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COMMANDING OFFICER'S INTRODUCTION

SECOND FUSILIERS BATTLE GROUP COMPOSITION:

Battle Group Headquarters
B Coy Group
C Coy (Influence Group)
Recce Group
HQ Coy
Fire Support Group
LAD (REME)
RLC (CHEFS)
RAMC
AGC (SPS)
AGC (ETS)

Attached Arms

C Coy 2 Royal Welsh (Warrior group)
206 Pioneer Sqn RLC (Mastiff Group)
5 RRF (TA)
3 SCOTS Operational Mentoring Liaison Team (OMLT)
52 Niagara Bty 19 Regt Royal Artillery
33 Armd Engineer Sqn
216/16 Royal Signals
Royal Military Police
OCC-D

Detached members of 2 RRF

A Coy Gp attached to 2 Rifles BG

The Commanding Officer on behalf of all 2RRF personnel serving in Afghanistan and back at home would like to extend his sincere condolences on the tragic death of Fus Petero Suesue A Coy FSG. He was killed in action north of FOB Nalay near Sangin on 22 May 09 while campaigning to bring peace. He was every inch the professional infantry soldier, universally respected and liked throughout the Battalion. It is a small comfort to know that he died doing the job that he loved, amongst his friends, at the front, and in the face of the enemy.

TRIBUTE TO A FAMILY MEMBER

Members of 2 RRF Battlegroup paid their respects to the late Fus Petero Suesue at Musa Qal'eh DC. Fus Suesue of A Coy FSG was killed whilst on patrol near Sangin on 22 May 09. Dmr Saimon Iroi, Fus Jo Valenisoro and LCpl Wez Tokalau expressed their deepest sympathy and recalled memories of Fus Suesue during the sunset vigil service.

The Commanding Officer said "2RRF have paid a heavy price with the death in combat of Fusilier Petero Suesue."

