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837th U.S. Army Transportation Battalion (Terminal)

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Commander's Corner

By LTC Richard J. Kramer
Battalion Commander

Return of the Kargo King!

After a 4-year absence, the Kargo King returns to claim his place in history as the Commander of the Pier 8 Empire. The Korean Nationals inform me that I look the same, except that: I'm wearing glasses, have grey hair and am fatter in my face. I still love the KNs as they are the backbone for long-term continuity for the battalion. However, lets not make this personal or about me.

I can't express how proud I am to be the Commander of the Kargo Kings Battalion. I find myself surrounded by a strong and talented staff of Officers, NCOs, DACs and KATUSAs. Continuity in Korea is always an issue with the military and DACs alike. The military usually serves one to two year tours and DACs rarely serve over two year tours. In the same week, we have a new CO, XO, S3 (under lap for 1 month) and SGM (under lap for 2 months). Once everyone gets on the ground and comfortable with operations, systems and personnel, this battalion will be on fire!

We will be getting CPT Wolfe in mid July as the new S3 and SGM McMillan in early August. That said, we are having a massive turnover in our DACs this year

and are sure to lose Mr. McCorvey, Mr. Blake and Mr. McLendon. It is a given we'll lose both interns this year unless we all can convince them to stay on and fill vacant positions within the battalion (everyone work on them for us, thanks).



LTC Kramer takes over the 837th Transportation Battalion colors from COL Harvey at the Change of Command ceremony held on June 15, 2004.

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Next quarter, we will find ourselves in an operational pace not seen in over a decade. Highlights of missions: Turbo CADS 2004, 2/2ID BCT deployment, 900 series vehicle shipments, M1A2 fielding and M1A1 retrograde operations, UFL 2004 deployment and redeployment and numerous other operations and planning missions. To make it even more interesting, we will be preparing and deploying our NCOs, DACs and interns to Kuwait to augment SDDC SWA Group HQs. It is a time of unprecedented change, but I know the battalion is ready to execute and support any mission as required. As the saying goes – bring it on!

Know the New Commander: True or False:

- T or F - He once held a KATUSA upside down off the roof by his ankles.
- T or F - He drinks a gallon of water a day.
- T or F - He walks a little faster than the average person.
- T or F - He is afraid of his own shadow
- T or F - He worries about what others think
- T or F - He’s shy and a man of few words
- T or F - He’s a consensus builder
- T or F - Mr. Choe will be able to send his children to college with the over time hours accrued driving the XO and him home late at night.

Trivia: The most over heard comments on Pier 8. “When I was XO” and “Didn’t COL Harvey talk a long time at the Change of Command Ceremony?”



