

### OPAHEY Shout Outs!



See what our Soldiers have to say (pages F1 and F2).



### From the OPAHEY Command

The OPAHEY Soldiers have made it to the 90 day mark. Time goes by fast when you're providing the best support a Brigade Combat Team could ever ask for. You have all played an incredible role in mission success and you have done it with a smile. Your motivation and focus on getting after every aspect of what we do as a Brigade Support Battalion (BSB) leave me in awe as I circulate around. I never thought, I would look forward to it getting cold, as this is counter to our Alaska way of life, but I am. I think we have made it through the



home, who I know could not be more proud of their OPAHEY Soldier, enjoy that time together and everyone will be home before you know it. Thank you for everything you do and the professionalism that I witness every day. No one in this organization accepts "good enough" and that is what makes the outstanding support difference.

"OPAHEY 6 & 7"  
-LTC John McMurray  
-CSM Alton Haney

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## The 94th Medical Service Corps Birthday

**JUNE 30, 2011.** Medical Service Corps (MSC) Officers stationed at Kandahar Air Field (KAF), Afghanistan gathered to celebrate the Medical Service Corps' 94th Birthday. During this celebration, Major General (MG) David Rubenstein, Chief of the Army Medical Service Corps, talked over video teleconference about the history of the corps and officer development. The US Army Medical Service Corps traces its roots to the American Revolutionary War apothecaries and officers of the Civil War Ambulance Corps. These services

evolved into the World War I Sanitary Corps, which was established June 30, 1917, as a temporary part of the Medical Department. While the Sanitary Corps was demobilized following the war, it quickly became clear that the Army needed a permanent medical ancillary organization. On June 4, 1920 the Medical Administrative Corps was established and on July 12, 1943 the Pharmacy Corps was established. Finally on August 4, 1947, the Sanitary, Administrative and Pharmacy Corps were replaced by

the Medical Service Corps. The Medical Service Corps today is comprised of a wide diversity of medical administrative, scientific, and provider specialties ranging from the management and support of the Army's health services system to direct patient care.



# NCO/Warrior of the Month STRYKES Gold

Article and Photos by 2LT Danay Freeman

Here at the 25th BSB, 1/25th SBCT, I was able to witness the NCO/Warrior of the month board. Each month, Company leadership throughout the Battalion nominates their very best NCOs and Soldiers to compete. It is then up to the nominees to train and re-familiarize themselves with some basic Soldier skills. This months events started at 0700 hours and included 10 warrior tasks: identifying visual indications of an IED;



SPC Bryant sending a MEDEVAC Request

evaluation of a casualty; requesting a medical evacuation (MEDEVAC); preparing an ASIPs radio for operation; performing voice communications; assembling, performing a functions check and employing the M-2, M-240 and M-249 machine guns. This was only part one, after lunch at 1400 hours it was time to meet the selection board. This board consisted of:



NCO/Warrior of the Month, their Company 1SGs, and the Battalion CSM

the Battalion Command Sergeant Major and all the Company First Sergeants; this is where the Battalion's enlisted leadership tested the Soldiers' abilities to recall basic skills, while asking them questions about their particular job fields. This months nominees were SPC Timothy Draper (HHC), SPC Earl Bryant (DC), PFC Dinh Tran (DC), PFC Jesse Arredondo (FMC), PFC Bryson Jones (FMC), SPC Eric Pitts (FMC), PFC Peter Rozek (FMC), SGT Angel Franks (BSMC), PFC Robert Power (BSMC), and SPC Andrew Woffenden (BSMC). Each of these Soldiers delivered an outstanding performance, but only one NCO and one Soldier were selected as the 25th BSB NCO/Warrior of the month. Your 25th BSB NCO/Warrior for the month of July are SGT Angel Franks (BSMC) and SPC Dinh Tran (DC).



SGT Franks Inspects the M-240

## The Wolf Care Management Program



Soldiers are Evacuated from Point of Injury and Enrolled in the WCMP if they can Rehabilitate in Less than 30 Days

Combat Team Arctic Warriors to the fight. Not all injuries sustained, whether Battle Injuries (BI) or Disease and Non-battle Injuries (DNBI), require medical evacuation out of theater. Many of these Soldiers simply need time to relax and recuperate. The BSMC has a

(Behavioral Health Technician). To date, the WCMP has provided rehabilitative care and treatment to 58 Arctic Warriors. There are currently 17 patients enrolled in this program, 36 patients have returned to duty and only five were evacuated out of theater. The average length of stay in the WCMP is seven days. During their stay these Soldiers receive exceptional medical care, relax in the WCMP Morale Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Room, and enjoy the many donations provided by our supporters.