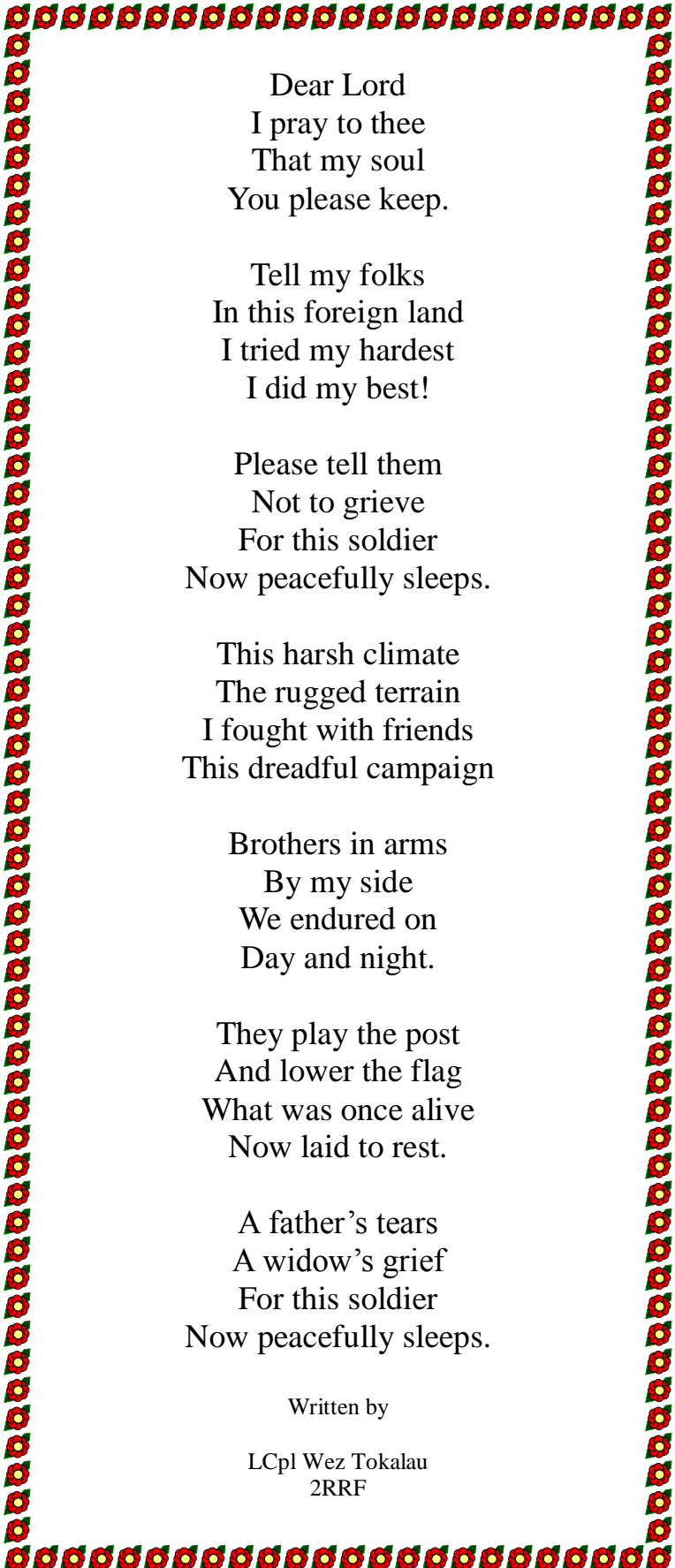


Late Fus Petero Suesue (Pat)
09 FEB 1980 - 22 MAY 2009



Members of 2 RRF Battlegroup pay their respects to a fallen hero.

A Soldiers poem In memory of Fus Petero Suesue



Dear Lord
I pray to thee
That my soul
You please keep.

Tell my folks
In this foreign land
I tried my hardest
I did my best!

Please tell them
Not to grieve
For this soldier
Now peacefully sleeps.

This harsh climate
The rugged terrain
I fought with friends
This dreadful campaign

Brothers in arms
By my side
We endured on
Day and night.

They play the post
And lower the flag
What was once alive
Now laid to rest.

A father's tears
A widow's grief
For this soldier
Now peacefully sleeps.

Written by

LCpl Wez Tokalau
2RRF

2 RRF BG (NW) Update



Maj Simon Mason heads up a SHURA meeting with local leaders in Deh zohr-E-Olya



Capt James Fern briefs the Battlegroup planning staff prior to a joint ISAF and ANSF patrol

Since taking over authority for the Battle Group North West Area of Operations in April activity has fortunately been relatively quiet. Both the poppy and wheat harvest ensure the enemy are focused on the collection and taxation of crops rather than seeking to engage the Battle Group. That said there have been notable spikes in activity, one of which sadly claimed the life of Cpl Binnie who was killed supporting the Afghan National Army on a patrol on the 07 May. The Battle Group has made the most of the relative peace using the time to engage with the local population, gaining a better understanding of the Afghan culture and particular nuances of Musa Qala (MSQ). By understanding the human element within our area we can limit the enemy's ability to influence and intimidate the population. Gaining the consent and trust of the populace is critical in the fight against the insurgency. The return of Colonel Rasoul, the Commanding Officer of the Afghan Army and Commander Koka, the Chief of Police has had a positive impact on the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF). A number of operations have been jointly planned and executed with their local knowledge painting a detailed picture of exactly what is happening within MSQ. Developing these relationships and encouraging the ANSF to conduct their own operations is a key element of enduring security. Col Rasoul however took his relationship with the Commanding Officer to the next level by presenting the CO with an enormous bouquet of plastic flowers to congratulate an old friend on his promotion.



