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WHITE CURRAHEE

3 MILES UP



3 MILES DOWN



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The Command Desk

Greetings and Happy Holidays from East Paktika, Afghanistan. The month of November was a busy one for the White Currahees. The Battalion maintained its aggressiveness and continues to do great things for the people of the United States and Afghanistan.

With winter on the horizon, every Company in the Battalion is postured better than any unit before in our area of operations for the cold weather ahead. New uniforms and additional cold weather gear are arriving every day. So far, the temperatures have remained relatively moderate ranging from the low 60's during the day to the high 20's at night, with plenty of sunshine to go around.

Easy Company, when they are not liberating enemy donkeys, continues to conduct operations that were previously thought to be unfeasible. Dog Company has done tremendous things building up their sector for the betterment of years to come. Fox Company recently received national attention for their actions at Margah. Whiskey Company, having the largest area of operations, continues to seem to do it all – air assaulting one day and running a vehicle patrol the next. India and Sierra continue to perform their missions to very high standards despite the tough terrain. The White Currahee Team is doing great and you should be very proud.

The White Currahees enjoyed an incredible Thanksgiving meal. Every outpost received at least one special visitor to help the leadership serve chow and by all accounts the meal was a rousing success. Our cooks are some of the Army's best, and we have started a friendly competition to see which outpost has the best chow. Everyone can't wait to see what they'll dream up for Christmas dinner.

We are also very proud of our families back home. Especially during the holidays, it is nice to know that everything is taken care of and we can continue to focus on our mission at hand. We recognize that our spouses and loved ones have a tough job keeping things going back there and appreciate all the efforts, as well as, the care packages.

CURRAHEE & HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



American Flag – Turkey Day Style @ COP Curry



Fox Soldiers at FOB Boris getting Thanksgiving chow

Dog Company



DOG Company and ANSF partners set up tents to help make time at the BCP livable through winter.



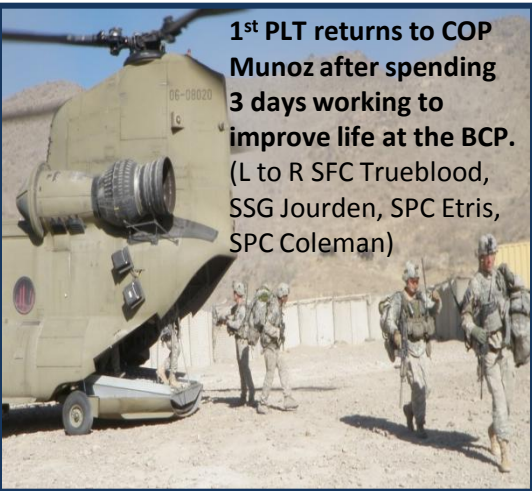
DOG Soldiers take out the Trash.

From the Commander:

The month of November kept DOG Company Soldiers very busy. Dog Company continues to conduct operations out of a newly built Border Check Point (BCP). This has allowed the Company to interact with Afghans who previously have had little exposure to Coalition and Afghan National Forces. One of the most compelling aspects of this new site are the DOG Company Medic's ability to provide preliminary care for injured civilians, often children injured in normal accidents.

Improvements continue at COP Munoz as winter draws near and ice is seen in and around the COP in the early morning. Additions include a new dining facility tent dubbed the "Olive Garden" where DOG Company enjoyed a helicopter delivered Thanksgiving Day Feast. The time tested favorites were all part of the meal from Egg Nog to pumpkin pie, as well as, the traditional Thanksgiving Day dinner (& leftovers). DOG Company's newest additions are a 4 Donkey team to carry supplies on longer missions. A bit skittish at first, the donkeys have responded well to the TLC they have received from DOG Soldiers. The Company developed a planned rotation to allow company personnel to move to FOB Tillman for a month long period and enjoy some of the finer trappings. The larger FOB has numerous hot showers, plenty of laundry facilities and AFN for the college and NFL football fans.