**The Wolf Care Management Program (WCMP)**, was developed by the Brigade Support Medical Company (BSMC) and is designed to conserve the fighting strength by rehabilitating and returning 1/25th Stryker Brigade

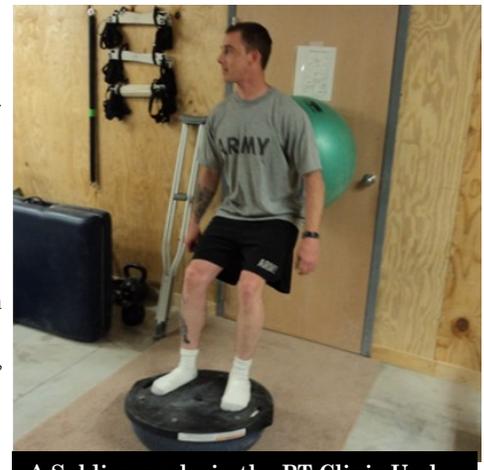
staff of health care professionals that make this possible. The WCMP Team includes, LTC Barnett Gibbs (Doctor/Officer in Charge), CPT Keith Collinworth (Physical Therapist), CPT Fe Nall (Behavioral Health Officer), SGT Angel Franks (Medic/NCO in Charge), PFC Anna Santillan (Medic), SPC Sylvia Winn (Physical Therapy Technician),



The WCMP MWR Room

Send WCMP Donations to:  
SGT Angel Franks  
BSMC, 25th BSB, 1/25th SBCT  
Kandahar Air Field (KAF)  
APO AE 09355

SPC Seth James (Behavioral Health Technician), and PFC Christopher Barto



A Soldier works in the PT Clinic Under the Guidance of CPT Collinworth

# Flying High with Eagle Company



*FROM THE Eagle Family forward to yours,*

**Another** month down; where does the time go. Some have already been home and some will be there soon. Many of us have celebrated the 4th of July without our loved ones this year and still continue to accomplish great things. We have promoted

some well deserving Soldiers, conducted a BBQ for the Battalion, continue to make site improvements for us and our replacing unit, still support our brothers and sisters on distant forward operating bases, while making large strides in our partnership with the ANA.

Sincerely,

CPT Daniel W. Winnie



## Recovery

*SGT Bryan Recovering SFC Hertzberg's Vehicle*

**You** thought recovery missions were only done out in sector, well let me be the first to tell you they don't. They happen anywhere and at anytime. During his refuel mission

on KAF, SGT Bryan sustained a lost left rear tire. He was okay, but his pride was hurt when he had to make that call to FMC for wrecker support. The FMC wrecker and crew quickly responded to conduct the deliberate recovery and save the day. The vehicle has been repaired, but I am not sure if SFC Hertzberg lets him drive the vehicle anymore. Thanks FMC!



## Birthdays for the Month!!!

**PV2 Scruggs**

**PFC Lewis**

**SPC Findley**

**SGT Whelps**

**SSG Spears**

**SPC Triplett**

**CPT Gregory**

**SPC Breitenfeldt**

**SSG Bonner**

**SGT Fuller**

## Change of Command Inventories



**With** a change of command comes some very hard work. One of the most challenging parts of this transition is the change of command inventories. This is where the outgoing commander familiarizes the incoming commander with the equipment they will have to accomplish their mission. They have to inventory \$21 million worth of equipment distributed throughout Southern Afghanistan, in 30 days. This is not possible without the hard work of every Soldier in the unit. In this article we would like to thank every Sub-Hand Receipt holder and their

Soldiers for their time, organization, and major effort they have put forward. You are the ones that have executed this seamlessly. THANK YOU!