Lt Col Calder gives his final orders prior to a joint ISAF and ANSF patrol

2 RRF BG Visits

Commander in Chief Land Visits MSQ DC



2Lt Beavitt and Cpl Barton take the opportunity to secure their future career developments

General Richardson arrived in MSQ for a whirlwind visit of BG (NW) and was very pleased with everything he saw. He met members of the ANA, ANP and the newly formed Police Mentoring Team (PMT) commanded by 2Lt Nick Beavitt. The continued partnership between ISAF and Afghan forces has proved particularly successful in BG (NW) which is leading the way in Helmand Province. After visiting personalities in MSQ General Richardson flew to Roshan Tower and was hosted by Capt Martin Hedley and his team. General Richardson was particularly impressed with the Dragon Gun as a former Gunner and met a number of 2 RRF FSP Gp elements including mortars, Javelin and the Machine gun Platoon. General Richardson left with a firm understanding of the BG (NW) AO and seemed to have enjoyed his time meeting members of the 2 RRF BG.



WO1 RSM Bland and Capt Cleavley introduces Gen Richards to Maj Naim of the NDS

CSE Show visit's MSQ DC



Cpl Karaoke Majokey Dave Finney entertaining the troops with a bit of Oasis live on tour. But sounded more like Frank Gallagher (from Shameless).

For the first time in CSE history they managed to put on a show for the troops in a Forward Operating Base. 206 Pnr Regt had prepared a stage that U2 would be proud of. Unfortunately for 99% of the camp there were no dancing girls, instead there were 2 comedians but they didn't disappoint. The first guy came on with the obligatory gay and female jokes, Robbo from Recce receiving most of the stick for his dodgy porn tash! Next he pulled out some children's toys and made rude words with them which had the crowd in stitches, but the best was yet to come. After a small interval the second guy came onto the stage, a Canadian with a natural talent for making people laugh. From the moment he appeared he had the crowd howling with laughter with jokes about the UK, marriage and the Taliban. The Padre also got a bit of stick but took it with great humour. The show was put on again the following night for all those who were on duty the night before. It was a great show and thoroughly enjoyed by the troops here in MSQ DC. We are most grateful for the guys of the CSE who came to MSQ DC to entertain the troops.

Insert provided by Sgt Mayhew.

A Company Group FOB Nolay Sangin

I am sure that all will have heard the tragic news of the death of Fusilier Suesue, while on a company patrol in the green zone on 22 May, and join with us all in sending our deepest condolences to his wife Emalaini and the rest of his family. Captain Tony Harris, who was injured in an explosion the day before, is now in hospital in the UK, and we wish him and his wife Liz well during his recovery. The loss of two such capable and popular individuals has hit us all hard, but the company has dealt with these blows incredibly well, and is now returning to duty in sorrow, but with renewed determination.



Fus Vuira, 11 PI C Coy has a go at hearts and minds

The Company Group has now been in charge of its patch of the south Sangin area for a month, and we are all well established in a steady operational routine. Our focus is firmly on the local people. We patrol every day; aiming to speak to and reassure as many civilians as we can and prevent the insurgents from mounting attacks on ourselves and the Afghan Army. The area is fascinating, sometimes beautiful, but fabulously poor. The vast majority of local people are small-scale farmers and their extended families who scratch a terribly hard living growing mainly opium poppy and wheat, both of which are then heavily 'taxed' by the insurgents, normally at the point of a gun. Despite – or perhaps because of – their daily hardships, the average Afghan remains unfailingly polite, chatty and hospitable; we are generally met with smiles and offers of tea and naan bread out on patrol. While they are still not completely sure of us, they definitely prefer our presence to the insurgents.



The lonely walk. Fus Sweeney, Mor PI confirms a suspected IED

For his part, the enemy is still hiding in amongst the population and doing his best to derail the progress that we make. He watches everything we do and looks for opportunities to either attack us or smuggle arms up into Sangin. Our patrols are having regular success in finding his weapons and explosives, thanks largely to some very intelligent and thorough searching being carried out at section and platoon level (Fusiliers Ashwell, Toone, Lambert and Glass are particularly to be congratulated). The environment is very hard on the troops – temperatures are now regularly up in the 40's centigrade and they usually have to contend with both desert and green zone in the course of a single patrol. The all-up loads are also pretty monstrous; I asked 2 PI to do a weigh-in this week and discovered that every man is carrying at least 40kg of equipment, weapons, ammunition, water and batteries. Needless to say, the

Fusiliers are taking the whole thing well in their stride, with really impressive determination and good humour, but it's hard graft nonetheless.

