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This special issue is dedicated to the
Soldiers and Family members of
Spartan Brigade



COVER

As all things come to and end, much like the Spartan Brigade's deployment, the original YANK Magazine closed thier doors' in Dec. 28th, 1945.



COMMANDER



To all our Spartan Soldiers,

We have reached the end of our deployment and we have accomplished what we have set out to

do. We have built security in our part of Iraq where previously none existed. It has not been without a great cost to our Brigade Family. We have lost friends which can never be replaced. Our brothers, Capt. Cassidy, Lt. Collins, Staff Sgt. Gonzales, Pfc. Blount have given their last full measure of human devotion for our Nation and for us here,

in this far off corner of the world. They did without reservation and without concern for themselves. We must all vow to never forget them and never forget their sacrifice and the sacrifice of their Families. We will forever mourn their passing, but let us also make sacrifice mean something. They have left a void in our hearts which we must fill with goodness to be worthy of the great cost. Let us all vow to live our lives in a better way and to not take the gifts they have given through the supreme sacrifice. Let us all promise each other to be better people and to value our lives and the lives of those around as much as we humanly can. We must remember not to destroy ourselves with dangerous behaviors and not to hurt those in our Families that love us so

dearly. Only by being better people can we truly begin to honor the sacrifice of our brothers that left our ranks.

I am incredibly proud of what you have all done and of the efforts you have put forward as Soldiers for our Nation. You have made you unit and you Nation proud of you through your actions. May God Bless you and your Families as we all return to our home. Your actions have become my pride. Thank you for your service to our great United States and to the cause of freedom and humanity. I am forever in your debt.

Spartan 6

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR

Spartans,

Once again, I would like to commend you for another superior performance during the transfer of authority of Ninewa Province to 4-1 Cavalry. The professionalism that was displayed during the entire relief in place process led to a smooth transition and the continuity of efforts within Ninewa. As you embark on your journey back to Ft. Stewart, Georgia, I would like you to reflect on the monumental achievements we've accomplished together as a Brigade Combat Team in Iraq. Through hard work, perseverance, and

partnership with the Iraqi Security Forces, we significantly improved the security conditions in Ninewa and brought economic stability to a war torn province in Iraq.

Now, it is time to rejoin our Families and friends at home station, unwind from a long and challenging deployment, and enjoy a well deserved time off during the deployment block leave period. I challenge each of you to maintain high standards of discipline and professionalism upon redeployment to Ft. Stewart, Georgia. We have earned a reputation as true professionals in Iraq, and I expect us to maintain our proud reputation at home station. Continue to

take care of each other as we've done over the past year in Iraq.

I am extremely proud of your performance during Operation Iraqi Freedom 09-10 and Operation New Dawn, and proud to serve as your Brigade Command Sergeant Major.



Spartan 7

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THE MISSION BEGINS

After months of preparation, state-side, Spartan Soldiers arrive in Kuwait to finish last minute training before making the final leg of the trip to Mosul, Iraq.



FINAL PREPARATION

Upon arriving to Kuwait, Spartan Soldiers complete a series of tasks, including zeroing weapons, IED awareness training, and vehicle roll-over drills, before leaving for Mosul, Iraq; what at the time was considered the last Al-Qaeda stronghold in Iraq.

Photo by Spc. Gregory Gieske





TRADITION

After arriving to Mosul, Iraq, the Spartans' battalions completed Transfer of Authority ceremonies, representing their control over the Northern Iraq battle space.

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DESERT ROGUES



Why We Serve!

We stand here today on the edge of freedom watching the Iraqi citizens move towards their future. Their path

will be one that they choose and their efforts have been enabled by the actions of our servicemen and women. While no Soldier desires to be away from their Family, this deployment has been an incredible experience. Command Sergeant Major Frankie Thumhart and myself are honored to stand side by side with each member of the Marne, Spartan, and Rogue Team.

Our Soldiers are the standard to which all other armies are measured against. Our Soldiers have maintained the standard as the best in the world during this deployment. They have provided opportunity to the people of Iraq like never before. We have been successful in our mission and Iraq is better because of our Soldiers' efforts.

