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Commander: 1LT Christopher Ratcliff

1st SGT: Dan Armour

Company “In-Brief”

This drill will include MSRT/Beltline, Christmas meal, and hip-pocket training.

In addition, here are some other last-minute changes/updates:

1. There will be a Make-up APFT on Sunday morning (0700) at the Charleston armory. Those soldiers needing to take the test must wear their APFT uniform (hand carry BDUs) and be prepared to take said test.

CO’s Policy on Missing Drill

Soldiers who know they will not be in attendance need to call either their platoon leader or platoon sergeant at least 24 hours before drill per 1LT Ratcliff. That platoon leader or platoon sergeant will then contact either the 1SG or the CO. These two people are the **only** people who can officially excuse some one from attending drill. Full-time personnel at the armories are NOT the contact persons and cannot “take a message” to deliver for your absence. It is **YOUR** responsibility to ensure that the proper person is contacted first. The Platoon Leader or Platoon Sergeant will then contact the Readiness NCO (SFC Standridge) and see where they need to report to and when to do the make-up drill.

New Members

PV1 Michael Weathers PV1 James Gandt

Drill Information (7-8 December)

Saturday – First Formation for all personnel will be NLT 0745 at the Cape Girardeau armory; uniform will be BDUs. Barring inclement weather, everyone will form-up at the tennis courts just north of the armory.

Sunday – First Formation for all personnel will be 0730 at their respective armories, uniform will be BDUs. (See page 3 for respective armory information.)

Note from the Commander

Happy Holidays Charlie Company. ‘Tis the season to spend time with friends, family, and loved ones. Often spending time with them involves traveling great distances. Keep safety in mind at all times. If bad weather hits, drive defensively – slow down, give yourself plenty of breaking distance, and leave in plenty of time to keep you from having to rush. And always, remember to wear your seatbelt.

I want to take a minute to talk about family. We often think of family as moms, dads, children, grandparents, and so on. Your families depend on you to be there, to care and provide for them. Let’s not forget our military family. That family depends on you as well. Not only does the military count on you, but so does your platoon, your squad, your team as well as your nation. Thanks to the blood and sweat given by our veterans are we able to celebrate the holidays as we do, or as we want to. Many men and women before us have paid the ultimate price for this freedom that we enjoy. Remember them – they did their part. We must carry on and do ours. We may never be billed for these freedoms as our veterans were. Nor may we ever have to pay the same price as them, but we need to be prepared to keep and uphold what those before have given us. To my Charlie

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Please share all information with your family!

DRILL SCHEDULE

11-12 JANUARY (2003) (AT WETS)

12B LANE TRAINING (CRAWL)

SPT PLT LANE TRAINING (CRAWL)

CONSIDERATION OF OTHERS TRAINING

22-23 FEBRUARY (2003) (AT WETS)

12B LANE TRAINING (WALK)

SPT PLT LANE TRAINING (WALK)

2002-2003 EVENT CALENDAR

13 December – National Guard Birthday

25 December – Christmas Day

1 January 2003 – New Year's Day

20 January 2003 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

17 February 2003 – Presidents' Day

22-23 February 2003 – Drill (at WETS)

8-9 March 2003 – Drill (at WETS)

22-23 March 2003 – FRG Volunteer Leadership Training, Springfield, MO

6 April 2003 – Daylight Savings Time Begins

11-13 April 2003 – Drill (MUTA 5 at WETS)

17-18 May 2003 – Drill

6 June 2003 – Drill (59th anniversary of D-Day)

7-21 June 2003 Annual Training (Ft. Campbell)

26-27 July 2003 - Drill

16-17 August 2003 - Drill

13-14 September 2003 – Drill

Supply Sergeant's Notes

- Clothing is in – Please stop by and see if your order is here.
- On Sunday, I will issue 2 sets of Cold Weather Clothes and gear to every soldier present.

Every soldier needs to contact supply regarding his or her individual clothing record.

Unit Contact Numbers

1LT Ratcliff (573) 756-2879	2LT Gargas (913) 631-2046
1LT Lusk (636) 677-2670	1LT Woods (573) 243-0637
SFC Alexander (573) 471-3540	SFC Gross (573) 471-0834
SFC Hampton (901) 937-7947	SFC Green (573) 683-2313
1SG Armour (573) 471-7840	SFC Vandeven (573) 238-3823
2LT Gandt (573) 820-6340	

Company family, I wish you the best this holiday season. Be safe and I'll see you on the 7th. **Charlie Company Rocks!**

First Sergeant's Corner

All soldiers will attend this month's drill and adhere to the commander's policy on drill attendance. It is very important that soldiers be on time for the first formations.