CPT Daniel Winnie (Outgoing Commander) & CPT Travis Nedderson (Incoming Commander)



## Relaxation for All

**Team Builder** has been busy this month creating and developing multiple wood projects. We have built building signs for every building in our footprint. Thank you SGT Voss for bringing your art skills to the table. The big project for the month of July was to build an area we like to call "the chill lounge". After seven days and multiple plans they completed the lounge, exceeding all expectations. MSG Koerner came up with the final plan and SSG Haney, SGT Bringus, SPC Bryant, SPC Seiler, SPC Simantheris, and SPC Edwards closed the gaps on production. Thank you for making this place better for everyone.



# Distribution Company

## Commander's Corner

Greetings once again from Kandahar Air Field, Afghanistan. As we near the 25% mark of the deployment, I can report to you that everyone remains in good spirits and is performing their job in an exceptional manner. The confidence level in everyone has increased significantly since we first arrived here.

R&R leave is now in full swing. I want to remind everyone not to make any firm plans expecting your Soldier to be home on a certain date. Some Soldiers are able to get out on their first try and others have to wait here up to three or more extra days, depending on flight and seat availability.

Thank you everyone for all of your support from back home. We couldn't do our jobs at the level at which we do without it.

-CPT Scott Schoen

## Promotions

- Specialist Graves of the SSA was promoted to Corporal
- Specialist Douylliez of the LHS Team was promoted to Corporal
- PV2 Bellamy of the 1-24 FAST was promoted to Private First Class



## Bison Wins the Title of Brigade Soldier of the Month

PV2 McEachern, a clerk in the SSA's Issue Section, was awarded the title of "Brigade Soldier of the Month" for June 2011. This is an amazing honor for an even more amazing Soldier. Her work ethic and drive to get the job done has earned her the respect of her peers and her leaders at all levels. She is a true asset to the Bison Team. Job well done. Congratulations!



## First Sergeant's Corner

On behalf of the Bison Command Team, I send my heartfelt gratitude to the parents, families, spouses, and children of our mighty Bison Team. I am grateful for your sacrifice and endurance! Thank you for having a cheerful voice on the phone when our Soldiers call home, for taking care of the children and the pets, for keeping the bills paid and the car running, and for everything that you do to support your Bison Soldier. Your daily activities back at home keep our minds at peace and allow us to perform our jobs at the highest level.

As we reach the 90 day mark of our deployment, we are able to reflect on our strong and successful beginning. I encourage all of us to maintain the momentum and keep the winning attitude as we carry the "ball into the second quarter." From the bottom of my heart, thank you!

-1SG Douglas Whittaker

## 5/1 FAST is Making Stuff Happen

The 5/1 Forward Area Support Team has accomplished a lot in the ten weeks that they've been on the ground at FOB Frontenac. They've completed over 50 missions and have driven more than 4,000 miles. The team has been tested with challenging loads and terrain, unfavorable hot and dusty conditions, and the toll of last minute missions. Through it all, the team's commitment to teamwork and selfless service has made the

logistics mission a successful. They've demonstrated to everyone that they are an integral part of Distribution Company and the 5/1 Cavalry Squadron. I am tremendously impressed with the tenacity and stamina that this small but extremely agile and adaptable team has shown. I know that they are definitely the right Soldiers for the job. Many thanks to the families and loved ones who support us back home. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

- 1LT Shannon Dean



## Farewell to our XO

1LT Greg Wardwell, DC's XO for the past seven months, has just returned from his R&R leave and is now in training for the Battalion's S4 position. 1LT Wardwell did an absolutely great job as XO and as the Liquid Platoon Leader. He served all DC Soldiers proudly. 1LT Wardwell, his wife Shannon, and their newborn son, Bennett, will al-

ways be a part of the Bison family. We wish you great success in your new job. Thank you for everything!



## Where's Bison?

Walking around Kandahar Air Field, one can't help but notice logos of all types painted in black spray paint onto thousands of large concrete walls. These walls are used to secure small areas around the base. Sergeant First Class Kester and Sergeant Moore are on a mission to make the Bison logo infamous by

painting it onto as many walls as possible. They have "tagged" 20 or so walls so far, but they have their sights set on many more.



# Viper Company

Numerous Soldiers from the company are participating in improving their education. These dedicated Soldiers are working long arduous hours while combating the strain that college classes bring. Classes range from general studies, humanities, science, math, and much more.