DST ON PENINSULA/ OFF PENINSULA EXERCISE SUPPORT

- 04 Apr *APL Chiwan*—217 Up-armored HMMWVs depart Busan for OIF redistribution into SWA.
- 11-12 Apr *USNS Fisher*—Load 163 pcs, 642 LT, 3,755 MT, of Cobra Gold '04 cargo.
- 12 Apr- 04 May Ammunition Retrograde at Chinhae-- *MV Eric Gibson*. Load: 701 TEU, 3,153,405 lbs NEW.
- 17 Apr- 07 May CPT Henry and Mr. Bright deploy to Thailand to augment 835th-led Cobra Gold Deployment DST.
- 24-25 Apr *MV Green Point*, Discharge: 42 pcs, 3,267 MT; 1,821 LT (30 M1A1 tanks.)
Load: 409 pcs; 8,184 MT; 1,647 LT.
- 30 Apr- 16 May SSG Jackson, SSG Bruce, SFC Sprague, and SGM Skinner individually redeploy from augmentation to the 598th Trans Group DST in Kuwait. They had been there from 07Feb.
- 10-11 May Unisys Corp. provides RFID training to 837th Military & KATUSAs, and soldiers from the 517th PMCT.
- 13- 25 May SRP preparation for SWA. All DAC and available Military undergo AT/ Threat brief and Deployment CTT, as well as medical, dental, vision, and legal screening. Military undergo Pulmonary Stress Test.
- 20 May Joint CHEMEX with 61st Chem Co, 53rd HRD, ROKA POG, USAF WPLO, and 517th PMCT.
- 24-28 May Indonesian Navy Vessel, *Dewaruci*, conducts port call to Pier 8.
- 24 May-01 Jun TURBO CADS DST. *Cape Farewell*. Disch: 710 TEU, 2,028,624 lb NEW, Load: 21 TEU, 23,040 lb NEW.
- 27-30 May 2/2 ID Deployment Assistance Cell. Mr. Rice, SSG Bartell, and SSG Jules deployed to Camp Casey enclave to assist/advise on preparation of equipment for surface deployment.
- 1-18 Jun Mr. Bright and Mr. MacPherson deploy to Thailand to augment Cobra Gold Redeployment DST.
- 06 Jun *MV Green Point*, OIC Mr. Rice. Disch: 32 pcs; 2,309 MT; 1,352 LT (23 M1A1 tanks.)
- 08 Jun-08 Jul SFC Sprague and SSG Jackson deploy to Camp Casey enclave to coordinate with DTO on pre-stow plans and work with the 1394th DSB.
- 20-25 Jun Chilean Navy Vessel, *Esmeralda*, conducts port call to Pier 8.



Loading LMSR Fisher with Cobra Gold equipment.

Kargo Kings receiving RFID EEDSK training.



Joint CHEMEX on Pier 8

The Kargo Kings once again “ROK’d On” with a team effort supporting exercises like RSOI and Cobra Gold; real-world missions such as OIF, the 2/2 ID Deployment, and the USFK M1A2 tank-fielding; and training opportunities such as the Joint CHEMEX and RFID indoctrination classes. At the same time, we continued to bolster Good-Neighbor relationships by taking part in KATUSA friendship week and hosting port calls from Indonesian and Chilean vessels.

Kargo King members continued to make known their expertise worldwide with deployments by SSG Bruce, SSG Jackson, SFC Sprague, and SGM Skinner augmenting the 598th Trans Group DST in Kuwait, and CPT Henry, Mr. Bright, and Mr.

Last shipment of new M1 tanks discharged from the Green Point.

MacPherson augmenting an 835th-led Cobra Gold DST to Thailand. Military and DACs also underwent SRP preparation for their upcoming deployments to SWA to augment a 599th Trans Group-led DST. As with all other missions, the 837th team is sure to be a hit!

The battalion closed out RSOI ‘04 with successful redeployments of unit cargo aboard the SL Patriot, MV Lihu’e, MV Green Point, and USNS Fisher (RSOI cargo destined for Cobra Gold, Thailand.) Fantastic coordination by Mr. Blake, Dr. Son, Ms. Han, and the rest of the CDS staff allowed for seamless commercial operations. A great job by Mr. Rice, Mr. Yun, and the operations staff made for a smooth closeout to the exercise.



The battalion successfully closed out the staging and stuffing of 217 up-armored HMMWVs destined for SWA. The vehicles were railed to PSF, where

Indonesian Training Ship port call visit. Look at all the crew members on the ship’s masts!

their personnel removed the side-view mirrors to facilitate our stuffing them into containers. Thanks to all 837th and PSF personnel who made the mission a success!

Mr. Rice, SSG Bartell, and SSG Jules deployed to Camp Casey enclave to assist/advise on preparation of 2/2 ID equipment for surface deployment into SWA. SFC Sprague and SSG Jackson followed-up by

proceeding to the enclave as the resident Ocean Cargo subject matter experts. Among their duties were to facilitate the pre-stow planning stage and the requisite call-forwarding of vehicles IAW the stow plan. With everyone's help and professionalism, the 837th looks to once again show the world that Import or Export, 837th Transportation Battalion truly is USFK's Power Projection Platform. Go Kargo Kings!

