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A Look at Life in Iraq

by SPC Jay Gfeller

I read an article the other day; it was nothing more than a bunch of quotes from men and women from all branches of service who have served in Operation Iraqi Freedom. It was amazing to see the wide range of views and stories that each Soldier had to aid in drawing this montage of the conflicts that face Soldiers every day in Iraq.

Each Soldier has his or her own story to tell and when merged together, create a wonderful collage of its own. So now I ask the Soldiers of the 891st Engineer Battalion and Alpha Co. 230th to send in your stories and help us create a portfolio of experiences that each person has pulled from this time in Iraq. You can submit it through the site, e-mail it to me, drop off a hard copy or even stop by and tell me what you think and I'll help write it out for you!

And for the family members, don't think you're off the hook; we want your story too. How did you deal with the separation? How did you keep in contact? What are your feelings on the Iraqi conflict? But this isn't your only obligation; I need your help in encouraging the Soldiers to do their part too.

There is no limit on length or subject, just let us know how you feel, what you think, things you've learned, or moments you'll never forget.

Also if you have any photos to share, they are welcome too! Just e-mail them to me and we'll get them into the story as well!

August 31st will be the deadline for submissions and hopefully in early September I will have all the stories combined and ready for publication. Remember, this can't happen without your help,



I'm counting on you!

Submit your story!

Your Name:

Rank (if applicable):

Your E-mail Address:

Your Story:

Remember - All information must be correct in order for your submission to be used. There is no limit on length of story, if you have photos please e-mail them to **jay.gfeller@us.army.mil**

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Weather in Iraq

Date	.	Hi / Lo	Percip
Sunday July 17	Sunny / Windy	121 / 84	0%
Monday July 18	Sunny / Windy	119 / 80	0%
Tuesday July 12	Sunny / Windy	119 / 80	0%
Wednesday July 13	Sunny / Windy	119 / 82	0%
Thursday July 14	Sunny / Windy	121 / 84	0%
Friday July 15	Sunny / Windy	120 / 83	0%
Saturday July 16	Sunny / Windy	119 / 83	0%

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"A man is like a fraction whose numerator is what he is and whose denominator is what he thinks of himself. The larger the denominator the smaller the fraction."

- Tolstoy, Lev Nikolgeevich

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Question of the Week

Last weeks question was, "What revolutionary new weapon made its debut at the Battle of the Somme?"

The Answer - Tank

These first tanks, 50 of them, reached the Battle of Somme in September of 1916. Because of mechanical problems, the number of tanks was reduced to 24 operational vehicles. While the tanks made for a shocking surprise for the German opposition, they were highly unreliable, but provided a building block for future tank warfare.



Those who answered correctly: CPT Ted Culbertson, 1LT Drew Polen, SSG John Sheehan, Heidi Briery, Rachel Unruh, Melissa Schubert, SPC Keri Lane, CW4 Nick Hay, and SPC Travis Harrison.

Thanks to all who participated!!!

THIS WEEKS QUESTION

What was the name of the very first American armed ship that was named for a woman and who was it named for?



**Please use the form below to
answer this weeks question.**

Your Name:

Your E-mail:

Answer:

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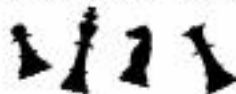
Monday July 18th the Edison Rock Band will be performing at the Adder Commons.

If you are needing help with math or science skills, the Ali Education office has Open Tutoring Sessions every Tuesday from 1700 - 1900 hrs.

What's Happening at your MWR?

Nightly tournaments and events. Play for prizes or just bragging rights!!

**Mondays
@ 1900**



Chess Club... Free your mind...or just decide to use it for a while!

**Tuesdays
@ 1900**



Ping Pong... doubles and singles

**Thursdays
@ 1900**



Backgammon



Scrabble...
Put on your Thinking caps!

**Fridays
@ 1900**



Death and destruction
.....'nuff said!!!



