



Company D, 2-8th Cav in Iraq



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Walking Point

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The 2-8th Cav is stationed at Camp Taji, located 30 miles north of Baghdad. Company D (DEMON) has reorganized into two tank platoons and two infantry platoons. They are attached to the 1st Brigade. Co. D, 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division spend more than half of each week living on a firebase in Tarmiyah, Iraq, which is located along the roads that are known as "hot spots for IEDs." The company has earned a few Purple Hearts and evacuated one soldier due to wounds. Every soldier is now a veteran. They have seen firefights, mortars, RPGs, and IEDs. . . they have all been tested and each performed well under fire. The company commander is CPT Jerome Barbour and the First Sergeant is 1SG Glenn Tramel. *by 1SG Tramel, Company D, 2-8th CAV, 1st Cav Division*



SPC Ollek, CPT Barbour, SGT Hickscolon, SGT Malone

A newsletter is published out of Camp Taji and we have a few posted at the association website. The Dec 20, 2006 issue describes what Co. D is doing in Iraq. We are in contact with CPT Barbour's wife, Bonnie and 1SG Tramel's wife, Nyhma. These women are the FRG (Family Readiness Group) leaders and communicate with other family members of D Company.



What happens to young LT's when they get promoted (newly promoted 1LT Minges is saluted by his Platoon after being taped to his tank's gun tube)

Inside this issue:

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Letter from Company D, 2-8th Cav, 1st Cavalry Division in Iraq

My name is 1SG Tramel; I am the First Sergeant of DEMON Company. I have read the emails between you and Bonnie, so I thought I would jump in and tell you about the guys.

First, by MTOE, we are an M1A2 SEP Tank company. However, in the fight we're in now, we have reorganized into two tank platoons and two infantry platoons. For the most part, we operate out of trucks only using the Tanks and Bradley's only on occasion. We have a very motivated and competent group of young soldiers. They are well trained and led by some of the finest officers and NCOs I have seen in twenty years of service. I think you would be pleased with your legacy.

We are responsible for a patrol base located in the town of Tarmiyah. It's a lot like the Vietnam era fire bases only with a lot more amenities. We have been there since our arrival and hold it firmly. But every other day or so, the insurgents like to test us to see how serious we are about keeping it. Nothing major, they just like us to know they're still thinking about us.

The company already has a reputation in sector. The insurgents constantly do what they can to keep the population from working with us. But the people of Tarmiyah want "CPT Barbour's Soldiers". They tell the Battalion and Brigade Commanders at the Sheik's meeting that the company kills insurgents but have always treated the Iraqi people with respect. That's a fine line to walk. It shows just how disciplined these young soldiers are.

The company has earned a few Purple Hearts but we have only had to evacuate one soldier due to wounds. We have not lost anyone (knock on wood). Every soldier is now a veteran. They have seen firefights, mortars, RPGs, and IEDs. I'm proud to say, they have all been tested and each performed well under fire. I am very proud to be a member of this company.

Our XO (1LT Wallace) creates a news letter every month for the FRG. I have attached them to this email for your enjoyment. (these letters are posted on the association website)

If you are interested in sending a care package to D Company, 2/8th CAV, then here is the APO:

CPT Jerome Barbour
D Co/2-8 Cav, 1BCT, 1CD
Unit 5910
APO AE 09378

Since reactivation of D Company in July, 2005 there have been 2 company commanders of D Company, 2/8th CAV. CPT Mark Weaver, who is currently commander of HHC, 2-8th CAV, was commander of D company from July, 2005 to Feb, 2006. CPT Jerome Barbour took command from CPT Weaver and is the 1st company commander of D Company, 2-8th CAV in-country, Iraq.

Right picture: CPT Jerome Barbour, Demon 6 and 1SG Glenn Tramel, Demon 9 of D Co/2-8th CAV in Iraq.



CPT Jerome Barbour with Iraqi citizen





D company sniper



CPT Jerome Barbour on patrol in market place



SFC Pierce Hankal, 1st Platoon Sergeant coming out of house during Condon & Search



Plt Medic, SPC James (Doc) Vlock, providing overwatch for the guys.



SGT Tony Marino driving a HMMWV



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Picture to the right: SPC Matthew Couch, my Company Clerk and arguably the angriest guy in the company. By 1SG William Tramel