

Greetings from Afghanistan! It is with a heavy heart that I write this, as Bravo Company is destined to depart Task Force Phoenix. We will be moving down the road only a short distance to become part of Task Force Six Shooter in Jalalabad. Many of the Soldiers are sad to be leaving Bagram as it has become their home over the last four months. Others look at this as an opportunity to start a new. SSG Gary May feels that the change of scenery is a good way to break up the deployment. Of course not the whole company will be in Jalalabad, half of the company will be in Sharana attached to Task Force Gambler. While the Soldiers would like to stay together as one company they understand that CH-47Fs are in high demand in Afghanistan and to meet the needs of the Soldiers on the ground they must be in two different locations.

Even though the company will be dividing into two different entities it will also be uniting with Soldiers who departed the company to join Task Force Shooter in July. Even as plans are being made to move the company out of Bagram the Soldiers have been getting excited to see their Chinook brothers in Jalalabad. But until Bravo Company moves completely to Jalalabad the Soldiers will be busy packing up all of the company equipment and their personal gear.

When the Soldiers have not been busy packing up for the move, they have been enjoying some down time brought on by the snowy weather here. While the snow and rain has made it a little messy getting to and from the office it has provided a much needed break from the rigors of flying every day. Of course this lull won't last forever.

A nice surprise the Soldiers received this month came in the form of all the candy and Valentine's Day cards that were sent by people back at Ft Drum. It really cheered all the Soldiers up and brightened the otherwise dreary month of February here in Afghanistan.

With each new challenge that faces the company I am continually astonished at how the Soldiers effortlessly overcome these hurdles. I know in part it is due to all of the support from the families and friends back at Ft Drum! For this support and on behalf of all of the Soldiers of Bravo Company I want to say thank you and we look forward to seeing you all in just eight months!