Cargo Distribution Section

By Mr. Major J. Blake
Chief CDS

The pace of operations continues to increase across the board in Korea. During the 3rd Quarter, the Cargo Distribution Section processed the largest shipment to North Korea in support of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command's search for remains from the Korean Conflict. We processed the redeployment of many of the units involved in RSOI; deployed in support of Cobra Gold; supported a retrograde ammunition vessel in support of Turbo Cads '04; booked over 500 M900 series vehicles for export; and planned and processed the 2nd Infantry Division Brigade deployment to SWA.

The dedicated staff, primarily Korean National Employees, continue to perform in the most professional and proficient manner possible. Their expertise and dedication continue to impress everyone they come in contact with. Our small number of DAC and military personnel are spearheading the reception and staging

of the 2nd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division at three locations in Busan. Our Korean soldiers assigned to the battalion, as a part of the KATUSA program, are doing jobs they had not previously been called on to do and are performing in an exceptional manner. They are mastering the scanners and providing additional cargo checking support for the operation.

Since the arrival of the new commander, LTC Kramer, we received guidance to explore the capabilities of additional port facilities in the theater. A recent visit to the Port of Kwangyang resulted in several planning and strategy meetings with G4 Trans EUSA, the Kwangyang Bay Area



Free Economic Zone Authority, Korean Express Company, International Stevedoring Company and battalion personnel. These meetings have resulted in positive relationships among the participants. We expect to exercise the port within the next few months.

Sometimes we are so involved with the day-to-day support and operations that we don't realize how the battalion's coordination and effort contribute to the bigger picture. Recently, the first repatriation ceremony held in Korea was conducted for remains found in North Korea by the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) at Yong-san Post, Seoul, Korea. When I read the article in the Stars and Stripes I felt very good knowing that we, as a battalion, had contributed to supporting the recovery of soldiers remains lost in a time of conflict over 50 years ago.

The support provided by the personnel of SDDC and the Transportation Corps are so critical to the mission accomplishment of all our forces worldwide. The battalion is already planning and ready for a fast-paced operational 4th quarter in Korea. More retrograde ammo, more military exercise cargo, and more relocation of equipment. Rest assured, the "Kargo Kings" are always up to the task and will accomplish all missions assigned in a professional and proficient manner!



INFORMATION MANAGEMENT OFFICE

By Mr. Yi, Chong-won
Information Management Officer

The IMO staff was very busy supporting three different vessel operation sites simultaneously in the period of 10 July – 24 July 2004. We supported the 2ID deployment to Kuwait at Pier 8 and Pier 6; supported the Turbo Cads ammunition redeployment back to the states at Chin-hae Ammunition Pier using the World-

wide Port Systems (one terminal system and two carry-away systems), the Symbol scanners and the Early Entry Deployment Support Kit (EEDSK). We also setup the EEDSK at the ROK/ POG to collect the Radio Frequency Tag information of 2nd ID's equipment moving in and out of the staging area to Pier 8. It was a busy couple of weeks but we managed to provide the necessary support the operations and cargo distribution personnel needed to complete the mission.

Four Catalyst 2950 Cisco switches were updated with the latest patches and have replaced our old 3COM Core Builder 5000. For you non-computer types out there, that means that our internet access speed has been improved with this update and our system is in very good condition. Everyone can surf the web faster now during their lunch-break. The INMARSAT-B we received recently from 599th Group has been configured and tested in both voice and data file transmission via network access for deployment.

The IMO staff conducted training classes on the Early Entry Deployment Support Kit (EEDSK) for U.S. Army Reserve soldiers and newly assigned US military personnel to the 837th Trans Bn. Instructions were provided on how to set up the EEDSK and how to connect the EEDSK with the Mini-m Satellite systems; how to burn the Radio Frequency Tags with the containerized cargo data from the WPS and BBP cargo data from TCACCIS and how to upload the cargo data files to the ITV server. We also trained them on how

to collect the RF tags by the interrogator systems and how to transfer the collected RF tag information files into the proper ITV server.