The Soldiers of the VIPER company are continuing to set the standards in all that they do. Auto has been working extremely hard to ensure that the trucks keep rolling. GSE is keeping everyone happy by providing excellent service to our AC's and generators. EMS is keeping us talking on the battle field and HQ's is keeping our weapons working, paperwork flowing, and supplies coming. -CPT Castillo

Another month ends bringing us closer to home. We have logged over 6,000 miles throughout the Kandahar Province, providing sustainment support to the Brigade and Coalition forces. Our Soldiers are constructing the Viper Pit Gym, led by PFC Spencer and PFC Fason. We look forward to your continued support you have shown us and our return home. -1SG Morain



## Promotions

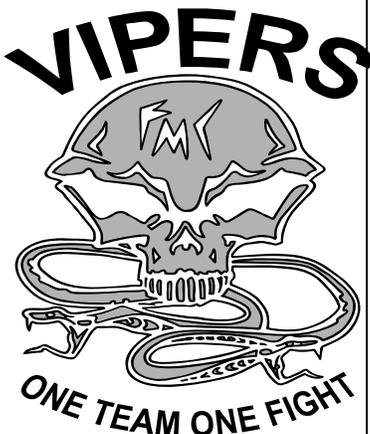
- o To SPC  
SPC Mancheno
- SPC Pike
- SPC Valencia

- o To PFC  
PFC Hernandez



The Army's Physical Fitness Test involves two minutes of push ups, and two minutes of sit ups, followed by a two mile run. The Army Physical Fitness Test allots 100 points per event with a maximum of 300 points. Soldiers who exceed 100 points in each of the three events are scored on the extended scale. The Army standard requires Soldiers to achieve a minimum of 60 points in each event for a minimum score of 180. While everyone is doing well, there have been several individuals who have scored over 270 points. These Soldiers exceeded the Army standard and demonstrated their personal dedication to physical readiness.

PFC CRUZ - 315	SPC OSBORNE - 277
2LT MCNAMEE - 309	PFC FORTUNE - 277
SGT KOTH - 297	SGT THOMPSON, M - 275
SGT SANDERS - 290	CPL BARNETT - 275
2LT MCKENZIE - 287	PFC JONES - 274
SGT CASON - 285	SSG FEGURGUR - 274
SPC MANCHENO - 282	1LT KARRAS - 273
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PV2 HERNANDEZ - 279	SPC DELGADO - 271
PFC RICHARDS - 277	



# HUSKY DAYS: Running With the Medical Company

## Brothers in Arms

**Medical Company, 5th Kandak, 1st Battalion, 205th Corps, Afghan National Army (5/1/205 ANA).** SGT Shaine Harris is the Medical Company, 5/1/205 ANA Mentor and Senior Trainer. Four days a week, SGT Harris and a team of medics visit the ANA Compound located at Camp Hero to mentor and conduct training. SGT Shaine Harris, SPC Michael English, and PFC Robert Power recently conducted a seven week medic training program, covering the fundamentals of Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TC3). SGT Harris enhanced training by



**SGT Harris and SPC English Demonstrate a Nasopharyngeal Airway**

coordinating for training aides, ensuring the 30 1/205 ANA medics trained received realistic hands on training. SGT Harris and his team continue to make positive strides with their brothers in arms.

*The Husky Team* is performing magnificently. The BSMC continues to provide exceptional medical care, while making improvements and getting better each and every day. We are

extremely proud of their achievements and look forward to their future success!

-CPT Milloy (Husky 6)  
-1SG Farquharson (Husky 7)



**Team Husky, Kandahar Air Field**



**Class Leader Performs Treatment of an Open Chest Wound**

## Promotions

**o to Captain (CPT)**  
01JUL11-Shawn Brooks

**o to Specialist (SPC)**  
01JUL11-Monie Green

## PT Clinic Grand Opening



*The 1/25th Stryker Physical Therapy Clinic Grand Opening* was held on July 3, 2011. The event started with comments

from the BSMC Commander, CPT Jessica Milloy, and the 25th BSB Commander, LTC John McMurray. PFC Doug Tatum (A, 1-24 IN BN), SPC Sylvia Winn (BSMC), CPT Keith Collinsworth (BSMC), SGT Michael Venturino (BSMC) and SGT Christopher Yates (A, 1-24 IN BN) were awarded with 25th BSB coins for a job well done. Then the ribbon was cut, a tour was given, and refreshments were served. This was a truly memorable event that celebrated the completion of facility renovations. When the BSMC occupied the Aid Station in



