October

“(The U.S. Army) over the years gains experience in how to maintain their equipment... My Soldiers start to exchange ideas as to how the U.S. Army does their maintenance procedures,” said Col. Hashem Al-Rafee, commander of the Kuwait National Guard’s combat services support company. “We need (the U.S. Army) to know us as a partner, to know them by face, to know them to exchange experiences.”

While it was intended to give the fulltime security forces of the Kuwaiti National Guard more than a few helpful hints about maintaining and operating humvees, the course also provided a chance for the U.S. forces to demonstrate professionalism and diplomacy.





## A Battery

### BOHICA (Because of Honor I Choose Alpha)

From Capt. Kevin Messamer, commander, A Battery,



Photo Courtesy A Battery

**MUSTACHE** — Pvt. Albert Duran models the mustache he produced after only one month. A Battery Soldiers participated in a contest to see who could grow the facial hair within regulation.



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**COMMAND MEETING** — A Battery commander Capt. Kevin Messamer, right, speaks with his executive officer 1st Lt. Grant Michael.

Cooler weather, RAIN, and mustaches were the highlights of October for Alpha Battery.

Two more groups of soldiers were able to return home to visit loved ones and enjoy home.

We also held the first annual *A Battery 'Stache Off* competition. This was a grueling month long event that tested the will power of even the strongest of heart while growing a mustache. There were many times that we were tempted to just give up and shave it, but many of us stayed the course and the results might be made public later depending on the amount of legal blackmail we are authorized.

I can assure you that most soldiers will not come home with a mustache as they were disappointed by the lack of follicle assistance they received. The day of decision was difficult for the judges to determine who had the weakest, the strongest, and the cheesiest mustache of the deployment, but Private Albert Duran was the victor in a hard fought battle thanks to his eight hairs that decided to play!

The Soldiers of Alpha battery are conducting missions at a furious pace and continue to do an outstanding job. When not on mission, they are engaged with barbecues, organized sporting events, Texas Hold-Em poker tournaments, weight lifting, and various other activities here on Camp Virginia.

We have also been making a few trips to several of the swimming pools around the area, which are a nice break to the heat. Things are starting to cool down however, as the average morning will find several soldiers wearing long sleeves or even a light jacket.

We appreciate all the support we have been receiving from our loved ones and communities all over the U.S. Some organizations that I would like to publicly acknowledge their support:

Sugarland Ridge- Sheridan, Wyo; Past Shooters Club- Lander, Wyo.; Blue Star Mothers of America- Mannford, Okla.; Troop Support- Powell, Wyo.; Trinity Lutheran Church- Sheridan, Wyo.

There is no way for me to mention all the individuals and community entities that have written, sent packages, or cards to help brighten all soldiers day. I would like to publicly thank all of you and please know you are in our thoughts and prayers daily.



## Rule Number 32: Enjoy the little things

Sgt. Jeffrey Milton, operations noncommissioned officer, B Battery



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**OUTSTANDING TROOPS** — 1st Lt. Brian Ouimet, hands out a commander's coin to Spc. Matthew Graham and Pvt. Alexander Lavine.

bors were rewarded with a few small slivers of green poking their way out of the sandy soil. Success at last! As time went on, the grass continued to grow and you would find the Soldier cutting his grass with a pair of scissors. Measuring each blade to make sure they were all the same height.

After awhile some boxes arrived for the Soldier from his aunt in Wisconsin. They were heavy, a little wet and had a strange swampy smell emanated from them. I wondered to myself, what in the world could it be. Soil, rich, dark top soil and seed! In his continued efforts to enjoy the little things this Soldier now had the means to start a garden, and start one he did. Thanks to his family and his efforts, several of us can enjoy the little things everyday. Funny how a blade of grass, a budding flower or the first sprig of a pumpkin plant can excite you. Not to mention the newest tenant, a small lizard, who already knew how to enjoy the little things.

Rule Number 32: Enjoy the little things. Thanks Sgt. Brown for reminding us.

So, 100-plus days have come and gone. As another passes it brings us one day closer to home, our families, friends and lives. Time becomes something you fill with missions, standing duty, or simply the day-to-day routine of the reality we have come to know. Little things that you took for granted have now become more important. You realize it's the little things that matter. Even in this place you can find the little things.