1st PLT returns to COP Munoz after spending 3 days working to improve life at the BCP.
(L to R SFC Trueblood, SSG Jourden, SPC Etris, SPC Coleman)



Although DOG Company Soldiers agreed it was a tasty meal most also agreed that the level of service left something to be desired. (L to R 1LT Lee, 1LT Sivanich, CPT Churchill, 1LT Pearsall)



Sun begins to set on another day at COP Munoz

Easy Company



NEW SOLDIERS



PV2 Delbert Detray
PV2 Christopher Hudson
PV2 Raphael Nieves
PFC Jarel Jones
SPC John Ray



CURRAHEE KIDS

Carlie Lucille Neely
7lbs, 4 oz. Baby girl

From the Commander:

November was a long, hard month of patrolling for Easy Company. As the weather gets colder, the Soldiers have to adapt, which means carrying even more gear than normal. Motivation is high, however, and the Soldiers are ready to get after it. Their hard efforts have made Zerok and the surrounding area much safer - going places and accomplishing things deemed impossible by prior units. Several Soldiers have earned promotions this month, including Jeffrey Ware to Sergeant, Scott Hofmann to Corporal, Christopher Gross to Specialist, Kory Russo and Hector Corona to Private First Class, and Matthew Nunes and Aaron Taylor to First Lieutenant. Easy Company's Soldiers had a well-deserved day off for Thanksgiving, and

everyone enjoyed the extra sleep, as well as the feast provided by the Company cooks. As we approach the holiday season, our Soldiers will cherish all the love and support provided by their families at home. Thanks for all you do!

Left: Easy Co medics provide aid to locals



3rd PLT Soldier with local kids



2nd PLT Easy Co promotes 4 Soldiers

GENERAL PETRAEUS
(ISAF COMMANDER)

PRESENTED
THE FOLLOWING
VALOR AWARDS
TO THE MEN OF
FOX COMPANY:

SILVER STAR: SGT STARKS

BRONZE STAR MEDAL
FOR VALOR:
SGT REED
SPC KEATING
PFC JAMES

ARMY COMMENDATION
MEDAL FOR VALOR:
SSG WHARTON
SGT JONES
SPC MARIONEUX
PFC MOREHOUSE
PFC PLATT

Fox Company



From the Commander:

November was a busy month for the Soldiers of FOX Company - patrolling the rigorous mountains of Afghanistan and partnering with our Afghan National Army counterparts. The hard work and training that our Fox Company White Currahees did at Fort Campbell is paying off day after day during our combat operations.

The BN deemed November as the "month of Margah" as we reinforce and build the small combat outpost to better our living conditions and security. We've been filling sand bags, building our fighting positions, and assisting the Engineers in the COP Margah Make-over!

You should continue to be proud of Fox Company as we continue to work hard in one of the Battalion's largest area of operations. On the 25th of November, we took a rare break to enjoy Thanksgiving Dinner with our Army family. Infantrymen worked through the night of the 24th, along with our cooks, to ensure we'd feast on a delicious meal. Due to the outstanding actions and the disciplined work of Fox Company soldiers, we have plenty to be thankful for this holiday season.



General Petraeus and the valor awardees at COP Margah

NEW SOLDIERS



SPC BLAKE
PFC ALTHAMER

CURRAHEE KIDS



SSG & MRS BRUBAKER
WELCOME A HEALTHY BABY
GIRL

SSG & MRS SWAIM WELCOME
A HEALTHY BABY BOY

**Thanks-
giving
Dinner at
FOB
Boris**



NEW SOLDIERS



The Following Whiskey Soldiers Recently Joined Us In Combat:

- SFC Creech
- SSG Roush
- SGT Ellerbee
- SGT Rose
- SGT Love
- SGT Delgado
- SPC Sparks
- SPC Hill
- SPC Hayford
- SPC Rodriguez



CPT Hess, SFC Creech and SFC Dekaye help a CH47 lower additional supplies.



SPC Wing overwatches a road while on security.



Above: SSG Hunter stands guard over a mountain pass in East Afghanistan.

Left: 1LT Lewis attempts to tickle a camel. The camel did not laugh.