Life inside the wire continues. The last couple of weeks have seen an outbreak of seriously ill-advised moustaches (2IC, CSM, Cpl Metcalfe take note), which I can only hope will not survive the whole of the tour.

A Company Group FOB Nolay Sangin



Capt Tony Harris FSG Comd leads the way

The FSG, perhaps stung by the accusation from the platoons that they a) drive everywhere, and b) are therefore fat knackers, have embarked on a programme of extreme physical fitness competitions (double jerry can shuttle sprints, truck tyre flipping against the clock etc.) which are redressing the balance. Keen to be at one with nature, the FSG have also acquired a rather dubious chicken named Sally which lives in a coop behind their house, and gets fatter, and therefore more worried-looking by the day.

11 PI, under the expert direction of Sgt 'Lawrence Llewellyn' Bowen, have commenced a significant renovation project on their accommodation. After, literally, almost a full hour's work, they now boast a shaded veranda, a 'garden', all manner of painful improvised furniture and a small ornamental water feature. The plunge pool, bowling alley and orchard will go in next week once the engineer stores turn up.

2 PI, not to be outdone have also been addressing their surroundings. Now re-christened 'The Punishers', in honour of Sgt Valentine's strange Marvel comics fixation, they have erected a number of blood-curdling signs and – I'm told – capes, masks, knock-out gas and utility belts are all on order.

In Coy HQ, Sgt 'Handyman' Hanrahan has been making himself busy during his precious leisure hours making welfare facilities out of military junk. This week's effort – a fully operational table football set constructed from pallets, camm poles and the theatre supply of bent nails has already been setting for the agony and the ecstasy of a number of local derbys. I fear for its long-term durability, but it will be fun while it lasts.

The Royal Engineer detachment have obtained a donkey, now named Dave, who wandered in through the wire a few nights ago. Gleaming from a jerrycan and bass broom makeover, and now sporting a desert hat with ear holes, he regards the activity around the FOB with some disdain from his new pen, and tends to wake everyone up with some spirited braying at about 0500. Loading trials, involving two bergens strapped together across his back continue. It's early days, but Dave shows some potential as an ECM donkey. We await enquires from his rightful owner.



Fus Green-Morris and Harding-Prior take a break

Insert provided by Maj Jo Butterfill – OC A Coy Gp 2 RRF

B Company Group Woqab



WOQAB Poppy Fields

B Company have now been responsible for patrolling the northern limits of the Musa Qal'eh Focus Area for one month now. The month commenced with the fields surrounding Patrol Base WOQAB full of poppies being harvested for their opium. The poppies have now been chopped down and collected; wheat remains in the fields but the focus for the farmers is now planting maize. This fast growing crop reaches 8 feet in height and will seriously reduce visibility around the Green Zone in which we live. Fortunately the crops will also provide some well needed shade, in the last week the temperatures have jumped to an average of just over 40 degrees.

For B Company, the month has been spent getting to know the ground and the locals, many of whom are now known by name. On a daily basis, locals visit WOQAB and discuss all sorts of issues with our resident Military Stabilisation Support Team. The Company has also undertaken a number of operations in order to support the battlegroup and other local Afghan National Security Forces. This has included crossing the Wadi towards Roshan Tower and undertaking a joint advance with a local Afghan National Army company to pressure the Taliban in the North.

Within PB WOQAB, huge efforts have been made in improving the situation for ourselves. This has required moving vast quantities of sand and materials by hand. However, the end result is a significant upgrade in protection against attack and an improvement in the quality of life for all. As well as building a bridge over the canal to provide an alternative exit for patrols, the canal has been screened to provide an area for bathing! Caleb, our attached search dog particularly enjoys a good swim and chance to cool off.



