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The 2nd Armored Brigade Combat

Team, 1st Armored Division, also

known as The Iron Brigade, had an

eventful month filled with visitations

from important senior leaders from

both Kuwait and U.S. militaries.





From the Top



Happy holidays to our families and friends in Texas and across the Task Force. I am Brig. Gen. Michael Adame, Task Force Spartan and 36th Infantry Division Deputy Commanding General for Support. On behalf of the command we thank all of the Soldiers and teammates of Task Force Spartan for their service and great work.

To our families and friends back home, thank you for all your love and support. We could not do this mission without you. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year from all of us here at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.

"In Spite of Hell"

Brig. Gen. Michael Adame

Deputy Commanding General- Support Task Force Spartan



Combat Patch Pride

Story and Photos by Staff Sgt. Mark Scovell

"The presentation of the combat patch is a symbol of the shared dedication each member has to the Soldiers they earned it with, in addition to the Soldiers who have worn it before them and will wear it in the future. It's something that no one will be able to take away.

-Alpha Company Commander Cpt. James Reichhold





"My Dad said I would wear the patch with pride, not because of the moment I earned it, but because of who also wears it. He was right about that, too " - Brig. Gen. Win Burkett

The insignia was presented to Soldiers that participated in or supported ground combat operations against hostile forces under the threat of enemy actions either directly or indirectly. This is according to Army Regulation 670-1.

Alpha Company Soldiers known as Team Annihilator, held their ceremony at a remote outpost where they were assigned to security operations. Lt. Col. Ben Flynn, the 1-35th AR commander, began the ceremony with a short speech on the history of the combat patch and how it developed during World War I to help identify the different units. Flynn then introduced special guest speaker, Brig. Gen. Win Burkett, Task Force Spartan deputy commanding general of operations.

Burkett told the Soldiers how honored he was to be included in this significant milestone in their careers.

Following the speech, Flynn bestowed the honor on the Alpha Company commander, Cpt. James Reichhold, who in turn presented patches to his platoon leaders, and finally they placed patches on the rest of the formation.

U.S. Soldiers of Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 35th Armored Regiment, 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, stood at attention to receive their shoulder sleeve insignia, or combat patches, for former wartime service in a ceremony in Southwest Asia, Nov. 26, 2020.

> "It is extremely rewarding to recognize our Soldiers with their combat patch," said Reichhold. "Each day our Soldiers perform their assigned duties at 100 percent of their ability, not only because it's their job, but because they are dedicated to taking care of the Soldiers to their left and right."

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Transfer of Authority

CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait - The 36th Infantry Division, Texas Army National Guard, assumed command of Task Force Spartan at a transfer of authority ceremony at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, Nov. 19, 2020.

The event oversaw the command of the task force transfer from the leadership of Maj. Gen. Steven Ferrari, commanding general of 42nd Infantry Division to Maj. Gen. Patrick Hamilton, commanding general of 36th Inf. Div.

During the ceremony, Hamilton said his Soldiers prepared for this deployment with rigorous training exercises that challenged them in all aspects of being a Soldier.

"I am confident that this fantastic group of Soldiers is ready to go and assume mission command in the Middle East," said Hamilton.

TF Spartan is a unique, multicomponent organization that maintains a U.S. military posture in Southwest Asia to strengthen defense relationships and build partner capacity through Operation Spartan Shield.

"We look forward to continuing the great work the 42nd Inf. Div. has accomplished in support of U.S. Army Central Command and our partners to ensure we have a safe and secure Middle East," said Hamilton.

Lt. Gen. Terry Ferrell, commanding general, U.S. ARCENT, presided over the ceremony.

"You have a very large supporting cast, you have phenomenal teammates here," said Ferrell to the Soldiers of the 36th Inf. Div. "Go forward, do wonderful things, and know that we are all counting on you."

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the New York-based 42nd Inf. Div. relinquished command of TF Spartan, cased their colors - symbolizing the end of their term in Southwest Asia.

"We will never forget our new friends and allies for whom the main reason we are here, to support the people of our host nations," said Ferrari.

Then, the 36th Inf. Div., also known as Arrowhead Division, unfurled their colors signifying they have taken command of TF Spartan, assuming oversight of OSS, and more importantly, are ready to continue theater security cooperation activities in the region.