Right: SPC "Doc" Lincoln and PV2 Hendrix take a quick break during a patrol.



Whiskey Company



From the Commander:

Another exceptional month for the Soldiers and Officers of Whiskey Company. Although we mourn the loss of our friend SPC Thomas "Vultron" Moffitt, we move forward and remain focused on the difficult tasks that lay ahead. The men of Whiskey Company have shattered the stereotype of the "Weapons Company," by proving themselves masters in air assault, vehicular, and long range dismounted operations. The men continue to impress me with their determination and willingness to perform the impossible. 1SG Chaney and I could not be more proud. When not on mission the men seem to be filling their time with plenty of extracurricular activities. The Company HQ frequently engages each other in NERF wars which, more often than not, lead to intense sessions of hand to hand combat. I think RISK has emerged as the dominant game of choice in the Company, with 1LT Beach proving over and over again that he is the worst player of all time. The men at OE ABP recently acquired all new internet equipment which will allow them to contact family and loved ones a lot more often. More importantly, the new internet equipment has dramatically increased the amount of *Dexter* that 2nd Platoon is able to watch on a daily basis. The Company also took a day to celebrate Thanksgiving. Although this isn't the ideal place to spend a

Turkey Day, the men were well fed and had the opportunity to visit with other members of the Company. It was a nice break. Other than that, we continue to wage this fight with honor and courage. Thank you all for your prayers and I look forward to another month with your Soldiers. Currahee!

India Company



Re-Enlistments



- SPC ANTHONY ALVAREZ
- SPC ANDREW GILBERT
- SPC PHIMMACHACK
- SPC KEVIN NOLAN
- SSG SETH VANCE
- SSG SEAN WARD

Promotions



- PFC Ellison
- PV2 Musselman
- PV2 Althamer

New India Soldiers



- CPT Carr
- SGT McFall
- SPC Rogers and wife Kathryn with their 4 children
- PV2 Musselman and wife Kaleigh
- PV2 Althamer
- PFC Boccassinni
- PFC Wheeland and wife Stephanie

India KIDS



- Congrats SGT Kinn to your firstborn: Tristan
- SSG Summers is excited about his daughter Rachel Helen
- 2 for 1! Layla and Kaiden Blake
- SPC Adams, proud father of Kingston Adams

India, or HHC, has stayed busy as fall starts to cool things off in Eastern Paktika. The various sections are supporting the Battalion fight across the battlefield. The Battalion's ability to maintain Communications and Supply across a mountainous and widespread area speak for the professionalism and competency of our Soldiers. The medics continue to treat Soldiers and save lives on a daily basis. Thanks for the flu shots! Scouts continue to prove their resiliency with dismounted, mounted and Air Assault operations. Our Operations and Intelligence Sections continue to assess and develop new plans for a successful deployment. India Company and all the White Currahees are truly making a difference and gaining attention for our high standards of excellence. We are proud to announce that SGT Reed from the Mortar Platoon earned a Bronze Star with "V" Device for his heroic actions at Margah COP.

SFC Cook, You look like you need another Cup O' Joe!

We are all grateful for the sacrifices and hardships courageously endured by our Families while you continue to support us. While some of us are happy to have had the opportunity to visit our families for R&R, the rest of us can't wait. We miss you all!



The Company Headquarters element is staying active with hardly any time to catch a break at FOB Curry. We've maintained a high operations tempo and are developing excellent relationships with both our Afghan Military and Police counterparts, while simultaneously gaining more trust from the local population. We have been able to actively participate in Battalion sized operations, resulting in mission success throughout the area.

All across East Paktika, the Company enjoyed excellent meals for Thanksgiving, and had an opportunity to relax, with the Battalion Command Group flying to each location to spend time with the Soldiers.

White Currahee TOC Soldiers... the taking of this picture was the first sunlight they have seen in 4 months!



