

B C o m p a n y

Greetings from the frozen North! After weeks of near freezing temperatures it finally snowed here in Afghanistan. The snow looked really beautiful on all of the mountains surrounding Bagram, but it made the walk to and from work very muddy.

In the recent weeks Bravo Company has been very busy flying and moving the command post over to the other side of the airfield. Unfortunately the Air Force evicted us from our comfy confines on the west side of the airfield to temporary offices on the east side of the airfield. I know the 1SG and I came to consider our little spot on the flight line as a second home. All were sad to pack up all of our worldly office supplies, load them into the back of a five-ton truck and watch that truck drive into the sunset toward the eastside.

Once that five-ton made the arduous journey to the eastside there was a band of motivated Soldiers there to unload it and setup our new workspace. Those Soldiers were lead by CPT Alexander and SSG Porter. They did a fabulous moving the company in and it was done in record time. All told it took Bravo Company no more than three days to move all of our equipment and aircraft over to the eastside of the airfield.

Now that the offices and aircraft for Bravo Company are over on the eastside many of Soldiers are starting to enjoy being on the less crowded side of the airfield. SPC Hanley likes the fact that the crew chiefs have a lot more room in their new accommodations. CW2 Medeiros likes the fact that all the pilots, platoon leaders, and commander are all in one room, which means that he never has to go looking for anyone because they now all share an office.

While the one B-hut and one Alaskan tent that Bravo Company moved into is not its permanent home many of the Soldiers are excited to be over on the eastside when they look at the brand new, permanent, offices that they will inhabit in a few short weeks. These building are bigger and nicer than any other building on Bagram.

Of course just after the company moved over to the other side the weather turned ugly. There was a solid week of rain and snow which left the ground very muddy and soft. When it snowed it made Bagram and the surrounding mountains look like a winter paradise nestled in the Alps. However once the snow began to melt it turned Bagram into a mud bowl. This of course led some amusement as the truck carrying Bravo Company's containers got stuck in the mud right out in front of the company.

With the move to the eastside while still flying every day the Soldiers of Bravo Company continue to amaze with their hard work and dedication. I know they could not do it without all of the love and support of everyone back at Ft Drum!