"It's about each nation's stability," said Hamilton. "Ensuring our partner nations can do the things they need to do to protect and defend their countries."

In the past, the 36th Inf. Div. has been involved in three other named military operations in the region: Operation New Dawn, Enduring Freedom, and Freedom's Sentinel.





Holiday Celebrations





384th National Guard Birthday







Task Force Spartan Soldiers helped celebrate the 384th Birthday of the National Guard.

The official birth date of the Army National Guard as a reserve component of the Army is December 13, 1636. On this date, the Massachusetts colonial legislature directed that the colony's existing militia companies be organized into three regiments. This date is recognized based upon the Department of Defense's practice of adopting the dates of initial authorizing legislation for organized units as the birthdates of the active and reserve components of the armed services.





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Tis the Season of Thanksgiving…

Thanksgiving is a time during deployment where soldiers gather with their friends and teams and enjoy a holiday meal. Meals are traditionally served by senior leaders, which gives leaders an opportunity to serve soldiers.



Soldiers also had the opportunity to send their thanks home to family members in Thanksgiving Shout-Outs, filmed and posted online. Go to this link and see if your soldier left a message for you: http://www.dvidshub.net/unit/TFSpartan

Tis the Season of Giving...

Task Force Spartan Soldiers in the Division headquarters spent time in December packing stockings and sending them to other members of their team located throughout the U.S. Army Central Command area of operation. The stockings were donated by Master Sgt. Brian Franck's mother, June Franck.

"The holiday season can be difficult for Soldiers away from families. As members of their Army family, we just want to make sure they feel as loved as possible."

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-Maj. Monique Allen, Deputy G2

Pictured from left to right: Cpt. Roxanna Carrillo, Spc. Christian Medrano, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Marcel Ruales, Lt. Col. Laura Cross, 1st Lt. Kimberly Fletcher, Sqt. 1st Class Jason Kendrick, Maj. Monique Allen and Master Sqt. Brian Franck.





From our Spartan family to yours!

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Behavioral Health

The holiday season can be difficult for soldiers. This time of year feelings of homesickness can come around and stay well after the New Year. If you are experiencing anxiety, depression, or just want to talk to someone, contact your local behavioral health resources center, Chaplain, or one of the numbers here: Military Crisis Line: 800-273-8255 | Military One Source Counseling: 800-342-9647 | TRICARE Nurse Advice Line: 1-800-TRICARE (Contact to be forwarded to a mental health professional)







Family Readiness

Family Readiness Groups help foster a sense of belonging to the unit and community, and provide for the needs of family members while their soldiers are deployed overseas. For them to accomplish this mission, FRG needs volunteers to help empower Soldiers, their Families and extended families to enable them to become more resilient.

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According to Matt Woodley, editor of PreachingToday. com, "The website Statistic Brain has tracked the 'must-have Christmas gift' for the past few decades.

In 1983 everyone had to have a cabbage patch doll. In 1985 we just had to have an \$18 Pound Puppy. In 1989 American households scrambled to get a new Game Boy, followed by the 1995 Beanie Baby craze, and the 1996 Tickle Me Elmo frenzy. In the ensuing years American consumers knocked themselves out to buy the following top yearly must-have Christmas gifts:

- A new iPod (2002)
- A Wii (2006)
- A Kindle (2010)
- The Angry Birds Board Game (2011)
- The Doc McStuffins doll (2013)
- The Frozen Sing Along Elsa Doll (2015).

"I have long since lost touch with the "must have gifts" of the season and have no idea what "drip" the kids these days would think is cool.

(Which reminds me, I need to get on Amazon to start my shopping!)

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." - Winston Churchill

But one thing I haven't lost touch with is what makes for the "Joy" of the season. Gift giving.

Jesus, whose birth is the reason for the season, once said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." In my humble opinion, the gift of understanding that our greatest joys come from blessing others is the perennial "must have Christmas gift" we all truly need. That is the gift that keeps on giving.

Strength and blessings, CH B

Beniie Bender CH (LTC) TXARNG Task Force Spartan/ 36th Infantry Division Division Chaplain

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Lt. Col. Pedro Agapay



Happy 99th Birthday 1st Sgt Dietrick



Family and friends of (Ret) 1st. Sgt. Alfred Dietrick want to surprise him with this messagein honor of his service in the 36th Infantry Division from 1940-1945. Dietrick, who celebrated his 99th birthday on December 15th, was born and raised in San Antonio, Texas. In November 1940, Dietrick deployed with the 36th Division for federal service and began two and a half years of training for war, from Texas to Louisiana to Florida and Massachusetts.