**CPT Cowles and the Huskies Enjoy a Post Celebration Snack**

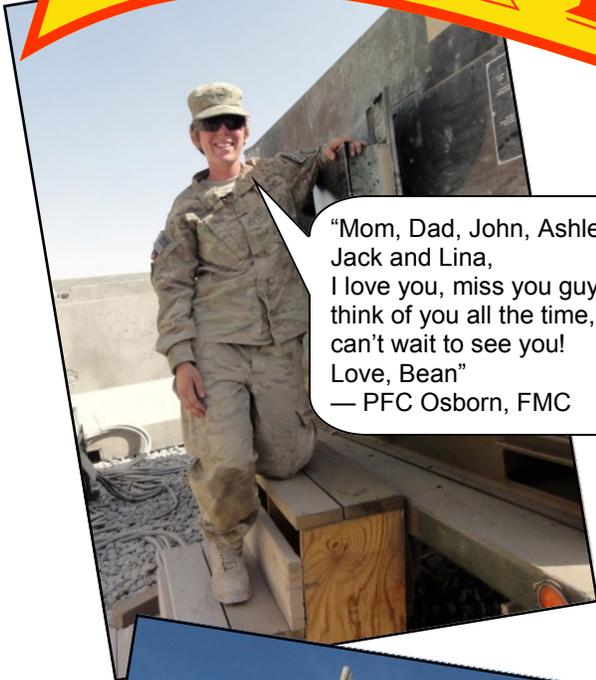


**PFC Tatum, SPC Winn, CPT Collinsworth, SGT Venturino, and SGT Yates Cut the Ribbon**

late May 2011, the Physical Therapy Clinic was one sparsely furnished room measuring 360 square feet. In little under two months the BSMC, with help of A Company, 1-24 Infantry Battalion, nearly doubled the clinic size to 736 square feet. The Physical Therapy Clinic is outfitted with innovative physical therapy equipment valued in excess of \$500,000. Currently, the 1/25th Stryker Physical Therapy Clinic provides rehabilitative treatment and supervision to an average of 19 patients every week. Additionally, the Physical Therapist, CPT Collinsworth, and his technician, SPC Winn, are instrumental in returning Soldiers enrolled in the Wolf Care Management Program to the fight. Their efforts are absolutely critical to mission success.

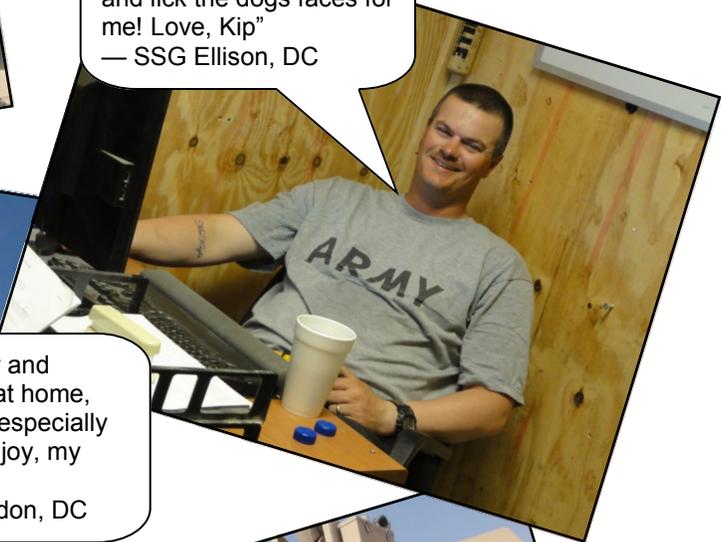
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## 25<sup>TH</sup> BRIGADE SUPPORT BATTALION