Christmas Meal: I invite all spouses/special persons/immediate families to attend the unit's Christmas Meal/FRG meeting at the Charleston armory at 11:30 am on Sunday. In addition, Santa will be there at 1 pm for all the children present.

NOTE: Following the meal, training will resume for all soldiers.

Personal Appearance: Look and act like a soldier – boots shined, haircuts and uniforms in accordance with AR 670-1.

REP-63: If you have a REP-63 in your squad/platoon that is currently at training, then I would like for everyone to take the time to send him a letter. Mail is important to a soldier, especially at Basic/AIT. Let him know what's going on, how everybody is doing, etc.

Sikeston Armory Information

ALL soldiers will report NLT 0745 hrs on 7 December at the Cape Girardeau armory to participate in the MSRT and Beltline. We will be last through the Beltline. Following the Beltline, we will return to Charleston/Sikeston for further training.

Charleston Armory Information

ALL soldiers will report NLT 0745 hrs on 7 December at the Cape Girardeau armory to participate in the MSRT and Beltline. We will follow 2nd Plt. through the Beltline. Following the Beltline, we will return to Charleston for further training

Portageville Armory Information

ALL soldiers will report NLT 0745 hrs on 7 December at the Cape Girardeau armory to participate in the MSRT and Beltline. We will move through the Beltline after Spt. Plt. Following the Beltline, we will return to Portageville for further training.

Support Platoon Information

ALL soldiers will report NLT 0745 hrs on 7 December at the Cape Girardeau armory to participate in the MSRT and Beltline. We will move through the Beltline first. Following the Beltline, we will return to Caruthersville for further training.

Sunday – All Platoon Information

All APFT make-ups will report to Charleston NLT **0700** in PT uniform (hand carry BDUs). All others will form at their respective armories (Caruthersville, Portageville and Charleston) NLT 0730 for training in jobsite security and PMCS. At 1000 Portageville and Caruthersville personnel will depart for Charleston and arrive NLT 1130 for the Christmas meal. After the meal, there will be more training until the final formation to include NBC, fighting positions, and react to contact.

ARMORY CONTACT INFORMATION

SIKESTON -- DESIGNATION: CO. C (-) 1140TH EN. BN.
PHONE: 573-472-2907, 472-2362 (FAX)
ADDRESS: 300 S. MAIN ST., SIKESTON, MO, 63801-3036
FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES: SFC KEITH STANDRIDGE, SSG JERRY ELDER, SGT DOYLE WICKER

PORTAGEVILLE -- DESIGNATION: DET. 1, CO. C, 1140TH EN. BN.
PHONE: 573-379-3101, 379-3453 (FAX)
ADDRESS: 400 W. 10TH ST.; PORTAGEVILLE, MO; 63873
FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE: SSG JAY SPROAT

CHARLESTON -- DESIGNATION: DET. 2, CO. C, 1140TH EN. BN.
PHONE: 573-683-6743
ADDRESS: 701 S. MAIN, CHARLESTON, MO, 63834-3036
FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES: SFC STEVE ALEXANDER, SGT WENDELL COOPER

CARUTHERSVILLE -- DESIGNATION: DET. 3, CO. C, 1140TH EN.
PHONE: 573-333-1396, 333-5024 (FAX)
ADDRESS: 801 W. 3RD ST., CARUTHERSVILLE, MO, 63830-1201
FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE: SGT BILL HOXWORTH

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS? CONTACT:
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DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: 27 DECEMBER AT 1200 HRS.

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Sikeston, MO 63801-3036

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

December Birthdays

SGT Bruce Groves	SPC Ripley Griffin
SGT Doyle Wicker	SPC James Pulliam
2LT Robert Gargas	SPC Jason Mitchell
SGT Wendell Cooper	SPC Matthew Glastetter
PV2 Chris Lytle	PV1 Greg Portwood

Congratulations to...

SGT Jimmy Ingram on his acceptance as 3rd Squad Leader for 2nd Platoon at Portageville!
COL Hanke (35th ENGR BDE) on his promotion to BG!

Soldier of the Month

Congratulations to SPC James Rudd for being named Charlie Company's Soldier of the Month!



"WHEN MY SLEIGH BROKE DOWN, GENERAL, I KNEW I COULD COUNT ON THE NATIONAL GUARD!"

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December Drill Highlights

Saturday (7 December):

- First Formation: All personnel will assemble at the Cape Girardeau armory NLT 0745. The formation will be just north of the armory at the tennis courts.
- MSRT and Admin Beltline
- Physicals for selected individuals (see list on page 2 of newsletter).
- Following Beltline completion, platoons will return to respective armories for further training.
- Leaders Meeting (E-6 and above) at Charleston armory at 1800 hours.
- Hip pocket training to occur while at Cape armory.