Freedom is wonderful, but it is not

the greatest of things. Dedicating oneself to service in support of freedom is the greatest and most honorable action of any Soldier. Each of our patriots has chosen this life. They have dedicated themselves to the service of our nation. The freedom they have given the Iraqi people will inspire comparable service here for the next sixty years. Our Soldiers have made a difference, they have served honorably, and they have upheld the proud reputation of the Marne Division. There is nothing more honorable than serving freedom. That is our profession, and we should be proud of our service.

There is one ribbon that we all wear that should make each of us beam with pride. The Army Service ribbon is often overlooked because we all share that honor. That ribbon represents dedication, honor, and commitment to our nation. It represents that we serve the United States of America. We are patriots and veterans. When the call was made for service we answered that call with action. The Army Service Ribbon is symbolic of our commitment to our collective freedom and our constitution. Soldiers should be proud of

themselves, and of their service.

The Iraqis have more opportunity now because of our actions. Our Service has been incredible and our accomplishments

in Iraq have provided hope and freedom to this nation. We have been successful, and each of us should be proud of our service and accomplishments.

To the Desert Rogues, CSM Thumhart and myself are elated to be in your ranks. We are humbled by your accomplishments, and would proudly stand next to you in combat anywhere and anytime. The Battalion is the best with which we have ever served, and the greatest emotion we share is pride from what you have done. You are the Desert Rogues, and clearly are professional standard bearers.

Mission First, Men Always!

Lt. Col. Ross Coffman

Command Sgt. Maj. Frankie Thumhart



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ON THE JOB

Once arriving to their Northern Iraq battle space, the Spartans quickly took on their role protecting the people of Iraq, as well as the added task of providing security for the U.S. State Department's Provincial Reconstruction Team.



Photo by Spc. Gregory Gieske



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AMONG THE PEOPLE

Along with providing security for the PRT, Spartans conducted numerous humanitarian missions for the citizens of Iraq, from passing out soccer balls to giving backpacks filled with school supplies. The Spartans strived to help the people of Iraq.





COMBINED OPERATIONS

Shortly after arriving to Iraq and taking up combat operations, the Spartan Brigade was tasked with the massive mission of training not only U.S. Soldiers, but the Iraqi Police, Iraqi Army, and the Regional Guard Brigade, to operate as one unit as the development of Combined Check Points would become the Brigade's greatest tasking during their deployment.



Photo by Spc. Gregory Gieske

BROTHERS IN ARMS

During the week-long training for each group of Soldiers that would man the Combined Check Points, they trained together and learned to overcome communication barriers before assuming their roles throughout Northern Iraq.





FIRE in the SKY

1-9 FIELD ARTILLERY

ALL WILL SEE THE LIGHT



1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery, 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team,
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Operation Site Marez, 2010.

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BATTLEKINGS



The time has come to close out the BattleKing's fourth deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and now Operation New Dawn. I would like to use this opportunity to highlight some of the BattleKing Battalion's exceptional achievements during this rotation and thank those who made our most recent "Year in Iraq" memorable.

BattleKing Soldiers successfully executed over 1100 missions throughout the Spartan area of responsibility. These missions included a highly diverse set of tasks that were performed to the highest of Spartan standards. The battalion provided support to the Ninewa Provincial Reconstruction Team and their high profile Department of State colleagues, safely moving them to every meeting and Key Leader Engagement (KLE) they conducted within the city of Mosul and throughout Ninewa Province. The Soldiers conducting these high profile missions received nothing but the highest praise and accolades from senior leaders across Iraq as well as in Washington DC.

The battalion was also responsible for providing security for the United States Division-North Reconstruction Cell. These Army Corps of Engineers civilians were responsible for the oversight and consultation of over 60 infrastructure projects in and around the city of Mosul. All of these military movement missions were completed without a single casualty to the personnel BattleKing Soldiers protected. The battalion was also tasked with one of the more dangerous missions in the Spartan Brigade--escorting the 38th Explosive Ordnance Detachment to various locations in and around Mosul to neutralize improvised explosive devices and unexploded ordnance threats; a fantastic job well executed by the Soldiers of the battalion. The BattleKings also maintained a Joint Security Station (JSS) near the city of Badoush to the northwest of Mosul. The Soldiers living out at the JSS executed missions over a large area conducting KLEs with Iraqi Security Force Leaders, gathering intelligence, and improving the livelihood the Iraqi citizens in an important area of northern Iraq. After four months of remote operations, we turned the JSS over to the ISF in control of the area.