Billiards
8 and 9 Ball

**Saturdays
@ 1900**



Slap down Them Bones!!!!



Who's the best?

**Sundays
@ 1900**



Spades....Cut throat cards at it's Finest!!!

Check it out at Bldg 327 or call SSG Swan at 833-1745

If you know of an event not listed here, contact me at jay.gfeller@us.army.mil.

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STEP BY STEP THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT

MONDAY NIGHTS
7:00HRS
AT SAPPER II CHAPEL
STARTING MAY 16TH

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Notice

Friday, July 29th, 2005:

Free Day at Rock River Rapids!

Active duty, Guard, Reserves and family members will be admitted FREE!!! at Derby Rock River Rapids from 12:30 - 8:00pm.

You must show your military ID card at the Pass Gate to get in . Dependents without a military ID will need to be accompanied by a parent / sibling with an ID card.

***NOTE* - Don't stand in line! Show your card at the Pass Gate entrance and get in the speedy way!**

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What is Whose Dress? [CLICK HERE TO LEARN!](#)

Don't forget to post a lead, we'll need your help to track down the owner!

This week's Top Lead.

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In Issue 14 there was a picture of Bruce Cochran- lola -if he had on heels, I would be sure that the dress belongs to him - can there be a retake with heels?

***UPDATE* According to officials when approached, Mr. Cochran refused to cooperate with the authorities. A warrant has been released for his imidiate confinement and picture taking (with heels of course) in connection to the possibility that he may be the owner of the dress.**

We'll contenue to follow this and every lead we get in hopes to find the real owner. Thanks for everyone's help!

This week's innocent people.





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Ask Dr. Ruth-less

That's right, the doctor is back! Dr. Ruth-less, our helpful little problem solver, has come out of hiding and approached the staff of the Dust Devil Dispatch in hopes that Dr. Ruth-less could once again provide some helpful insight to all of life's little questions! For those of you who don't remember, here is a sample of one of the old Dr. Ruth-less columns.

Dear Doctor Ruth-less,

The other day while sitting on the throne, an interesting thought entered my mind. So, as I reached for my December edition of Ladies Home Journal I happened to think of the following question; what did we use before toilet paper?

- First of all, I am very concerned with the fact that the majority of subscribers to this publication are males, and you just happen to be looking at a copy of LHJ! Knowing what is contained in that periodical, I can only assume that you were looking at one thing... I hope the recipes come in handy over the holidays!

As for your question; believe it or not, one of the early forms of butt-wipe was a corncob. Ouch! Interesting enough, that is also the urban legend of where popcorn originated, but that is another question.

People have also used pages from catalogues, books, newspapers and other sources of paper. This improved the comfort level a tad.

How many times have you been camping or at a FTX and not



***had TP at your beckon? A handful of leaves did the job nicely.
NOTE: Stay away from poison oak or ivy!***

Perhaps the most comfortable form of wipe that I am familiar with, was discovered by accident. I was on a camping trip in a secluded part of the Rocky Mountains, when I came down with a severe case of the trots. This condition persisted for about 10 hours and my TP supply depleted quickly. So when I ran to the trees on a specific occasion, I was joined by a rabbit, which coincidentally was also relieving his bowels. I asked the rabbit if he had trouble with "it" sticking to his fur. He looked at me and stated that this had never been a problem for him. So I picked up the rabbit and wiped my butt with him!

Until next time!

Dr. Ruth-less

Now is your chance! Ask Dr. Ruth-less anything!

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Thursday July 7th

- To my boys (you know who you are) ~ I'm thinking of you guys often (Dan most of the time) and praying for you always. Can't wait for you to get home so we can party!!! Love you guys, Val Winegar

Saturday July 9th

- Sgt Dudley-I am thinking of you always.I hope you are having a good week.I love you so much, baby. To the 891st EN BN, you all are doing a great job! Keep Safe!