Dietrick deployed to North Africa in April 1943 to continue training for the invasion of Europe and guard German and Italian prisoners as the war there came to a victorious if hardfought end for the Allies. This fight is known as the Battle of

Salerno, and Dietrick served as a platoon sergeant. Due to an injury, while serving, the army rendered him unfit to return to infantry duty. Dietrick transferred to an ordnance company. He remained there for the rest of the war and up until his retirement in the mid-1970s. For 37 years, he worked as a civil servant at Kelly Air Force Base.

Dietrick is apart of the San Antonio chapter of the 36th Infantry Division Association, contributing his recollections of the war to the association's quarterly newsletter "The Fighting 36th," and was the former president. In addition to representing the association, he designed the division's monument in Brownwood. He later lobbied the San Antonio city council to set aside space for a memorial to the 141st Infantry Regiment that now stands downtown, not far from the Alamo.

The 36th Division gallery in the Texas Military Forces Museum at Camp Mabry, Austin, exists in no small part because of Dietrick. He raised more than \$10,000 for its construction, drafted the architectural and electrical plans himself. Dietrick, who resides in San Antonio, has one son, three grandkids, and one great-grandson.



Sgt. Alfred Dietrick, 22, poses on a stairway somewhere in Italy in 1943. This photo appeared in last year's PBS documentary "The War," by Ken Burns. (Photo courtesy of Alfred Dietrick) "We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." - Winston Churchill



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Thoughts from the Military Equal Opportunity "Hoplites"

On behalf of the Task Force Spartan Military Equal Opportunity Office, we are honored to serve with America's best and finest Soldiers as well as their families. Our team consists of the Soldiers from across the U.S. with multiple experiences and deployments both stateside and overseas. We provide Military Equal Opportunity instruction, training, and consultation for the Command Teams and the Soldiers to help build and maintain a combat ready force and help ensure every Soldier is treated with dignity and respect with regard to race, color, religion, sex/ gender, sexual orientation or national origin. It is an honor to serve this command and its Soldiers.

Bullving is one of the main issues our office works with Soldiers and leaders to resolve. So what is bullying and why is it important? Bullying is defined in Army Regulation 600-20 as, "A form of harassment that includes acts of aggression by Soldiers or DA Civilian employees, with a nexus to military service, with the intent of harming a Soldier either physically or psychologically, without proper military authority or other governmental purpose." An individual or group could be exposed to physical and/or emotional aggression with the intent to cause distress, harm, or to single out individuals from his or her coworkers, or unit, for ridicule because he or she is considered different or weak. Bullying can be conducted through the use of electronic devices or communications, and by other means including social media, as well as in person. As you read this, you might ask yourself, "so what"?

One can imagine how bullying behaviors cause

Soldiers to fail on their missions. How would a Soldier feel if their leaders constantly humiliated them in the middle of a meeting, or even received threats like "I will kill your career"? Bullying has shown to destroy morale of individuals and organizations; creates an atmosphere of distrust, and cause unnecessary mental stress. One might ask questions such as "who was bullied", "why they were bullied", "is that behavior wrong even to motivate someone to do something" or even "why did no one stop it"? Imagine what one might say if their loved ones wanted to join the military today with "bullying" behavior still occurring and unaccounted for. Another question someone would like to ask is, "how do you prevent bullying from happening in the first place"?

As military professionals, one must find ways to prevent bullying, even if it starts with changes in each individual. One might encourage themselves to model respectful behavior to everyone; intervene when bullying occurs; and also encourage those to come forward and speak out again bullying. One can also work to create and sustain a positive work environment as well as reinforce a zero tolerance policy against bullying. And of course, one might encourage reporting it immediately to get accountability of this negative behavior to get someone to acknowledge this behavior is happening. Bullying and the behaviors associated with it can be stopped so that the mission can go on and Soldiers do not have to fear for their fellow Soldiers, their careers, their families, and even their lives. And it starts with simple

change such as the great philosopher, Michael Jackson said that "if you want to make the world a better place, take a look at yourself and make a change".