The battalion is currently operating and expanding the Contingency Operating Site (COS) near the city of Irbil. The battalion also organized and provided security for convoys during the buildup of the combined checkpoints manned by our maneuver brothers in arms across the Spartan area of responsibility. We

executed nearly 40 of these missions, many lasting throughout the night, as the Spartans set the conditions for supporting the Iraqi National Elections last March as well as this current period of transition for the Iraqi government.

In addition to these various tasks and missions, BattleKing Soldiers manned entry control points to COS Marez / Diamondback, ensured commercial vehicles entering the installation were screened for dangerous items and contraband, and operated sophisticated imagery systems used to gather intelligence and protect COS Marez / Diamondback. The BattleKings demonstrated our flexibility over the past year by conducting these types of missions that are not routinely associated with an artillery battalion. Never forget, however, that we are Field Artillerymen who performed with distinction while executing our traditional "Redleg" mission. We fired nearly 700 artillery rounds and operated the counter-fire radar systems supporting the Spartan Brigade efforts to eradicate the enemy's ability to fire rockets and mortars at our installation. Each mission was performed to the BattleKing standard and we delivered accurate steel on target or lit up the sky wherever and whenever necessary.

I cannot say how proud I am of all of the men and women of the BattleKing family serving over here in Iraq. I want to make special mention of the Lieutenants and Non-Commissioned Officers who planned, prepared, and executed each and every mission we conducted off the installation in the lethal city of Mosul and across northern Iraq. The efforts of these phenomenal leaders ensured we accomplished all of our missions while ensuring the safety and welfare of our Soldiers throughout this successful combat deployment. I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of each and every Soldier in the battalion for performing above and beyond your call of duty. Each of you raised your right hand as a volunteer and many of you are completing your fourth, third, or second deployment in support of our Nation's efforts in Iraq. Your blood, sweat, and tears will never go unnoticed and your performance over the past year is inspiring. To all of the BattleKings and Spartans, it has been an honor to deploy to combat with you and I thank you for your service to our Nation, the Marne Division, the Spartan Brigade, and the great BattleKing Battalion.



Rock of the Marne, Send Me, Keep the Fire, BattleKings!!



KEEPING IRAQ SECURE

Once completing the week-long training for Combined Check Points, Soldiers from both U.S. and Iraq, moved to various strategic locations throughout the Spartan's AO, living and working together as a single unit. The CCP's allowed rapid response to remote areas in Northern Iraq, which led to a significant reduction of violence in what previously was Iraq's most dangerous area.





ADVISE AND ASSIST

Assuming their role as one of the first Advise and Assist Brigades in Iraq, the Spartans worked tirelessly to pass on knowledge to their Iraqi counterparts, from the Soldiers on the ground to the officers with the newly operational Combined Coordination Center.







FROM COMBAT TO MAINTENANCE

Spartan Soldiers passed on their knowledge to Iraqi Soldiers on all aspects of their specialties, from combat Soldiers to maintenance mechanics, all Spartans played their part in building a better Iraq.

SEVENTH FIRST



GARRY OWEN



As we look back over the past eleven months in Northern Iraq, one cannot help but have a sense of pride with what our Squadron has accom-

plished as part of the Spartan Team. In the same critical role that Garry Owen Troopers played in 2003 when OIF began, this past year you have served as the “eyes and ears” for the Commander across the entirety of Ninewa Province. From a mission change with 48 hours notice to assume the Eastern half of Mosul,

to “out of sector” missions in Salah Din province; From reconnaissance of check-points near the Syrian border, to the security of a Combined Check Point in Zumar; At every turn, you have answered the call. With every operation, you have delivered results, always maintaining your flexibility and your willingness to move to “the sound of the guns.”

To get to where you are now took considerable effort and determination, often operating well beyond the thresholds of doctrine and training. You operated as part of a team, not only within the Squadron, but across the Brigade, always focused on the common goal of mission accomplishment. And accomplish you did, through your leadership and professionalism and a

healthy dose of patience; you were able to complete tasks which few would have thought possible years ago.