It's been a busy couple of months for the IMO section and we look forward to future operations where we are able to support the battalion with the required communication and data collecting/processing support.

Kargo Kings!



Mr. Yi and Mr. Pak testing of INMARSAT B with voice call and network access.

KATUSA PERSPECTIVE

By SGT Jang, Hyung-joon
Senior KATUSA

This quarter was a very busy quarter for the members of the 837th Trans Bn, because there were lots of missions and events taking place. The most important mission was the 2ID deployment which was from 18 Jul 04 to 22 Jul 04. This mission involved loading vehicles and containers from 2ID that were destined for Iraq. So, we had lots of work to do in a short period of time. Of course, KATUSAs participated in the mission. We divided into two groups; one dayshift, and the

other night shift.

CPL Kim (CDS), PFC Moon, and PVT Moon did the dayshift work. They helped load vehicles and containers on to the Cape Horn and Cape Hudson. Their major duty was scanning the exact STOW number of all the equipment being loaded. ISC people also did the work and they were good teammates. It wasn't easy work because of the sizzling hot weather. The heat and exhaust from vehicles made the mission more difficult, but we made the mission happen.

Though it wasn't that hot compared to

the dayshift, the nightshift was also difficult work. Being awoken throughout the whole night is harder than anybody normally thinks. However, CPL Jun says that the more he does the work, the more he gains confidence to achieve it. CPL Kim (OPS) and CPL Jo, also worked the nightshift. They had to go inside the vessel to perform the mission, but the inside of the vessel was so hot and dirty. However, on 22 July the mission was completed and we learned a lot.

Three people went to Jinhae with the DST. SGT Jo, CPL Sohn and CPL

Hwang. They also helped load containers on-to the ship. They worked with ISC and Operations personnel. Though it was a little bit hot, Jinhae was a great place to work. CPL Hwang says that Mr. Kim from ISC was so nice. He bought them a great lunch and dinner everyday and helped in working efficiently. Finally, the mission was done without any accidents or incidents.

So, I can say that this quarter was a busy and a great quarter and all the people in 837th can feel proud of what they've done.

Jinhae Ship Operations



SGT Jo and CPL Hwang giving their support on board Cape Farewell.



CPL Sohn assisting at the DPOC.



CPL Sohn communicates with other members via radio.



CPL Sohn working on securing containers.



Kargo Kings performing ship operations at the vessel Cape Farewall and Cape Inscription.

Preparing 837th's Personnel for SWA Deployment

Mr. Eddy D. McLendon - Administrative Officer

Personnel from the 837th Tran Bn have been going to Southwest Asia in support of OEF and OIF since 2003. In January 2003, we deployed one soldier to Kuwait, in February 2003 four of personnel supported DST operations at Rotterdam, and in February 2004 we also deployed soldiers to support OIF operations at the Port of Ash Shuaiba, Kuwait.

In May we started to prepare all of our assigned military and DACs for SWA deployments on a much larger scale. We reviewed our SRP requirements, which in the past had only involved deploying military personnel. SRP screening presents a challenge for our battalion personnel in that our main support hub is at Camp Henry in Daegu which is a 4-5 hour drive from/to Busan. Due to Camp Hialeah's size, our main support services such as CPAC, PSB and finance are all at Camp Henry.

The initial unit dental and medical screenings were conducted by Camp Hialeah clinics soon after we received the

warning order in May. Even though the clinics are small in size, the battalion received excellent support from the clinic staff. Follow-on appointments were promptly scheduled for our personnel needing additional medical or dental evaluations, some of which involved being seen at a local hospital in downtown Busan.

Daegu CPAC guidance and support for our DACs has also been superb. DACs will be scheduled for individual out-processing appointments for SWA entitlement counseling and preparation of required forms. Most required paperwork to start various pay entitlements will be accomplished prior to our DACs' actual departure and turned in based on Taegu CPAC instructions.

