

10th Mountain Gets Connected

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CAMP VICTORY, Iraq - In the technological era we live in, communication is vital. Through the use of cell phones and the internet, people are able to communicate across oceans in seconds

Soldiers from Company B, 10th Signal Battalion, have made worldwide communication possible for the 2nd Brigade Combat Team (BCT), 10th Mountain Division, by establishing telephone, radio and internet communications at their newly established home.

"Our main mission for the BCT will be providing them tactical communications for receiving information from 1st Cavalry Division and higher," said Capt. Richard D. Snowdall, Company B, 10th Signal Battalion, commander.

Since their recent arrival at Camp Victory, they have contributed communication support to each

battalion throughout the BCT with a network of wires and cables.

"As soon as we got on ground we've been working on establishing the BCT's communications,"

Snowdall said.

Pvt. Brian Fink, Company B, 10th Signal Battalion, multi-channel transfer systems operator said setting up an operations center for the compa-

ny is first priority when they arrive at a new location. At Fort Drum, the signal Soldiers would practice setting up their opera-

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Sgt. Jeffrey Flora, Pfc. Miles Kysef and Pfc. Phillip Rodriguez, Company B, 10th Signal Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, lay cables for an internet connection. Their unit provides tactical communications.

New Civil Affairs & PSYOP Teams Making a Difference

By Pfc. Matthew McLaughlin
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CAMP VICTORY, Baghdad - There are some new friends in the neighborhood of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division. Armed with gifts and knowledge, they aim to enhance friendships between Soldiers and the Iraqi people.

Army Reserve Soldiers from the 425th Civil

Affairs Battalion, of Santa Barbara, Calif. and the 345th Tactical Psychological Operations Detachment, of Dallas, Texas, are working with the 2nd Brigade Combat Team Commandos to help create better relations with Soldiers and Iraqis.

Civil Affairs Soldiers' primary mission is to provide interface with all civilian organizations and citizens of Iraq. They will

also be supporting and assisting Col. Mark A. Milley, Commando BCT commander, in foreign affairs and facilitating the transition of government from military to civilian control.

"The main goal of civil affairs is to win the hearts and minds of the Iraqi people," said Sgt. 1st Class Randy Gale, civil affairs Team B first sergeant.

"Facilitating civilian and military operations is the main focal point for being in Iraq. We're assisting in letting Iraqi government operate the country."

Civil affairs also assist in rebuilding the infrastructure of Iraq to upgrade the living conditions of the Iraqi people.

"We're doing great things, but there are a lot of things left to do," Gale said.

Pegasus 6 Sends:

Leaders Must Also Lead the Way Home; EML Helps Avoid Burnout

The division's environmental leave program is in full swing. To date several hundred Soldiers have had the opportunity to return home and take a much-needed break from the day-to-day life we face here in Iraq. I know that each of you hopes to participate in this program, and our goal is to allow 100% of the division the opportunity.

We have learned much about how to run a more effective EML program from those units who came before us. We are implementing lessons learned from those units to ensure the best possible outcome for 1CD Troopers.

There are two lessons that have emerged from prior deployed units: First, leaders should go on leave – both for their own benefit and for the benefit of their

units. Like every Soldier, leaders too need to take some time off. We cannot afford to have our leaders burnout. When leaders burnout the unit suffers. There can be a loss of perspective, balance, clear thinking and decision-making. I will not allow this to occur. I have an obligation to every Soldier in this division. I want our leaders at the top of their game.

Secondly, leaders cannot and should not wait until the end of the leave period before going on leave. I know every leader wants to ensure that his or her Soldiers are taken care of first. That is what leaders naturally do. We simply cannot have all the leaders departing at the same time.

I have personally directed leaders – up to and including brigade com-

manders—throughout the division to take leave and coordinate leave dates to ensure we do not have all the leaders out of the area at the same time. Additionally, I have directed that no senior leader take EML over the holidays so that we maximize the number of leave allocations for Soldiers who are fortunate enough to take their EML over the holidays.

It is possible some leaders may depart before many of their Soldiers. I am completely confident in the leadership abilities of those who will temporarily fill the shoes of leaders who are on leave. The strength of the First Team equals strength and competence of leadership throughout the chain of command.