Fus Hayden Hendricks

B Company's exposure to the media continues; most recently Channel 5 visited giving Fus 'Spud' Russell a chance to propose to his girlfriend Rachel Brown on Channel 5 News. Fus Hayden Hendricks has also appeared in the Manchester Evening News and the London Evening Standard for being the youngest soldier in Helmand Province. Only 17 when the company deployed, he had to wait until his 18th birthday on 5 May to fly out and rejoin 6 Platoon in PB WOQAB. He will soon be usurped by Fus Tims-Mahon when he arrives following his 18th birthday in July. Finally on the media front, the company second in command Capt Chris Dixon managed to get into the Sun in an article with Capt Phil Cass, our attached Fire Support Team Commander. The pair of them went to school together in Bath before joining the Army. The company's media coverage now stands at three articles in the national print media, three local newspapers, Sky News and Granada Television News.

Insert provided by Maj J Lamb MC – OC B Coy Gp 2 RRF

C Company Influence Group



PMT & OC Influence Gp at Kunjak Op

with the local nationals. He has threatened to go native and grow a beard to add to his credibility, but he then readily admitted he would struggle to grow a full one. I think 9 Platoon are grateful for his presence and find it re-assuring having a senior member of C Coy with them. Capt Musson also remains forward based in MINDEN with C Coy, 2 RWelsh and he too is proving successful in winning consent among the local nationals. In the south of the AO the elders have been indifferent to ISAF presence up and until recently, but is fair to say that now they readily seek interaction with patrols and the Influence Team have gained their trust.

10 Platoon have had an interesting time thus far. On arrival they were immediately shipped off to a forward patrol base on the front line to provide force protection for two weeks. On returning to Musa Qal'eh they were informed that the platoon would takeover the police mentoring task from the US Marine Corps. This involves mentoring the Afghan National Police (ANP) on patrol and providing basic continuation training on weapons and low level police tasks. The chaps have risen to the challenge and seem very proud of the difference they are making to the effectiveness of the ANP. They are doing more than their fair share of patrolling and the guys have experienced extreme heat on patrol. It is not uncommon to consume 10 litres of water in the day and only 'pee' once! We welcomed Cpl Barton in May and said farewell to Cpl Hadley who departed for A Coy in NOLAY on promotion. We wish him well. We also welcomed Fus Clinton back to C Company, who has rejoined the Army, following an attachment to 'civilian street'. Sadly we had to say goodbye to Fus Taylor who, following a heat injury, had to return to the UK. We wish him well and are very grateful for the contribution he made over the last two months. The boys all pass on their best wishes.

9 Platoon are going great guns with B Coy and are fully settled in at WOQAB. The enforced diet has seen some notable body shape changes (for the better, I should add) but Lt Jamie Piper reports that the guys are doing a fine job with B Coy and really enjoying the significant challenge faced in the north of the AO.

11 Platoon are having an excellent tour thus far with A Coy in NOLAY and already have had some notable finds. 2Lt Tony Purvis reports that the boys are working very hard but are thoroughly enjoying life. They are about to say farewell to Sgt Bowen, who will be posted to the Army Foundation College in Harrogate, and he is being replaced by Cpl Hadley. Sgt Bowen has been immense on the tour thus far. He has made a significant contribution to C Company over the last two years and has been a rock for 11 Platoon whilst serving with A Company. We all wish him and Lisa every success in the future.

As ever we are all very grateful for the letters, parcels, emails and eblueys that are being sent out. They make a huge difference to the boys and knowing they can keep in regularly contact with home and loved ones keeps morale up.

Finally we have had a number of birthdays on tour thus far; LCpl Thomas, Sgt Harris and Fus Collins in April, the OC (20 again!), Cpl Miller, LCpl Tubuitamana, Fus Vuirra, Fus Greaves, 2Lt Piper, Cpl Hadley, Fus Taylor, Fus Poole, Fus Barlow and Fus Trussler all in May. Many happy returns to all from everyone in C Company!

Insert provided by Maj Mason – OC C Coy-Infl Gp 2 RRF

The boys have now fully settled in, getting on with the job in hand and seem to be relishing the challenge. Most have adapted to conditions in camp and, dare I say, life is reasonably comfortable bar the oppressive heat. Ipods are proving essential as is access to BFBS to catch up on the football. Temperatures by day are regularly in the 40s with the heat stress index topping the scale. Although we are all now acclimatised the risk of heat injury is always there and with the extra weight of body armour and equipment essential to operations, keeping hydrated is an absolute must.