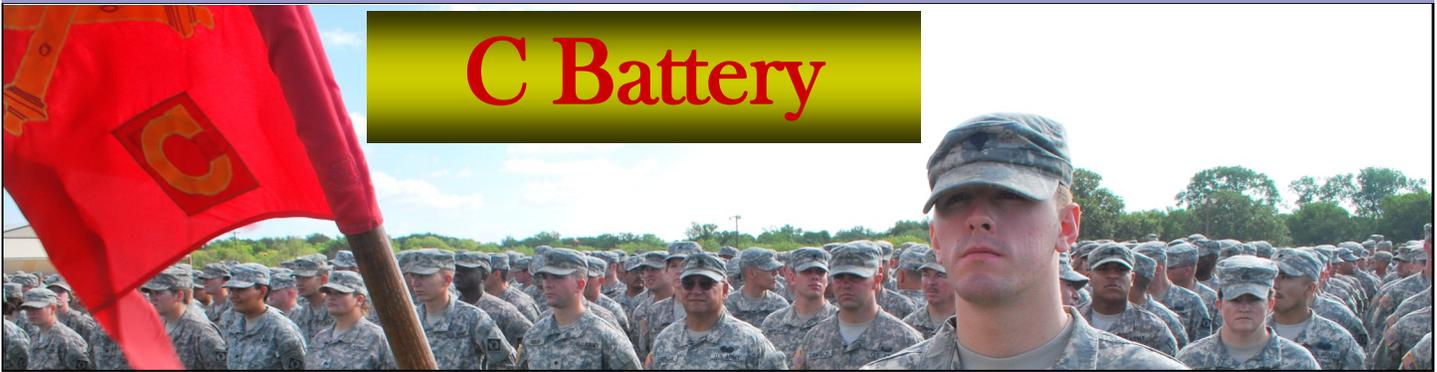
For one Soldier it was taking a small box, filling it with sand, and then planting some grass seeds he had received from his family. Every day when the Soldier was on post, he would carefully cultivate, and water his grass seeds. I enjoyed watching him as he inspected the box daily, looking for signs of growth, that one blade that would eventually finds its way to the surface for its first peek at the Kuwaiti sun. Interestingly enough, I found myself, along with other Soldiers, checking the box too, looking for signs of life.

Not the heat of the Kuwaiti sun, neither the dryness of the climate, nor the invasion of large desert ants could deter him from his quest to enjoy the little things. Eventually the fruits of his la-



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**TOP SOLDIERS** — 1st Sgt. Robert Butz, left, gives advice to Spc. Gregory Calzada, awarded top B Battery Soldier for the first half of the deployment, center, and Sgt. Frank Foster, top NCO of the half.



## Wardog Bite

Staff Sgt. Arica Stevermer, C Battery



Photo Courtesy of C Battery

**SUN IN HAND** — Spc. Marshall Ninehouser takes the opportunity to grab a little early morning sunshine during a mission with C Battery.



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**GROUND GUIDE** — Sgt. Jeremy Zaffarano, with C Battery, guides a humvee through a parking area to finish preparations for an upcoming convoy escort mission from Kuwait to Iraq.

Hello family and friends from the lovely country of Kuwait. While many of you have been experiencing early season snow, we have finally seen the precipitation, a first since our arrival.

Daytime temperatures are very comfortable in the high 80's to low 90's. Some Soldiers have had to break out jackets due to the cool nighttime air.

As we transition to November, many Soldiers are involved in some type of physical fitness regime. Some may need to increase the intensity of their workouts based on the latest round of physical fitness tests. Several personnel are involved in the myriad of Moral Welfare and Recreation events: bingo, Friday night poker, country dancing, and bimonthly 5k fun runs.

In the last month we have seen a slight change in our mission which has resulted in some additional down time for Soldiers.

Never the less Charlie Battery has executed 224 missions, logging more than 75,000 miles while escorting 15,800 civilian trucks.

October 15<sup>th</sup> marked a major milestone as the deployment is halfway complete. We celebrated the day with a briefing from the battalion commander and sergeant major, followed by a BBQ – a welcomed change from chow hall food, and a game of touch football.

November marks the beginning of the Commander's Cup competition which is a conglomeration of events from volleyball to steer roping. The first event of the competition is flag football. Charlie Battery will be well represented. The stakes are high. The winner of the Commander's Cup, which will be awarded in March, will receive a coin, T-shirt and a trophy for their armory.

Congratulations goes to Spc. Thomas Wilkinson and his girlfriend who welcomed a baby girl into the world, in early October.

