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In This Edition: Patrols COP living Patrol-base Operation

Bayonet Soldiers along with the ANA and ANP took part in another census for one of the neighboring villages to COP Ware. They set out early, before daylight to position themselves on the edges

Of the village. Once they were set in, teams mixed with ANP and **Bayonet Soldiers** went through and took pictures while conducting a census of the locals in and around the town. This will help in future operations assisting the locals in the area and planning for local government improvements.



Bayonet Soldiers with ANP/ANA filling out census questions. The children like to gather as close as possible to see what is going on.



Bayonet soldiers on joint patrol with ANP. This is the outskirts of the village where a lot of nomadic herders live in big tents. They keep their animals corralled at night and walk them through the fields during the day.

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The new gym has been built at COP Ware- complete with AC/Heaters. Gym equipment was moved from the make-shift 'Afghanistan Muscle Beach' gym that's been on gravel rocks for about a month. We also put in some mats we brought from the gym Ft. Carson to protect the new concrete floors. With lights installed, Soldiers can now work out at night too.



QUARTERS

LIVING



The new D-FAC was started at the beginning of November. There will be room for food storage, space for a kitchen, and a large dining room for Soldiers to eat in. Once the roof is in place, the cooks will move their outdoor kitchen inside and resume making hot meals for those at COP Ware.





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One of the joint patrols out of the patrol base in a nearby town with second platoon. Each platoon rotated out of the patrol bases in the nearby towns for several days at a time. While they were out, they patrolled the local area talking to the locals about their concerns, such as water, power, blankets, and food for the winter as the harvest season ends for them . Most of the patrols from each patrol base were with the ANA leading the patrols from the front.



Patrol-Base

Bayonet Soldiers preparing to leave one of the two week patrol bases right before sunrise. The ANA helped out by bringing their small trucks to move supplies back to the COP. The people of the town were happy about the increase in security in the area and the patrol base did a lot to improve relations between Bayonet Soldiers, the ANA, and the locals encountered and protected daily.





3RD Platoon patrolling near the canals



A little help from your buddy is always appreciated for the walls and canals. 3rd Platoon hopping over walls



Some sheep herders moving through Bayonet AO with the ANA's Flag in the foreground.



A house before demo



SEA-BEES making the road wider through AO Bayonet

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SSG Rowlands takes a moment to enjoy the small things with SFC Wright

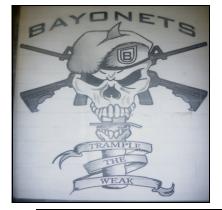


EOD taking down a wall



Bayonet soldiers before leaving for a patrol from the OCC-D.

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