Before our departure from Fort Stewart, our Commanding General tasked us all with being “the closers,” the players brought into the game to seal the victory. As the final chapter in OIF is penned, there can be no doubt that you fulfilled that duty to the highest order throughout the past year. So as we celebrate the 144th anniversary of the 7th Regiment, know that you have well stood up to the legacy of your predecessors and the Legend of Garry Owen. **Seventh First!**

Saber 6
Lt. Col.

To my Garry Owen Soldiers,

First let me start by saying how proud I am to have this Squadron as a part of the Spartan Brigade. This fine Brigade has set a high standard for others to follow, and I know this will be a difficult feat for them all.

Now to my fine Garry Owen Soldiers, you have accomplished so much during this deployment. From day one when the Troops moved out to JSS IMN, JSS India, Al Kisik, Maqloub Retrans Mountain, you set the standard for others to follow. Then there was the DIBS Training Site on COS Marez, where Crazy Troop made the training happen, and they did this in three different languages. Crazy Troop was recognized by the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, General Odierno and many others. This training site was a model that the rest of our units utilized throughout Iraq for all the CCPs.

Then our mission changed and we moved out and started conducting Observation Posts on MSR Tampa. Bone and Crazy Troop proved a valuable asset to the Spartan Brigade and the Marne Division. Without their expertise as Scouts, convoys and civilian traffic would not be safe.

While Apache Troop was out at Al Kisik, they trained the 3rd Iraqi Army, Commandos and Reconnaissance Company, and performed observation posts along ASR Santa Fe. The Troop conducted numerous combined missions with the Commando Company which proved successful in the capturing of HVIs. This prevented JRTN from being successful during the election process and stopped them from their daily activities from targeting US Soldiers, Iraqi Soldiers, and civilians.

To my Desperado Troop, each and every Soldier played a big part in this Squadron’s success. You completed over 80,000 accident free miles delivering Class I through Class IX, to all the Troops out in sector.

The Maintenance Platoon had a 99% OR rating which kept Squadron’s fleet ready at all times. Now that we are very close to going home and this is my last note to each



of you expressing my thanks for all the hard work and for taking care of each other. Continue to set the standard, show 1-9 CAV what right looks like and how they can be successful during their deployment. To the Spartan Brigade thanks for all your support during this deployment, there is not a doubt in my mind that the Spartan Brigade is the best in the Division.

“Lead From The Front And Take Charge”

Saber 7
Command Sgt. Maj Michael J. Mingle

GARRY OWEN

3rd INFANTRY DIVISION

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LARGE SCALE OPERATIONS

Amongst the Spartan's various missions and training events during their deployment, Spartans still showcased thier ability to conduct large scale operations and training, using assets of ground troops, air, and artillery.