Not all of your senior leaders, brigade and battal-

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ion commanders and Command Sergeants Major, company commanders and first sergeants, and I'm sure platoon leaders and platoon sergeants agree with my directive. Additionally, many of you probably feel the same way. Nevertheless, having talked to senior leaders who preceded us in Iraq and did not take EML, I'm convinced that I made the right decision. If you disagree, blame me and not the senior leader in your formation that I have ordered to plan for EML.

You and I will benefit from this. Leaders who are rested lead better.

Friday

High: 114
Low: 86



Saturday

High: 114
Low: 86



Sunday

High: 112
Low: 84



Weather information provided by 1CD Staff Weather Office (SWO)

Useful Iraqi Words/Phrases

I am fine. Thank you.

Anna KWAlsa, SHUKran



SAFETY TIP Beat the Heat

▶ Drinking sports drinks alone is not adequate; balance your intake of water

and electrolytes.

▶ Some people are at greater risk than others in the heat.

▶ Check on those who had prior heat injuries, and who are ill.

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Seafair Gets Seattle Residents to Shiver Their Timbers

► From *Seattle Times*

Avast, scurvy landlubbers, do ye know:

- The name of pirate Blackbeard's ship?
- What substance pirates put on a ship's deck before a battle?
- What important day is celebrated on Sept. 19?

If ye answered Queen Anne's Revenge, sand (for soaking up blood) and Talk Like a Pirate Day, you've either got a bit of pirate in your crossbones or you've already sneaked a peek at a new book, "Well Blow Me Down: The Guy's Guide to

Talking Like a Pirate."

The \$10.95, 116-page paperback is the latest accomplishment of two Albany, Ore., guys who parlayed a simple silly notion into an event drawing international attention.

The authors, Mark "Cap'n Slappy" Summers and John "Ol' Chumbucket" Baur, are in Seattle this week, signing copies of their book and causing general mayhem as guests of Seattle's own salty buccaneers, the Seafair Pirates.

Summers, 41, grew up

in Seattle. He said when the Seafair Pirates invited him and Baur, 49, to ride along on the "Moby Duck" at this week's Seafair events, "I didn't actually wet myself, but it was close. They (Seafair Pirates) loom large in the memory of every kid who grows up in Seattle. Scary, but fun."

Tuesday evening, in full pirate regalia, Summers and Baur invaded the Northlake Tavern in the company of a dozen Seafair pirates. Tomorrow, they'll be signing books at Pirates Plunder on the waterfront. And Saturday they'll be aboard "The Duck" for the Seafair Torchlight Parade.

Pretty heady stuff, says Summers, for a kid raised in Rainier Beach and who went to a high school (Seattle Baptist, class of '81) that doesn't even exist anymore.

A bit of pirate history is in order here:

It was way back in the 20th century, 1995 to be precise, when Summers and Baur were playing racquetball and one of them, perhaps bemoaning a missed shot, growled, "Arrr."

Soon they were both tossing out pirate-flavored

remarks, such as "Now watch as I fire a broadside straight into your yardarm."

The discourse proved so fun they decided there should be one day a year on which all human beings would talk like pirates. Ergo, Talk Like a Pirate Day.

They chose Sept. 19, birthday of Summers' ex-wife. "The day was stuck in his head, and he wasn't doing anything with it anymore," the book explains.



From *Seattle Times*

Ahoy, Matey already! Cyrus Ogle, 5, can't hold back a yawn as he waits for the Greenwood Kiddie Parade to begin. Kids from Seattle's Greenwood and Phinney Ridge neighborhoods kicked off the annual Seafair event.



From *Seattle Times*

Authors Mark "Cap'n Slappy" Summers and John "Ol' Chumbucket" Baur invaded Seattle's Northlake Tavern on the first day of the city's Seafair. The two were invited by Seafair promoters and took time out from their fair-going to sign their book, *Well Blow Me Down: The Guy's Guide to Talking Like a Pirate*.

Can You Hear Me Now? 10th Signal Makes Sure You Can!

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tions center in two or three man teams.

"When we roll out, we have a standard of 20 minutes to get the first antenna set up," Fink said.

Laying telephone and internet lines is a primary task for the signal company, but Snowdall said their job consists mainly of improving the existing net-

work.

"Sometimes users are not ready for the capabilities we are giving them," he said. "Other times, because the network is so immature, we spend a lot of time building in redundancy, such as getting the user phones and other needed equipment."