To all the veterans who read this letter we honor and respect your service and sacrifice. Charlie Battery sends warm wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving we know you will be thinking of us as we will be thinking of you.



## Notes from Alpha Company, 960th Brigade Support Battalion

Capt. James Ezell, commander, A Co.

Hello all, everything thing is going just fine on this side of the world. Were all disappointed that we missed the big snow storm that just hit Wyoming. On a good note, the weather here is improving with temperatures below the 90 degree mark! One more month down and one more month closer to April!

Missions are running smooth as we face new challenges every day. We've reached the 400,000 mile mark for miles driven and have completed over 5,000 missions in Kuwait.

Our security escort missions provide us with a rare opportunity for a unit to see and visit with Soldiers from all over Kuwait, Iraq, and Afghanistan. We also have Soldiers that continue to support the sustainment runs with the 2-300th batteries and they are doing a great job.

The unit recently completed some fun and challenging drivers training where soldiers got a chance to test their skills and increase their



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**AUTOMATIC AND DEADLY -- Soldiers with A Company, 960th Brigade Support Battalion, prepare to fire their M249 Squad Automatic Weapons during a qualification range in Kuwait., Nov. 4**



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**TOWNHALL CHAT -- 2nd Lt. Matthew Bullington, with A Company, 960th Brigade Support Battalion, attached to the 2nd Battalion, 300th Field Artillery, talks to his family in Torrington, Wyo., via a webcam set up as part of a townhall meeting, run by the Wyoming National Guard, Nov. 6.**

knowledge behind the wheel. We went through courses that trained us on skid control, braking and recovery, serpentine, parking and reverse driving techniques, we all had a blast!

I would like to recognize the following Solders and congratulate them on their promotions: Spc. Russell Brubaker, Spc. Caleb Kelly, Spc. Chad Scott, Spc. Cory Lengkeek, Pfc. Karl Ayres, Spc. Christopher Bybee, Spc. Benjamin Todd, Spc. Joseph Ojeda and Spc. Natasha Nevel.

We all appreciate all the continued good words and care packages from our families and friends from the great State of Wyoming. We would also like to thank those that have supported Alpha 960th from Colorado, Florida, Alabama, California, and Arkansas. We miss you all and hope that everyone has a HAPPY THANKGIVING!

— Capt. Ezell



## Let'r Buck!

**2nd Lt. Christian Venhuizen, executive officer, Headquarters Battery**

Resiliency is an attribute that's unfortunate to have to use, but fortunate to have. To say the least, the Soldiers of Headquarters are resilient, even down right pliable with their ability to adjust to changing conditions and mission requirements.

Our maintenance and communication sections are always dealing with the latest curve balls that can be thrown. Besides diagnosing and fixing the daily grind, they are charged with the implementing the steady stream of technological upgrades to our vehicles.

Since those two sections of the battery serve the entire battalion, it makes what they do even more awe inspiring. Both sections are headed up by field artillery lieutenants, who have taken their leadership training as officers in a combat arms unit and applied it to help guide their support sections. In maintenance, you have 2nd Lt. Cody Dupler, from Oklahoma, and in communications is 1st Lt. Sean Storrud, of Laramie, Wyo.

Of course, the pair wouldn't be where they are at if not for a strong supporting cast of NCOs and enlisted Soldiers from a host of batteries (maintenance in particular combined all of the



**Photo by 2nd Lt. Christian Venhuizen**

**AMMO POINT — Headquarters Battery supply sergeant Sgt. Brent Peterman hands out magazines full of ammunition to Soldiers qualifying with their M4 and M16 rifles on Nov. 5.**

(maintenance from all of the batteries). In Dupler's case, Chief Warrant Officer Jon Essley has also been a great influence, bringing decades of experience and mechanical knowledge. In the past month, these two sections are finding their mid-deployment strides as the temperature cools and more can be accomplished during daylight hours.

Both sections have also gotten to a point where they've begun cleaning house. The two, along with the Headquarters' supply staff have turned in hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of equipment no longer needed here, but maybe of use to our fellow Soldiers elsewhere.

Knowing that not only are we being responsible taxpayers and stewards of tax-dollar purchased equipment, but we may be affecting the fight by providing needed equipment to other units, is a plus for all of us.

*Have a happy Thanksgiving — From the Soldiers of HHB*



**CONGRATS — James Keller, left, is congratulated by Sgt. 1st Class Joshua Phillips just after Keller was promoted to sergeant first class, on Nov. 1.**