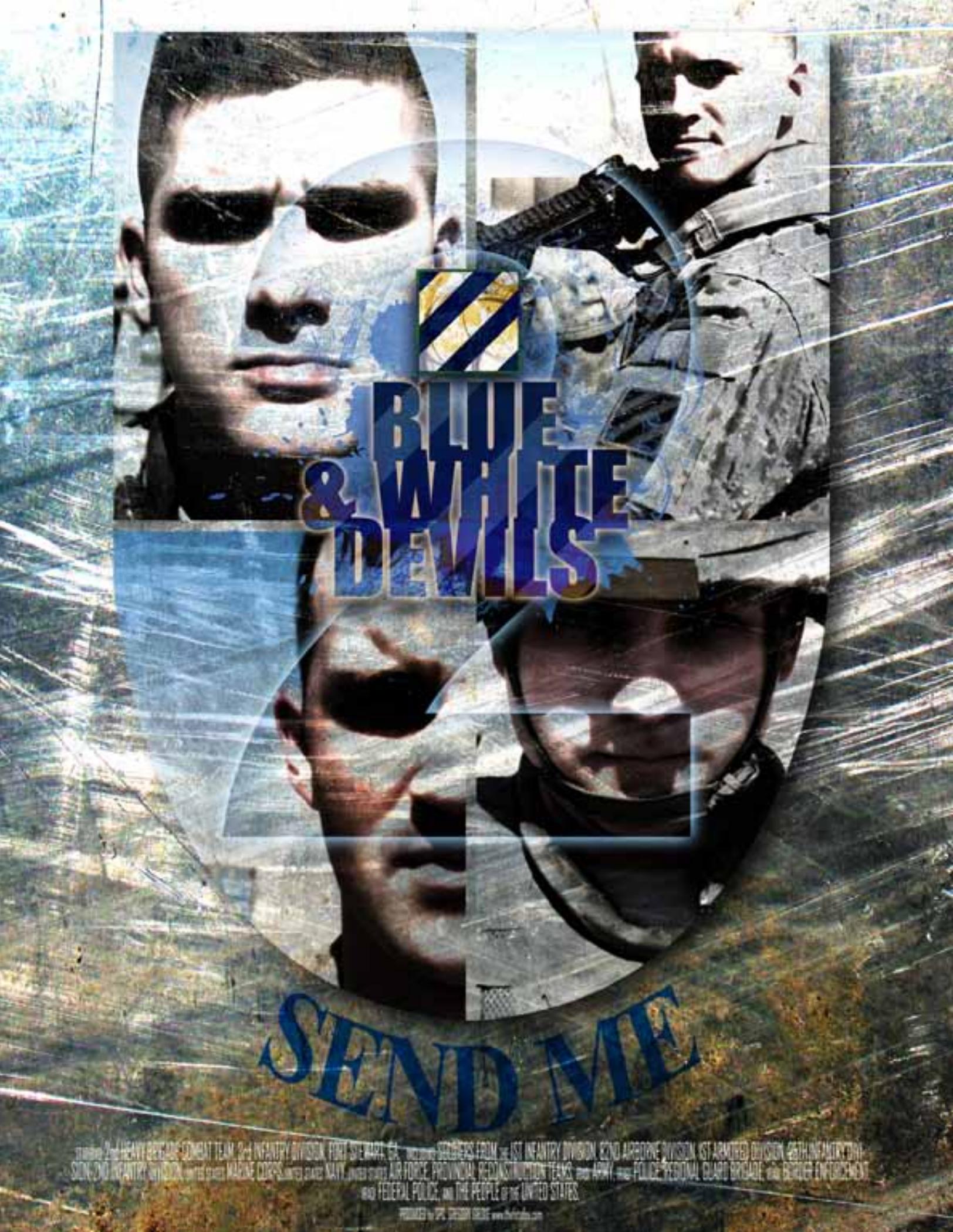


RECONSTRUCTION

Amongst training of Iraqi Soldiers and Police, Spartan Soldiers moved beyond solely aiding and training Iraqi military and took up the task of laying the ground work for long term economic growth through the province, from building bridges to revitalizing a once failed agriculture system.







BLUE & WHITE DEVILS

SEND ME

Includes 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, GA; members from the 1st Infantry Division, 82nd Airborne Division, 1st Armored Division, 26th Infantry Division, 3rd Infantry Division, United States Marine Corps, United States Navy, United States Air Force, Provincial Reconstruction Teams, 20th Army, 44th Police Regional Command, 4th Border Enforcement and Federal Police, and the People of the United States.

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TITANS



As our time here in Mosul, Iraq comes full circle, it is a distinct privilege to look back on all of the accomplishments that Soldiers of the 2-3 Brigade

Troops Battalion have achieved. I am humbled and amazed by those who have served in this battalion; their performance has truly been outstanding.

TITAN Soldiers' extraordinary actions led to countless successful missions, whether it was through the 'Signaleers' of Bravo Company who vastly extended the FM coverage over signal dead-zones that had plagued previous units for years, or the intel-

ligence obtained and analyzed by Military Intelligence Soldiers of Alpha Company. I have seen true grit and determination from the Military Police of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, continuously training the eager, but inexperienced, Iraqi Police forces. I have also witnessed heroic efforts from the combat engineers of Echo Company, 1-30th Infantry Battalion, who put themselves in harm's way every night to clear the roads of improvised explosive devices.

The combined efforts of these companies were essential to the success of the Iraqi national elections in March 2010. Unmanned aerial vehicles circled over the city and route clearance patrols braved the streets to deter enemy activity. Even with a myriad of simultaneous operations,

communications were maintained throughout this critical time and base defense reaction forces were kept on high-alert.