On behalf of the Task Force Spartan Military Equal Opportunity Office, we are honored to serve with you and look forward to what we can accomplish together. Thank you and "In Spite of Hell".

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TASK FORCE SPARTAN SUBORDINATE UNITS



75th Field Artillery Brigade By Sgt. Dustin D. Biven, 75th Field Artillery Brigade PAO

Soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 75th Field Artillery Brigade conducted a weapons familiarization range while deployed to the Middle East in support of Operation Inherent Resolve and Operation Spartan Shield.

The range provided Soldiers with a unique opportunity to operate and fire different weapon systems: the M240B general purpose machine gun, M249 light machine gun, M4 carbine, Beretta M9 pistol, and the M2 Browning heavy machine gun.

With the M9 and M4 ranges, Soldiers were required to fire their weapon as an individual, whereas with the M240B, M249, and the M2 machine guns, Soldiers operated as a team of two, the gunner and assistant gunner.

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Having the opportunity of a weapon familiarization range, Soldiers firing the weapon systems that require an assistant gunner are able to experience what it is like to depend on another for feedback and guidance to accurately hit the target.

While operating each weapon system, the Soldiers were able to focus on the proper procedures needed to clear and overcome a malfunction or stoppage.

Having gained this knowledge, or improved upon existing knowledge, the Soldiers of the Diamond Brigade find themselves more ready and confident while handling more commonly used weapons in the Army.

The Diamond Brigade continues to improve upon its lethality by providing its Soldiers with the variety of opportunities to gain valuable experience and knowledge of weapons systems that, though they may not be assigned, they may one day be required to use.





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16th Theater Engineer Brigade

This month, the 16th TEB worked with their partners at the Kuwaiti Land Forces on several occassions, to include conducting an M9-Pistol Range, where Kuwaiti's in their brown and beige uniforms doned army green vests and kevlar while engaging targets at the range.

Blast, build, battle - these are the things the 16th Theater Engineer Brigade supports. In support of Task Force Spartan however, the 16th TEB is doing this and more, supporting Operation Spartan Shield by helping build partnerships with the Kuwaiti military forces, building readiness across the force, and building up the lethality of our force by taking care of soldiers.

Also this month, the Iron Castle Soldiers with their partners from the KLI conducted a Field Grade Officer Workshop, a bilateral training event that was desinged to improve interoperability with our partner nations.

When Soldiers with the 16th TEB were not busy

By 1st Lt. Adam Krueger, 16th Theater Engineer Brigade PAO

strengthening relationships with our partner nations, this month they also did what they do best, installing reinforcements to a concrete culvert under an airfield runway one day and constructing a Large Area Maintenance Shelter on another.

The 16th TEB understands, however, deployments aren't all about work. During the month of December, the engineers celebrated the National Guard's 384th Birthday with a cake cutting ceremony on Dec. 13.

Soldiers also had the opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of their teammates at the beginning of the month with a visit from Col. Andrew Stone, 16th TEB Commander, who coined several soldiers for their leadership and outstanding performance.

While the Soldiers of the 16th TEB may not be as enjoyable as other parts of their job, such as consolidating construction materials and material packaging on a hot Middle Eastern day, they do so with pride, and with the help of their teammates.





2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division

The 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, also known as The Iron Brigade, had an eventful month filled with visitations from important senior leaders from both Kuwait and U.S. militaries.

At the beginning of the month, U.S. Army Central Command Sergeant Major Brian Hester, or Lucky 7, visited the 2-1 ABCT headquarters in Kuwait the first week of December, taking the time to visit their motorpool to speak with maintanance soldiers and recognize a few for excellence.



Toward the middle of the month, Soldiers with the 2-1 ABCT held a week-long weapons course instructed by Bradley Master Gunner, SFC Christoper Doyle. All those who participated, including members of the Kuwait National Guard, were recognized in a ceremony led by Commander of Protection and Reinforcement Brig. Gen. Hamad Salem Ahmed.

Finally, to end the month, the 2-1 ABCT also had the opportunity to interact with another important figure, the Sergeant Major of the Army Michael Grinston, Dec. 16. Soldiers in Kuwait gave him a live demonstration of an M1 Abrams Battle Tank, and afterwards he took time to speak with Soldiers and coin them.