Snowdall says he owes a lot of credit to the 13th

Signal Battalion, 1st Calvary Division, for their assistance in getting established.

"They are a god send," he said. "They have gone above and beyond in helping us out."

Through the help of other units and the knowledge of their own Soldiers, Company B, 10th Signal Battalion, have the capabilities to help support the

2nd BCT, 10th Mountain and the 1st Calvary Division during their deployment.

"We are designed to go in with a brigade combat team and provide them with reach-back capabilities to higher," Snowdall said. "This is what we are here to do."

A-Rod, Varitek Busted

NEW YORK (AP) - Yankees star Alex Rodriguez and Boston catcher Jason Varitek were suspended for four games apiece and fined Thursday, and six other players were punished for their roles in a bench-clearing brawl last week between New York and the Red Sox.

Yankees pitcher Tanyon Sturtze and Red Sox outfielders Gabe Kapler and

Trot Nixon were suspended for three games and fined by Bob Watson, major league baseball's vice president of on-field operations. Yankees outfielder Kenny Lofton, Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling and Red Sox designated hitter David Ortiz were fined.

The fight broke out in the top of the third inning of the AL East rivals' game

at Fenway Park on Saturday after Bronson Arroyo hit Rodriguez with a pitch.

Rodriguez stared down Arroyo as he started walking toward first. Varitek, still wearing his catcher's mask, got between them as the AL MVP walked up the baseline.

After some jawing - Rodriguez said his language was "strong and ugly" - Varitek pushed A-Rod, and as they began wrestling, both teams' dugouts and bullpens emptied.

Rodriguez said he thought the person who throws the first blow should receive a more severe penalty.

"I was on my way to first base and I got punched in the mouth by a glove," he said.

Yankees general manager Brian Cashman saw it the same way.

"I don't think we're sitting here today if Jason just walks up the line with Alex," he said. "I think A-Rod, four games, doesn't make sense."



AP Photo

IN YOUR FACE! New York Yankee star slugger Alex Rodriguez gets a face full of leather from Red Sox catcher Jason Varitek. Both players were suspended Thursday for four games.

Tennessee Coach Skips SEC Media Day

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer said he wanted to be in Alabama talking about football at Southeastern Conference media days.

Instead, Fulmer stayed in Tennessee on Thursday and talked about lawsuits through speakerphone to reporters gathered in Hoover, Ala.

"I apologize for any distraction all this has caused," Fulmer said at the beginning of a 10-minute

statement. "I think it's very important to understand that a lot of people believe the entire NCAA enforcement process is at stake. If we have no enforcement process all we have is chaos, much like a country without an army or a city without a policeman."

Fulmer announced this week he was heeding the advice of lawyers and wouldn't attend in person because of his involvement in lawsuits stemming from recruiting violations uncovered at Alabama.

Attorneys representing two former Alabama assistant coaches suing the NCAA claim that Fulmer conspired with the agency to bring down the Crimson Tide football program.

Fulmer called the conspiracy allegation "absurd."

"To blame me or any coach - any of the numerous coaches - that told the NCAA about what they knew or what they heard about cheating is wrong," Fulmer said.

Sports Shorts

Kittles Dealt to Clippers by Nets

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) - Kerry Kittles was traded to the Los Angeles Clippers for a future second-round draft pick Thursday, another step in the dismantling of the New Jersey Nets.

Kittles is the second starter to leave the Nets this month: power forward Kenyon Martin went to the Denver Nuggets for three first-round draft choices.

To try and fill the void left by Kittles, who spent eight years with the Nets, the club signed free-agent guards Jacque Vaughn and Rodney Buford.

"We're going to try to win every game we can," Nets CEO Rod Thorn said. "We as an organization want to be monetarily responsible. When you look at our position, we can have some money and also have as good if not a better team than we were going to have the other way."

Kittles averaged 14.3 points a game during his career.

Eli Manning Gets Huge Deal as 1st Pick in NFL Draft

NEW YORK (AP) — Eli Manning has yet to play an NFL game and he's almost as wealthy as his brother, the league's co-MVP.

In a deal first reported by FOXSports.com's Jay Glazer, Manning signed Thursday with the New York Giants on a deal that includes a \$20 million signing bonus in a package that with incentives could be worth \$54 million over six years.

The base package is \$45 million.