Heroes of the Week

A Company

HERO OF THE WEEK SGT JACK A. BRIDENSTINE



On 24 August 2005, Alpha Company 1-5 INF Snipers made contact with an insurgent vehicle carrying several A.I.F. personnel. The sniper O.P. observed the insurgents throw an explosive device into an abandoned I.A. vehicle being used as part of a baited ambush and proceeded to engage. The vehicle was disabled causing the insurgents to get out of the car and break contact in multiple directions into the industrial area located north of route Isuzu.

1ST Platoon heard warmongers transmissions stating that an element of 2nd platoon was in pursuit of one of the insurgents who were on foot and heading south. A 1-3 and A 1-4 proceeded north as a split section element into the industrial area in an attempt to intercept the insurgent. As A 1-3 headed north, they observed the insurgent matching the description given by Warmonger, force his way into a car full of civilians. Warmonger fired onto the intersection directly in front of the vehicle as it attempted to speed away. With Warmonger isolating the vehicle, A 1-3 cut the vehicle off and ordered the occupants out. SGT Jack A. Bridenstine dismounted from the vehicle with the remainder of his squad following closely behind. SGT Bridenstine ordered the civilian occupants to keep their hands up. The insurgent frantically paced back and forth with his hands at near shoulder level. The insurgent then pulled a pistol that had been concealed in his waist, and attempted to fire. SGT Bridenstine quickly identified the threat and engaged the insurgent, hitting him center mass several times. In keeping with his reputation of total composure, SGT Bridenstine then quickly began to clear and search the enemy KIA and help bag the body. Bringing his confirmed kill count to two, thwarting another A.I.F. attack, and once again saving the lives of his buddies, SGT Jack A. Bridenstine has earned the title, HERO OF THE WEEK.



B Company

B CO. (DEATHMASTERS) Hero of the Week SPC EDWARDS



KEEPING MOTIVATED

SPC EDWARDS HAS BEEN PERFORMING EXCEPTIONALLY WELL IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS AS THE COMMANDER'S RTO. HIS SELFLESS SERVICE AND SENSE OF DUTY HAS CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE SUCCESS OF BRAVO COMPANY, DEATHMASTERS.

AS THE RTO, SPC EDWARDS EXCEEDED ALL EXPECTATIONS OF DUTIES ENCOMPASSED WITH HIS JOB. HE HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL ON MANY OCCASIONS DURING COMBAT OPERATIONS IN MONITORING MANY NETS AS WELL AS RELAYING CRITICAL INFORMATIONS TO THE PLATOONS ON THE GROUND. BY DOING SO, HE WAS ABLE TO DIVERT A LOT OF RADIO TRAFFIC WHICH ALLOWED THE COMMANDER THE FREEDOM OF MANEUVER TO CONDUCT ANALYSIS OF MISSION SITUATIONS, AND ARRAY HIS FORCES ON THE BATTLEFIELD TO ENGAGE THE ENEMY.



DISMOUNTED PATROL



EVERYDAY ACTIVITIES



WINNING THE HEARTS & MINDS

C Company

C Co. 1-5 IN Hero of the Battle SPC Pagones Fambrough



SPC Fambrough has served as a driver and loader in MGS Platoon for the entire deployment. He has been a solid, dependable performer. His efforts in ensuring the combat readiness of his vehicle and crew are a great factor in their success. His attention to detail and positive attitude are a motivating factor for all members of 4th Platoon. Whining and complaints will never be heard from this soldier no matter how hard the adversity. He is with out a doubt, a True American Hero.



<u>HHC</u>

HHC "Hawks" Hero of the Week SPC BROMLEY, MATTHEW



As a special operator attached to HHC 1-5 INF Reconnaissance platoon; SPC Bromley as been able to provide valuable intelligence in the capture of several HVT's operating in AO Bobcat. His swift actions whether mounted or dismounted has enabled the platoon to react quickly in the apprehension of about 12 known terrorists associated with IED's, VBIED's, coordinated attacks on Coalition Forces, mortar teams, and personnel who had direct contact with known AIF since his arrival to the platoon. SPC Bromley is the second best amongst his peers however this soldier has the most Tier 1&2 targets captured on record.



PCI's of equipment



Mission Prep



Rehearsal and condition checks prior to mission