- HAPPY 9TH ANNIVERSARY SPC BILL ROYSTER FROM YOUR WIFE KATHY AND KIDS RAYMOND AND CRYSTAL WE LOVE & MISS U GOD BLESS COME HOME SAFE

- SPC WOOD: JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW I AM THINKING OF YOU AND I MISS YOU SO VERY MUCH WISH I COULD SEE YOU AGAIN SOON.I LOVE YOU WITH ALL OF MY HEART. NOONE CAN EVER TEAR US APART!!!THE KIDS ARE DOING WELL.THANK YOU FOR BEING YOU. LOVE ALWAYS FROM HOME YOU WIFE LANNETTE

- SGT MILLER, JUST WANT TO WISH U A GREAT DAY..AND TELL U, U R MISSED & R IN MY PRAYERS..THANKS 4 BEING A GREAT FRIEND. ARNER Y

- SPC LAWRENCE, SSG DONOVAN, SFC JOHNSON, SPC KIPP, SPC STEWERT JUST WANTED TO WISH U ALL A HAPPY DAY. MISS YOU ALL AND AM PRAYING FOR YOU/YOUR FAMILIES.. LANNETTE



- SGT RENO, IT WAS GOOD TO SEE YOU WHILE YOU WERE HOME. HOPE YOU HAD A GOOD VISIT. MISS YOU AND AM PRAYING FOR YOU/FAMILY. THANKS FOR BEING A GREAT "BIG bROTHER"! LOVE YOUR "LIL SIS" IN KS. LANNETTE

Sunday July 10th

- Spc. Doug Hennen: The girls and I want you to remember how much we love you and miss you. Stay safe and come home soon. You are more than just a man doing his job, you are our HERO, and we are so very proud of you. I love you heapes and bunches. Forever yours, Kerri, Kelsey and Tara.

Monday July 11th

- To PFC Brandon Call - The holiday is past but not the gratefulness in our hearts for the work you and your fellow/ sister soldiers are doing in the intrest of freedom and security of our country and those in Iraq.Love you Son! Mom & Dad

Tuesday July 12th

- Happy Anniversary on July 16th to PFC Richard Freel. Your very loving wife. Jenny

- Happy Birthday to SPC Kyle Sandon on July 14th. We missed you on the 4th and hope you have a happy 24th birthday. We are proud of you and we love you. Be careful and hurry home. Love Mom & Dad and Max

Wednesday July 13th

- -ssgt James Grayson- We all love you and miss you bunches! We are so proud of you and can't wait to see you! Keep up the good work! We love you GREAT uncle James! Love Raylee (and Brian and Ashlee)

- SPC.BILL ROYSTER HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! THIS JULY 18TH WILL BE OUR 9TH ANNIVERSARY.I NLOVE YOU TODAY AS I DID THE DAY I SAID I DO!BILL THE KIDS AND I MISS YOU SO VERY MUCH.GOD BLESS YOU AND ALL THE OTHER MEN AND WOMEN FIGHTING FOR OUR FREEDOM.WE PRAY EVERYDAY FOR EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU TO COME HOME SAFELY.. LOVE YOUR WIFE KATHY AND OUR CHILDREN CRYSTAL, RAYMOND & CRYSTAL RENEE

Thursday July 14th

- To my husband and best friend, SPC 4 Ronald Amann, I Love You with all my heart and soul, I miss you all the time,please come home soon, and HAPPY BIRTHDAY ON JULY 24TH, SEE YOU SOON,ALL MY LOVE YOUR WIFE REENA

- Dad, Happy Birthday on the 17th! From your son Jay!

Post a shout in the next edition:

Due to the large amount of Shouts, the shout box will be limited to 500 characters. Please check spelling and grammar, shouts are posted exactly how they are entered. Also, note that the enter key will be replaced as a space when posted. Shouts will be accepted until 1700hrs on Thursday, any shouts after that will be posted in the next week's edition.

Type in this box exactly what you want the Shout to say.

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