The Influence Group has shrunk in size, now that Nick Beavitt's platoon have been re-tasked to provide the Police Mentoring Team, but still provide the battlegroup with a vital capability delivering non-kinetic effects. The CSM remains forward based in WOQAB with B Coy and his Influence Team is doing a sterling job of interacting

Reconnaissance Group



The Wadi is no match for the Fusiliers Recce

Since April's edition, the Recce Gp has been thoroughly getting to grips with the Musa Qal'eh Focus Area (FA), and the surrounding desert. The end of April, following the last newsletter, saw us working with the Battle-Group's Armoured Infantry Coy – C Coy Royal Welsh, on another operation out in the eastern desert. Through May, we've been doing a variety of different tasks, both mounted and dismounted. The dismounted patrols are somewhat harder work physically, with the heat and weight of the kit, but rewarding in a very different way, as the interaction with the locals is far greater. Most of us have lost numerous pens, pencils, and anything else not secured on the person, to the very persistent Afghan children. The vast majority of people here are friendly toward ISAF, if understandably a little wary, and a good goal will be to have earned their trust by the time we leave.



Fus Johnson prepares for a foot patrol

The Recce Gp has also done a fair amount of work around our re-supply route, providing over watch and clearance for re-supply, and covert observation preceding convoys. Thrown in with the trips around the AO (area of operations), to Roshan Tower, Satellite Station North and Patrol Base South West, the Recce Gp has been busy, but at marathon pace rather than a sprint – which is the way it needs to be. In between patrols and operations, we spend our time maintaining the vehicles (our most important asset), our weapons, and the rest of our equipment. All of which takes a pounding in this heat, sun and dust. In addition we try and relax and unwind, interspersed with the inevitable guard duty in the sangars to protect ourselves. It's amazing to think that at the time of writing we've nearly done a third of the tour already, and by the time you're reading this it should be less than two months till the Recce Gp's R+R. Our thoughts are ever with our loved ones at home.

Insert Provided by Capt N Groves – OC Recce Gp 2 RRF

BG (NW) FSG PB Roshan Tower

As a reminder for the wider Regimental audience, Roshan Tower (RT) is a now defunct mobile phone tower for the Roshan mobile phone network. Located 2km north of MSQ DC it forms the Northern front along with B Coy in PB WOQAB. It is essentially an OP with a fire support group (FSG) consisting of a very powerful fire support group.

During the last few weeks the amount of activity at RT has increased with the unofficial poppy harvest armistice effectively ending on the 7 May 09. Since then we have had a busy two weeks observing frequent enemy activity in the northern AO, in both reaction to ISAF and ANSF patrols and observing enemy going about their defensive and offensive routine.



The Battalion has done a lot to improve the welfare and living conditions at RT following our handover from 2RGR. A new television to go with the already existing PS3 has gone down very well, as well as numerous new games and DVDs for the troops to occupy themselves when off duty. We are well resourced with 2 x Iridium satellite phones, but the real gem is the TEXT LINK email and SMS text system, which is rarely unoccupied and makes keeping in touch with friends and family a lot easier.

Living conditions are still austere with limited power and water, and little or no fresh rations. However morale is particularly high when the troops receive their parcels from home with a few of life's luxuries. The task here at RT remains a challenge, but is extremely enjoyable and rewarding. So as we enter the start of the R and R

Mortars fire in sp of B Coy on a company operation to the North of the AO

window spirits are high, with all ranks still keen to make a difference to stability and security in the area.

Insert provided by Capt M Hedley – OC Roshan Tower 2 RRF



L to R: Fus Daley, Cpl Fiddler, and Fus De-Bruyn immediately prior to the second Javelin engagement on the 07 May 09



The Dragon Gun crew (40Regt RA) ready to fire on a target in the Northern AO.