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28th Expeditionary Combat Aviation Brigade

The 28th Expeditionary Combat Aviation Brigade is a heavy aviation unit of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard that supports Task Force Spartan and Combined Joint Task Force to help build partnerships and detter aggression across the CENTCOM area of operation.

This month, the 28th ECAB did extroardinary work conducting various training and flight missions over areas such as Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Syria, and other locations across the Middle East.

During one mission, aircrews ran a flight mission transporting personnel and supplies to a remote outpost. In another mission, the 28th ECAB supported Task Force Toro, a contingent of skilled soldiers from Ejercito de Tierra (The Spanish Army), their Operation Inherent Resolve partner in the fight against Daesh.

Whatever the 28th ECAB does, they continue to build on their legacy as the "Wings of Iron" and they take pride in being fit, resilient and welltrained in order to support each other and defend the nation.

Check out the beautiful scenery they get to see below, and follow them on their social media channels for a better view.



PANTHER REPORT



A big Texas Howdy and Happy Holidays from Camp Arifjan and all the other locations of the Panther Battalion. All of us are missing our loved ones and even more so this time of year. Not being there for family meals, decorating for the season, and watching kids open gifts is challenging for all of us, those home and deployed. Command Sgt. Maj. Castro and I want you to know that your Soldiers are doing well. They are all supporting the mission of Task Force Spartan at every levels. It is an absolute honor to be here with your Soldiers.

Continue to communicate with us through social media and messaging about those little moments from back home. Those little pieces of daily life enable all of us to stay engaged. Those moments are pure gold to all of us.

As we celebrate here and you celebrate at home please be safe in your travels and share all the moments you can with those you love! God Bless and thank you for your continued support.

"Those little pieces of daily life enable all of us to stay engaged."



Lt. Col. Timothy J. Redhair 36th Inf. Div., HHBN, Commander



Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel R. Castro 36th Inf. Div., HHBN, CSM



Interesting Fact: Did you know that the 36th Inf. Div., Task Force Spartan leadership, has deployed in support of every major campaign since WW1?



SGT. JAMES WHITLOCK

Sgt. Whitlock, assigned to the 75th Field Artillery Brigade as a Multichannel Transmission Systems Operator-Maintainer, demonstrated exceptional technical expertise while deployed to the Middle East in support of Task Force Spartan.

His efforts have improved the Brigade's ability to execute Mission Command and Command and Control of forces arrayed across the Combined/Joint Operations Area while improving the Brigade PACE plan ensuring continuity of operations of firing capabilities.

As a result of his actions, the Brigade maintained a pristine common operation picture during Operation Diamond Apex and Diamond Tempest.

Sgt. Whitlock helped the Joint Network Node and Command Post Node operators with power generation, fuelling, maintenance, and installing category V secret internet protocol routers (SIPR) lines during tactical operation command dispersion operations.

He completed all these tasks while providing the Brigade with High-Capacity Line-Of-Sight communications capabilities for the first time in over two years.

For these reasons, and many others, the Diamond Brigade has recognized Sgt. Whitlock as the Warrior of the Month.

#STOPTHESPREAD COVID-19 spreads very easily from person to person

How easily a virus spreads from person to person can vary. The virus that causes COVID-19 appears to spread more efficiently than influenza but not as efficiently as measles, which is among the most contagious viruses known to affect people.

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TRIBUTE TO THE HEROS OF THE PAST

WORLD WAR 1

CORPORAL HAROLD L. TURNER

Born: 5 May 1898, Aurora, MO Assigned to: F company, 142d Infantry, 36th Infantry Division