In July of 2010, we assumed the duties of the Base Defense Operations Center and the Mayor's Cell. With missions ranging from force protection and badging, to the facilitation of base improvements and Morale, Welfare and Recreation events, our Soldiers were stretched to the limit.

Yet, despite a nearly overwhelming number of responsibilities, the unit has stoically held fast and executed its tasks with near-flawless precision.

Titan 6
Lt. Col. Lee R. Desjardins



TRAINING AS EQUALS

After months of training from Spartan Soldiers, Iraqi forces joined the Spartans as their equals during various training events, including a rare Combined Arms Live Fire Exercise, one of the few ever conducted in Iraq, which called for coordination of Spartan air superiority and artillery combined with Iraqi ground forces.







DISCOVERING THE PAST

While still diligently conducting daily operations, Spartans still took the time to witness in awe the rich history of Iraq.





CHALLENGERS



Fellow Challengers, as our Battalion prepares to case its colors and redeploy for the fourth time from Iraq we've been blessed with the fruits of our

labor and the previous sacrifices that the great Challenger logisticians have made. The Soldiers, Non-commissioned Officers and Officers of this organization have consistently proven themselves day in and day out. Our accomplishments during this deployment have been Herculean to say the least. As a Brigade Support Battalion,

Greetings from Challenger 7,

I would like to personally thank all of the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and Soldiers of the Challenger Battalion for your hard work, dedication, professionalism and contributions to our mission while deployed to Iraq over the past year. Each of you has made this battalion successful in support of the 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team and United States Division North. I am extremely proud of

we had a non doctrinal mission set of area support, and we executed it above standard. The level of support provided to the Spartan Brigade, United States Forces-Iraq and to our Iraqi partners has been exemplary. I cannot tell you how many senior level leaders that have remarked about the amazing work that the Soldiers of this Battalion have done over this deployment. I am most proud of the professionalism, discipline and determination often exhibited under austere conditions by the Challengers on the battlefield. No matter how difficult, tiring or complex the mission you have truly demonstrated that you live up to the motto of No Challenge Too Great! Our mission is not yet complete; the next phase requires us to safely reunite our Soldiers with their Families and loved ones. During

each and every one of you because our mission could not have been completed without what you have done on a daily bases. The battalion accomplishments during OIF 09-10 will be noted in the history books in the years to follow and you can be assured that each one of you played a vital role in those achievements.

You have truly stood up to the Challenger Creed by giving the shirts off your backs and the boots off your feet to support the mighty Spartan brigade. A job well

this phase, it is important that each Soldier completes the reintegration process and enjoys a justly deserved time off.

I would be remiss, if I did not take the time to pay gratitude and respect to the sacrifices and accomplishments made by our families, loved ones and volunteers. Your support during this deployment has made all of our exceptional efforts possible. We, as Soldiers, recognize the tremendous cost that you make to support our families in our absence and we applaud your success in maintaining the home front. The burdens you bore during births, funerals, weddings and other special occasions lacking our presence does not go unnoticed, a simple thank you, but know it comes from the heart.

done Challengers, proud to have served with all of you.

“ROCK OF THE MARNE”
“SEND ME”



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CHALLENGERS

26TH BRIGADE SUPPORT BATTALION

STARRING (L) CPT JAMES KAZMERCZAK AND (R) CPT JIMMY PESIJS



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FAREWELL TO MOSUL

After 12-months of milestones, Spartan Soldiers celebrated with a brigade wide run, before the first flights of Spartan Soldiers departing Iraq to rejoin thier families at Fort Stewart.

A soldier in silhouette is shown from the waist up, holding an M4-style rifle. The soldier is wearing a helmet and a camouflage uniform. The background is a blue and orange gradient with a diamond-plate metal texture. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

OPERATION: NEW DAWN

2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division
Mosul, Iraq-Contingency Operating Site Marez 2009-2010.





MISSION COMPLETE

From the Thunder Run to Operation New Dawn, the Spartan Brigade has been synonymous with U.S. operations in Iraq, seeing action in Operation Iraqi Freedom I, III, V, VII.





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3rd INFANTRY DIVISION MISSION

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"THE BEST THING ABOUT BEING IN THE ARMY IS THAT I GET TO SHOOT PEOPLE FOR A LIVING!"

SPECIALIST G. GIESKE
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