Fusiliers Forward Echelon in FOB Edinburgh



FOB EDI accommodation

Welcome from FOB EDI. Our desert outpost in MSQ is now fully in Fusiliers hands, albeit with several attachments from other arms and services. You will see from the pictures that are attached we have all the welfare facilities that we need to remain comfortable and in touch with home. Summer is beginning to hot up, and out in the desert we feel it quite considerably. Everyone in the G4 world is working hard under the direction of the CQMS, CSgt Flett. Aply assisted by Cpls Clinton and Watson, the G4 ship sails on in uncharted waters with aplomb. Fus Williams, Pte Whyte and Pte Munt make up the lions share of the G4 det and if you ask them, do the lions share of the work. They certainly eat the lion's share of rations. Everyone is missing home as we always do. Time is flying and we will soon be home.

Insert Provided by Maj J Skelton OC FOB EDI 2 RRF



CSgt Flett with his company car



***The Operations Centre
the heart of all G4 Movements***

Fusiliers Rear Echelon in Camp Bastion

Life for the Camp Bastion Detachment continues at a pace. In the last month we have seen more arrivals into the Battle Group and a few already coming through on their way back to the UK for R & R. The guys and girls have really got to grips with the daily operating procedures involved in keeping the Battle Group sustained forward. We have quickly learnt that there are 2 things you can rely on in Bastion:

- (1) When the RSM comes here he returns to the DC via the D & V tent, and
- (2) the flight programme is not worth the toilet paper it is written on.



As an Echelon and G1/G4 Hub we have to tackle all sorts of exciting daily activity but everyone here knows that our priority is to push as much forward as possible as often as possible. To that end this month I have decided to concentrate on the Air Team (A Team). In future months you will here about our Mobility Team (MT), Supply On Demand Section (SODS) and our J1 Systems Managers (J1SMs).

Fusiliers Rear Echelon in Camp Bastion

The A Team

The biggest frustration here is the afore mention fragility of the flight programme. Regardless of this we fight through all the RAF obstacles and with some reliable assistance from some rather carefree ex Eastern Block flight crews and their helicopters (which may have seen service in Afghanistan previously but with a big red star and hammer and sickle on the side). We manage to get tons of CSups and spares forward on a regular basis.



Cpl Rowley reassures Sgt Bonsell that it's the right fuel tank.

Cpl Richie Rowley immediately immersed himself into his role as our ICAT NCO (air dispatcher). He is now well known by the afore mentioned Eastern Europeans and manages to fit things into places on helicopters that you wouldn't have thought possible. He heads up the hands on side of the helicopter resupply. As remarked earlier all in the Bastion Detachment know that resupply is the priority, this means when Cpl Rowley is on task then so is anyone else he requires to assist. When they leave Camp 251 for the HUSLE Park in a combination of Flatbeds, JCBs and Pickups they resemble a cross between a Jingly convoy and the Wild Bunch.

Getting aircraft allocated for our requirements is a detailed and sometimes exasperating task performed by our Buzzard. The "Super Buzzard", WO2 Shaw has become a bit of a cult figure within the world of buzzardry. Lesser Buzzards come from near and far to witness him action. He regularly receives requests and visits from all over the task force such is his reputation. Other Buzzards pour over his every word and deed with the hope that one day they too will acquire his ability to read and manipulate the flight programme. To those who have only heard of him he is as mysterious as the Stig. Some say he was once a chef who was one night visited by the ghost of Lord Flasheart



Sgt Duckett ensures a safe arrival of the under slung load into Musa Qal'eh DC from the "A Team"

That is all for now. Next Month read about how Cpl Spowart's team bonding sessions are going. How Cpl Whittle's anger management therapy has been a great success and how the RQ (T)'s Probish lessons are progressing.

Insert Provided by Maj M McCarthy Quarter Master 2 RRF

10 Pl C Company Police Mentoring Team (PMT)



***2Lt Beavitt explains the patrol route
to the ANP Comd***

After two weeks on the front line at FOB Yubaraj, 10 Platoon's ever changing role in theatre took a new twist on their return to the DC when they were appointed as the Musa Qal'eh Police Mentoring team (PMT).