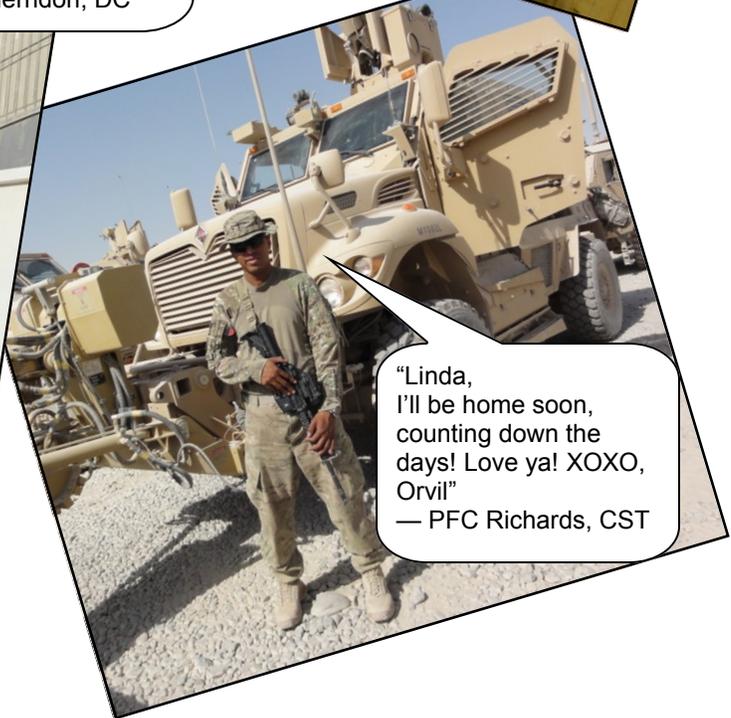


"Mom, Dad, John, Ashley, Jack and Lina, I love you, miss you guys, think of you all the time, can't wait to see you! Love, Bean"  
— PFC Osborn, FMC

"Kelly, Nick, and Kayla, I love and miss ya'll lots! Kiss each other for me and lick the dogs faces for me! Love, Kip"  
— SSG Ellison, DC



"To my family and friends back at home, I love you all especially my bundle of joy, my son, E.J."  
— SPC Herndon, DC



"Linda, I'll be home soon, counting down the days! Love ya! XOXO, Orvil"  
— PFC Richards, CST

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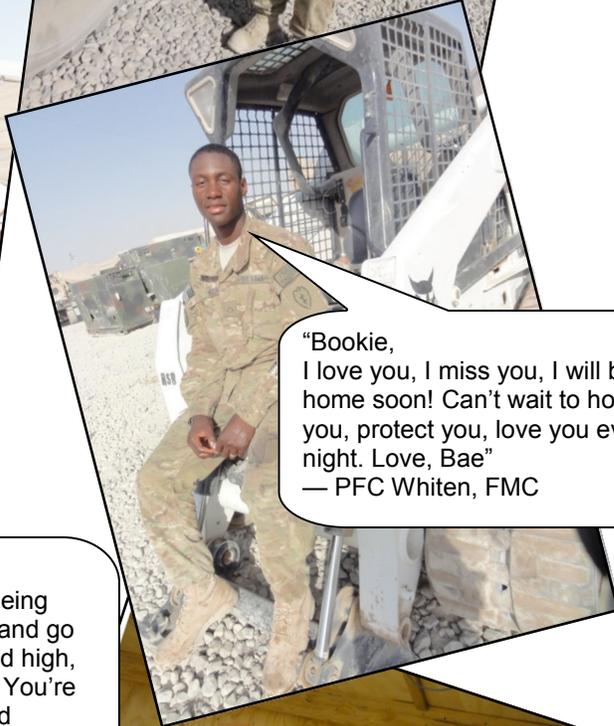
"Marissa,  
Just wanted to say hello, love  
ya, miss ya, give Dominic  
hugs and kisses! Love, Bryan"  
— SSG Castellano, 5-1 FST



"Mom, Dad, Kesha, Quita,  
Josh, Christina, Xia,  
I love ya'll, I'm doing good out  
here. I miss you, see you  
soon! Yours Truly, Ryan"  
— PFC Dyson, FMC



"Bookie,  
I love you, I miss you, I will be  
home soon! Can't wait to hold  
you, protect you, love you every  
night. Love, Bae"  
— PFC Whiten, FMC



"Dear Mom,  
I know it's hard seeing  
your oldest come and go  
but keep your head high,  
I'll be home soon. You're  
in my thoughts and  
prayers. Love, Marquices"  
— PVT Raboteau, FMC



"Hi Nikki, Kayden,  
Carleigh and Trilby,  
Daddy's cool. I'm  
sorry Daddy missed  
your birthday chicki-  
boom, HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY! Love,  
Dad"  
— SGT Moore, DC