Sunday (8 December):

- First Formation at respective armories for all personnel NLT 0730.
- Make-up APFT test at Charleston armory at 0700 (see Readiness NCO column for names).
- Christmas dinner at Charleston armory (1130-1300)
- Santa arrives at 1300 for all the children to meet and greet.
- Vehicle and Weapons PMCS
- ODP/NCODP
- NBC, TLPs, call for fire, battle drills, driver's training, etc.

Comments:

- Soldiers will dress for appropriate weather conditions.
- All soldiers will ensure that they are conforming with AR 670-1 regarding uniforms and haircuts.

Menu: Saturday Lunch: Battalion Mess (at Cape Armory)

Sunday Lunch: Christmas Meal at Charleston armory. The FRG is providing smoked turkeys and hams for the Christmas Meal.

Company Website Update

By Darryl Spurlock, Webmaster

After a lot of work, Charlie Company's website has taken a new shape. A major overhaul has been done and some new features have been added, including a News Ticker, Guestbook, online Essayons newsletter, and a new Photo Album. Information on the Resources page has also been updated and new additions include Drill Dates, METL information, and also all-new Military Humor with an area for humorous military stories (If you've got a story, send it to me). The Recruiter, FRG, and the Leadership pages have also been changed and/or updated.

I am excited to be able to work for Charlie Company as webmaster and it is my goal to make Charlie Company's website the best. I would like to thank CPT Gotter for all of his help in the transfer of the domain, and a big thanks to 1LT Ratcliff for giving me the opportunity to help out Charlie Company as webmaster. Also, special thanks to 1SG & Mrs. Armour for their support and encouragement in letting me know I could support Charlie Company in this way.

There will be more changes and updates to come... so visit often. Go to <http://charlie1140th.com> and check it out. It is your website so let me know what you think. Email me at webmaster@charlie1140th.com.

Armory Assignments

SIKESTON

Company HQ

1LT Ratcliff
1LT Cowgill
1SG Armour
SFC Standridge
SSG Elder
SPC Pulliam
PFC Caldwell
CDT French

1st Platoon (HQ)

2LT Gargas
SFC Gross
SPC Carlisle
PFC Keene

1st Squad

SSG Staggs
SGT A. Robinson
CPL Jones
PFC Petty
PFC Idleman
PV2 K. Masegian

2nd Squad

SGT Holmes
SGT Wicker
CPL Reed
SPC Eaton
PFC Santoro
PV1 K. Tinnin
PV1 Taylor

3rd Squad

SSG Caid
CPL Latham
PFC Anthony
PFC Brown

Maintenance Platoon

SFC Vandeven
SSG Noles
SGT Worley
SGT W. Robinson
PV2 Long
PV2 Anthony
PV1 Harp
PFC Tipton
PFC Vandiver
SPC Scholz
PFC R. Amerson
PV1 Weathers

Food Service Section

SGT Hardin
SGT Johnson
SPC Taylor
PFC M. Adams

Commo Section

SGT G. Walker
SPC Lowes

PORTAGEVILLE

2ND Platoon (HQ)

1LT Lusk
SFC D. Hampton

1st Squad

SSG Sproat
SPC Bixler
SPC Griffin
SPC Sullivan

2nd Squad

SSG Moody
SGT Hicks
SPC McClain
SPC Genereau
PV1 Recker

3rd Squad

SGT Ingram
SGT Clark
SPC Rudd
PFC S. Hampton
PFC Davis

CHARLESTON

3rd Platoon (HQ)

1LT Woods
SFC Alexander
SPC Rutledge
SPC Myers

1st Squad

SSG Rand
CPL Carmack
CPL Bonee
SPC Campbell
PV2 J. Byford
PV1 J. Gandt

2nd Squad

SGT Henson
SGT Groves
CPL Borders
SPC Polley
PV1 Larry
PV1 Gammons

3rd Squad

SSG R. Byford
SGT Cooper
SGT Allstun
SPC Armour
PV2 Freeman

CARUTHERSVILLE

Support Platoon (HQ)

2LT J. Gandt
SFC Green

Equipment Section

SSG Begley
SGT Hoxworth
SGT Edger
SGT R. Mitchell
SGT Miller
SPC C. Masegian
SPC J. Mitchell
SPC Kimble
SPC Glastetter
SPC Stricklin
SPC Wheeler
SPC Noe
SPC W. Adams
SPC Riggs
PFC Sidwell
PV1 Meyer

Obstacle Section

SSG Hinton
SGT Cox
SGT Hindman
SPC Younger
SPC Harp
SPC Ramage
PV1 Portwood
PV1 Madison
PV1 Sanders
PV2 T. Amerson
PV2 Lytle
PV1 Keller

NOTE: If your name is not on this list, contact SFC Standridge **before** drill.