SRP processing has been a learning experience for most DACs being deployed since this will be the first major deployment of battalion DACs to support combat operations outside of the Korean theater. Much has been gained through review of websites, deployment guides, and ARs governing civilian personnel support of military contingency operations.



Mr. McLendon reviews deployment requirements with Mr. MacPherson and SSG Bartell.

JOINING THE KARGO KINGS



By MAJ William T. Draper
Executive Officer



Greetings Kargo Kings from the new Executive Officer! I couldn't be happier and more honored joining the ranks of one of the greatest military organizations in the Army. The legacy this unit has built and the leaders, local nationals, civilians and military personnel that have come through this organization are unmatched in tradition and performance. I can only hope to add to the continuing successes and tradition of this remarkable unit and I look forward to my time here. I also promise not to ship my electric razor through the postal service ever again.

I am arriving at the battalion from a year at the Command and General Staff Officer's College in Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. It was a great year learning more about the Army and her sister services and it was a great opportunity to meet new people and make new contacts which was put to use in the recent 2/2 BCT deployment (the PSA XO from 2ID and I were classmates).

From my foxhole over the past month, we have accomplished a lot. The professionalism of each member of our team has impressed me from the first day I stepped

foot on Pier 8. We have had to work through a lot of issues to make the 2/2 BCT deployment a success while at the same time supporting a Turbo-Cads mission at Chinhae. Everyone on the Korean peninsula knows who to come to for deployment expertise. We have a lot more on our plate in the coming months and our focus, drive and efforts need to be directed towards those missions as well.

We're going to have fun and we're going to work hard and play hard! There's a lot of things to see and do here in Korea and we're going to see them and do them. Sitting in your house and watching the days go by is not an option. My first trip I recommended to the battalion commander was a visit to the Chagalchi fish market to enjoy a fun-filled day of eating raw fish and by the look on his face, he was extremely excited. I've opted to look for other trips just in case that one falls through. The bottomline is that we're going to work as a team and we're going to play and socialize as a team.

Again, I am honored to be working with such great people in a great organization. You will get my full efforts each and everyday in supporting our personnel and our organization. Please stop me in the halls, on the port or stop by the office if you have something you need to discuss or just want to shoot the breeze. I'm always available and always ready to assist as needed.

To borrow a line from one of the best movies of all times- The Reservoir Dogs... "Let's Go to Work!"

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Security/Force Protection

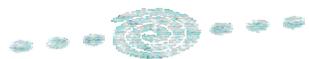
By Mr. Fred A. Vandersys
Unit Antiterrorism Officer

The 837th Trans Battalion's objectives in Security/Force Protection upgrades and training were accomplished for 2004. The Port's CCTV received a new color camera that replaced the only existing black and white of the 5 total cameras monitoring the pier. The old monitor was replaced with a new color monitor and the VCR was replaced with a new DVR recorder. Phase II of the installation of BIDS (Biometric Identification System) will bring the 837th Trans Bn on line with all installations on the Korean Peninsula. The annual awareness training was conducted within the command and all personnel were required to complete the Level I Antiterrorism/Force Protection on line course. The 837th Trans Battalion's local Korean employees, Department of Army Civilians, KATUSA's and Military completed the important

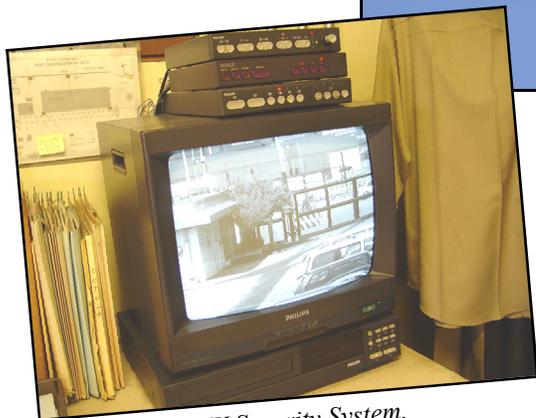
training on time.