CITATION

NEAR ST. ETIENNE FRANCE, 8 OCTOBER 1918

AFTER HIS PLATOON HAD STARTED THE ATTACK CPL. TURNER ASSISTED IN ORGANIZING A PLATOON CONSISTING OF THE BATTALION SCOUTS, RUNNERS, AND A DETACHMENT OF SIGNAL CORPS. AS SECOND IN COMMAND OF THIS PLATOON HE FEARLESSLY LED THEM FORWARD THROUGH HEAVY ENEMY FIRE, CONTINUALLY ENCOURAGING THE MEN. LATER HE ENCOUNTERED DEADLY MACHINEGUN FIRE WHICH REDUCED THE STRENGTH OF HIS COMMAND TO BUT 4 MEN, AND THESE WERE OBLIGED TO TAKE SHELTER. THE ENEMY MACHINEGUN EMPLACEMENT, 25 YARD DISTANT, KEPT UP A CONTINUAL FIRE FROM 4 MACHINEGUNS. AFTER THE FIRE HAD SHIFTED MOMENTARILY, CPL. TURNER RUSHED FORWARD WITH FIXED BAYONET AND CHARGED THE POSITION ALONE CAPTURING THE STRONG POINT WITH A COMPLEMENT OF 50 GERMANS AND 1 MACHINEGUN. HIS REMARKABLE

DISPLAY OF COURAGE AND FEARLESSNESS WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN DESTROYING THE STRONG POINT, THE FIRE FROM WHICH HAD BLOCKED THE ADVANCE OF HIS COMPANY. SERGEANT JAMES M. LOGAN BORN: MCNEIL, TEXAS

Assigned to: 36th Infantry Division

CITATION NEAR SALERNO, ITALY, 9 SEPTEMBER 1943

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at risk of life above and beyond the call of duty in action INVOLVING ACTUAL CONFLICT ON 9 SEPTEMBER 1943 IN THE VICINITY OF SALERNO, ITALY. AS A RIFLEMAN OF AN INFANTRY COMPANY, SGT. LOGAN LANDED WITH THE FIRST WAVE OF THE ASSAULT ECHELON ON THE BEACHES OF THE GULF OF SALERNO, and after his company had advanced 800 yards inland and taken positions along the forward bank of an IRRIGATION CANAL, THE ENEMY BEGAN A SERIOUS COUNTERATTACK FROM POSITIONS ALONG A ROCK WALL WHICH RAN PARALLEL WITH THE CANAL ABOUT 200 YARDS FURTHER INLAND. VOLUNTARILY EXPOSING HIMSELF TO THE FIRE OF A MACHINEGUN LOCATED ALONG THE ROCK WALL, WHICH SPRAYED THE GROUND SO CLOSE TO HIM THAT HE WAS SPLATTERED WITH DIRT AND ROCK SPLINTERS FROM THE IMPACT OF THE BULLETS, SGT. LOGAN KILLED THE FIRST 3 GERMANS AS THEY CAME THROUGH A GAP IN THE WALL. He then attacked the machinegun. As he dashed across the 200 yards of exposed terrain a withering stream of FIRE FOLLOWED HIS ADVANCE. REACHING THE WALL, HE CRAWLED ALONG THE BASE, WITHIN EASY REACH OF THE ENEMY CROUCHED ALONG THE OPPOSITE SIDE, UNTIL HE REACHED THE GUN. JUMPING UP, HE SHOT THE 2 GUNNERS DOWN, HURDLED THE WALL, AND SEIZED THE GUN. SWINGING IT AROUND, HE IMMEDIATELY OPENED FIRE ON THE ENEMY WITH THE REMAINING AMMUNITION, RAKING THEIR FLIGHT AND INFLICTING FURTHER CASUALTIES ON THEM AS THEY FLED. AFTER SMASHING THE MACHINEGUN OVER THE ROCKS, SGT. LOGAN CAPTURED AN ENEMY OFFICER AND PRIVATE WHO WERE ATTEMPTING TO SNEAK AWAY. LATER IN THE MORNING, SGT. LOGAN WENT AFTER A SNIPER HIDDEN IN A HOUSE ABOUT 150 YARDS FROM THE COMPANY. AGAIN, THE INTREPID SGT. LOGAN RAN A GAUNTLET OF FIRE TO REACH HIS OBJECTIVE. SHOOTING THE LOCK OFF THE DOOR, SGT. LOGAN KICKED IT IN AND SHOT THE SNIPER WHO HAD JUST REACHED THE BOTTOM OF THE STAIRS. THE CONSPICUOUS GALLANTRY AND INTREPIDITY WHICH CHARACTERIZED SGT. LOGAN'S EXPLOITS PROVED A CONSTANT INSPIRATION TO ALL THE MEN OF HIS COMPANY, AND AIDED MATERIALLY IN INSURING THE SUCCESS OF THE BEACHHEAD AT SALERNO.

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