Sierra Company



CPL Webb gives a few last minute instructions for dinner

NEW SOLDIERS



PV2 Christopher Wilson
PFC Catlin McBee
PFC Victor Sandoval-Flores
CPL Michael Adams

CURRAHEE KIDS



Above:
Trinity Luke

Right:
Gracie
Marquez



Right: SPC Kowalskie, PFC Feeney, and SPC Park enjoy Thanksgiving Dinner at COP Curry

From the Commander:

Its been a busy few months for Sierra Company here in East Paktika, Afghanistan. We have conducted Combat Logistics Patrols (CLPs) to almost every FOB or COP in the Battalion area of operations. We've also done numerous missions around Orgun-E working together with Whiskey Company and the BN Scouts. It would be impossible to count how many vehicles and weapons the Maintenance Platoon has fixed since we arrived in theater. The amount of work they take on is mind-boggling (not to mention the crews that recover all the vehicles that breakdown on missions).

This Thanksgiving, I was able to spend a couple days with the Soldiers at COP Curry. CPL Webb and SPC Park (with a lot of help from Team Curry) turned the chow hall into a Thanksgiving Extravaganza, covering every inch of the walls with decorations. The team at Curry even put together a massive American flag made from Coke and Pepsi cans to add a little patriotism to the celebration.

Not to be outdone, SGT Hunnicut and his crew at COP Munoz made such a good impression on the Command Team that SGT Hunnicut was awarded a BN coin for his Thanksgiving meal. Overall, Sierra cooks served Thanksgiving dinner at eight locations to every Company in the battalion. Lucky for us its great practice because Christmas dinner is only a few short weeks away!



Above: PFC Hawthorne checks out the decorations at the Orgun-E DFAC



A Challenge for Us!!!

Do you remember the '4 C's of a successful deployment?' They are communication (keeping in touch with your spouse), covenant (keeping that marriage bond solid), community (having positive people to talk with), and the Creator (relying on God for strength). How are these going? What area do you need to work on?

Helpful Deployment

Verses:

Psalm 23

Isaiah 40:28-31

Romans 8:28-39

Revelation 21:1-5

Chaplain Update

I am reminded that often times adversity breeds excellence and am reminded of the example from nature, that stress and pressure on rocks over time can eventually produce diamonds. At times, this past month has been very tough, but our Soldiers are doing great things out here and really making a name for themselves. God has also been at work and we have seen His hand time and time again. We have been able to baptize 12 Soldiers and 1 civilian contractor in the past two months. As Thanksgiving has just come and gone, I am also reminded that despite the tough times, we have so much to be thankful for. Please continue to pray for us as we continue to pray for you all in the rear! Thank you for what you do!

Chaplain's Corner



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Family Readiness



Keeping In Touch

Staying in touch with a White Currahee Soldier at times can prove to be difficult. Length of missions, location of your Soldier, and availability of phones and/or computers can sometimes determine the frequency in which your Soldier can call home, log onto a computer or receive mail. However, this should never deter us in supporting our White Currahees. Here are some quick tips to staying in touch when your Soldier is deployed:

When sending letters or packages check out these websites for guidelines and possible restrictions on package content: hqdainet.army.mil/mpsa/mid.htm and www.usps.com. Additionally, consider numbering letters that you send and receive so it's easier to keep them in order. If you use email or the internet remember that it is instant and you can't take it back once you've hit the "send" button. If writing an e-mail makes you feel better then take the time to write it; just wait before you send it. Do you have children at home? Why not make a "flat daddy" or "flat mommy?" As you travel and attend events take "flat daddy" or "flat mommy" with you. And finally, during those times when communication is limited take the time to keep a daily journal. This will help your Soldier stay up-to-date on what is going on with your Family.

For more great information on staying in touch when deployed check out militaryonesource.com.

Moving or Going Our of Town?

Please be sure to let us know if you are moving, changing phone numbers, or emails so we will have your current contact information.

If you are traveling out of town, please send Monica your travel dates and the address where you will be located, just in case of an emergency.



White Currahee volunteers attend a "Thanks 4 Giving" event hosted by Karin Jenkins



Halloween themed care packages that were sent to our White Currahee Soldiers