10 PI conducted a three day handover from a detachment of the United States Marine Corps (USMC) who had been doing the PMT role for seven months. The handover consisted of 10 PI going on joint patrols with the ANP and USMC, visiting a number of the Patrol Bases where the ANP operate from.

The MSQ ANP is generally regarded as one of the best in Helmand Province, with strong command at the top and a discipline procedure that would be the envy of the more sadistic Sergeant Majors!

10 PI's mission is to train and mentor the Afghan National Police (ANP). Working with a section of 8-10 men at a time, training is divided into lessons on professionalism and standards by 2Lt Beavitt, specific infantry skills conducted by Cpl Barton, police training with the RMP and with demo troop being provided by the rest of the platoon.

The culmination of the ANP training is going on joint patrols and operations with the PMT. 10 PI and the ANP are kept busy with daily patrols around MSQ and in particular the District Centre, looking to show a presence and provide security to allow locals to go about their business.

The PMT role is both challenging and rewarding. Though the ANP may show some reluctance to being taught (many have been in combat before and on different sides during Afghanistan's recent history), they are very keen to improve and look to copy their ISAF counterparts.

Insert Provided by 2Lt Beavitt – OC 10 PI 2 RRF



Cpl Barton building relations



The first section of ANP complete their training

Soldiers in Action

Photo Competition:

There will be a photo competition run once a month for all you budding photographers out there. The images are to be based around *Fusiliers in Action* whilst out here on operations. Entries are to be with the editor no later than the 14th of each month whilst in theatre. The winning picture will be judged and a prize of £50 awarded to the best image. All images are to be saved in JPEG and with the name of the photographer and a description of the photo (who, when and where).

Take a look below at the fist entries into the competition, Remember you have got to be in it to win it !



This Months Winning Image



Supplied by A Coy TAC the photographer is to send his details to the editor to claim his prize (prize £50)



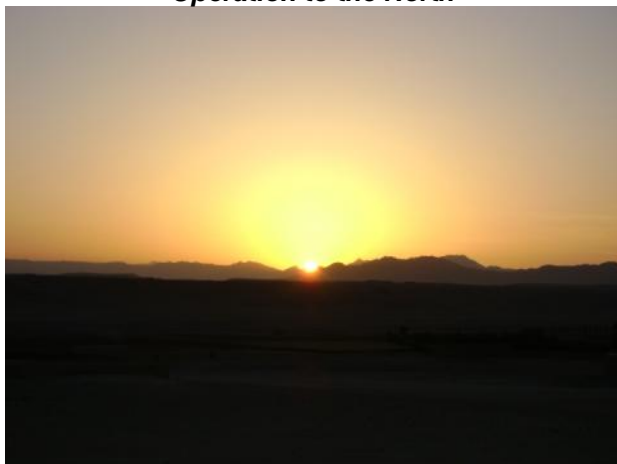
A Coy Sniper gives over watch



Mortars fire in support of B Coy on a Coy Operation to the North



Fus Collins C Coy on patrol



Afghanistan sunrise A Coy FSG



Poppy Harvest

Facilities within FOB EDI



Up to 5 Star Accommodation available



Gordon Ramsey Style Kitchen



Medical Facilities available



Welfare Services



Gordon Ramsey Style Restaurant



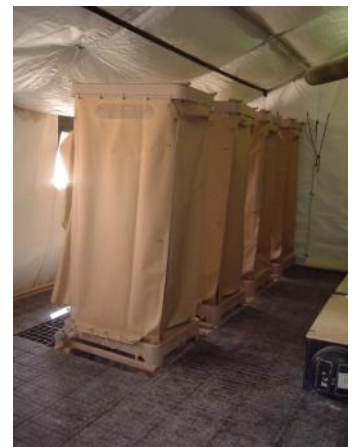
Full Service & MOT's Available



Full Gym Facilities (under construction)



Toilet & Shower Facilities



Next Month PB Woqab Facilities !