The unit's Force Protection program recently completed the purchase request and commitment to install the Hydraulic drop arm crash beam and a Duress Alarm system with work scheduled to be completed this year. With these systems in place, they will enhance gate security and force protection measures. To increase additional protection, the Nasatka Maximum Security Vehicle Arrest portable Barrier will also be deployed once funding is approved for installation.

Force protection consists of those actions to prevent or mitigate hostile actions against the Department of Defense personnel and includes family members, resources, facilities, and critical information. The personnel at the 837th continue to assist in all these areas through daily OPSEC and weekly increased threat level measures.



Color Surveillance Camera



CCTV Security System.



Nasatka Maximum Security Portable Vehicle Arrest Barrier.





**Battalion Farewell Party
Grand Ball Room, Westin Chosun Beach Hotel
21 May 2004**

**LTC James Brundage, Outgoing Commander
MAJ James Nixon, Outgoing XO
MAJ Courtney Brooks, Operations Officer
SGM Jeffrey Skinner, Bn Sergeant Major
SGT Shin, Hyun-koo, Container Clerk
SGT Park, Jin-man, Senior KATUSA**



Cocktail hours



LTC Brundage makes his farewell speech.



Buffet Dinner



MAJ Nixon receives a big Kargo Kings coin from LTC Brundage.



MAJ Brooks makes his farewell speech.



SGM Skinner displays his gift, a traditional Korean lamp, given by the Korean employees.



SGT Jo, Hyun-chul receives a plaque engraved with the Kargo Kings' logo.



SGT Park, Jin-man receives a plaque engraved with the Kargo Kings' logo.



SGT Shin, Hyun-koo displays his gift, a wall watch, given by the CDS staff.

Promotion & Recognition Ceremony



CPL Jo, Kyoo-hyun recites the NCO creed after being promoted to SGT.



SSG Jon Bruce receives an ARCOM.



COL Harvey presents the Commander's Award for Public Service to Mrs. Caroline Brundage for her outstanding and selfless service to the 837th Trans Bn.

Change of Command
15 June 2004



Mr. Eddy McLendon performs as Master of Ceremony for the Change of Command.



MAJ James Nixon as the CDR of troops.



LTC Richard Kramer makes his remarks after assumption of command.



Chaplain CPT Robert Marci makes the invocation.



ROK 3rd Fleet Activity Band gives their musical support to the ceremony.



The 53rd Homeland Security Color Guard; 837th's military and civilian squads at attention.



Guest tents full of people.



VIP tent

Marks of Excellence

MSM

LTC James E. Brundage, Outgoing Commander

ARCOM

SSG Jon Bruce, Movement NCO, Cargo Distribution

AAM

SGT Lee, Jong-keun, Senior KATUSA

SGT Kim, Duk-won, PSNCO, Cmd & Spt

The Honorable Order of Saint Christopher

LTC James E. Brundage, Outgoing Commander

MAJ James M. Nixon, Outgoing Executive Officer

MAJ Courtney R. Brooks, Ops Officer, Terminal Operations

Letter of Commendation from Mayor of Busan

LTC James E. Brundage, Outgoing Commander

Letter of Commendation from the CDR, ROKA Spt Gp

LTC James E. Brundage, Outgoing Commander

MAJ James M. Nixon, Outgoing Executive Officer

Commander's Award for Public Service

Mrs. Caroline Brundage, Family Member

Certificate of Achievement

Mr. Fred A. Vandersys, Plans Officer, Terminal Operations

Certificate of Appreciation

PFC Sohn, Il-woong, NBC Assistant, Terminal Operations

837th Trans Gp's Senior System Employee of the Qtr

Mr. Eddy D. McLendon, Admin Officer, CMD & SPT

837th Trans Gp's Base System Employee of the Qtr

Ms. Kim, Mi-suk, Trans Assistant, CDS

KATUSA of the Quarter

CPL Jang, Hyung-joon, Supply Clerk, Cmd & Spt

*"We know the truth, not only by the reason, but by the heart."
- Pascal -*