Inventory of the John R. Bruning Collection

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Date (inclusive): 1939-2010
Collection Number: 2000C119
Contributing Institution: Hoover Institution Archives
Language of Material: English, Japanese, and German
Physical Description: 6 oversize boxes, 1 manuscript box (4.5 linear feet), 37,364 digital files (486 GB)
Abstract: Videorecordings of interviews of American and Japanese World War II pilots and German World War II submarine commanders; veterans’ World War II-era photographs and ephemera; CDs of scanned images relating to World War II; photocopies of National Archives records relating to World War II; and digital videorecordings and photographs relating to American military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.
Physical Location: Hoover Institution Archives
Creator: Bruning, John R., collector
Access
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Accruals
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Biographical Note
John Bruning, a military writer and photojournalist, was born in 1968 in Palo Alto, California. He earned a BA in history from the University of Oregon in 1990. He wrote or collaborated on seventeen books published or pending as of 2011, including The Devil’s Sandbox, House to House, How to Break a Terrorist, Shadow of the Sword, Crimson Sky, and Jungle Ace.
As part of his research for earlier writing and commercial projects, between 1990 and 2000 Bruning conducted interviews with World War II veterans, including German U-boat commanders and Japanese pilots and airmen. The latter interviews were conducted in 1997 while he was working in a consultant capacity as the company historian for a software company called Dynamix.
Bruning began work on The Devil's Sandbox, which details the 2003-2005 deployment of the 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry, Oregon National Guard to Iraq, in 2005. Six months after returning home, the battalion was deployed to North Central New Orleans in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. For a month, the men conducted patrols and searched for survivors and human remains. Bruning deployed with them as a civilian embed, living with them on a concrete walkway in front of the music hall at the New Orleans Baptist Seminary.
Upon returning to Oregon and publishing The Devil’s Sandbox, Bruning founded and funded the 973rd Civilians on the Battlefield (973 COB), a nonprofit organization. This group of civilians serves as the Oregon National Guard’s (ONG) opposing force during drill weekends and field exercises. In August 2008, Bruning spent a month with Alpha Company 2-162 at Gowen Field, Idaho, during the unit’s final field training exercise before its second Iraq deployment.
In June 2010, Bruning was invited to deploy as an embed to Afghanistan with Bravo Company 1-168 Aviation, a Boeing CH-47 Chinook heavy lift unit from Pendleton, Oregon. Another part of the unit belonged to the Washington National Guard at Fort Lewis. The two detachments were merged and sent to Forward Operating Base (FOB) Shank in the summer of 2010 to conduct operations around Logar, Wardak, and Ghazni provinces. Bruning joined them at Fort Hood in July 2010 and was with them until their deployment in early August. On September 5 he joined Bravo 1-168 at FOB Shank. The next day he
began flying missions with the unit, which was attached to TF Brawler, 4-3 Aviation, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division. Mixed in with 1-168 were men and women from 5-158 Aviation, “Big Windy,” out of Germany. They were at the end of their deployment, and Bruning ultimately left Shank with them in November 2010.

Bruning went to Afghanistan without any affiliation to a news organization, and he was neither under contract nor in the employ of anyone. He intended to spend his time in Afghanistan writing articles about the military men and women for their local newspapers. He wrote seven articles and had five published.

**Scope and Content of Collection**

The first part of the records in this collection (boxes 1-7) consists of World War II-related materials. The bulk of this part of the collection is videorecordings of interviews with American and Japanese World War II pilots and German World War II submarine commanders conducted between 1990 and 2000. There are a small number of photographs taken during the war that some of the interviewed veterans gave to Bruning, as well as some miscellaneous ephemera. This part of the collection also contains twelve CDs. One holds scanned images from the National Archives, another holds scanned images of a war diary, and the remainder are believed to hold further scanned images, most likely from the National Archives and the collections of veterans Bruning interviewed. Finally, there are some photocopies of National Archives records about Japanese forces at the start of the war, American aviation strategy, and the war diary of a Marine squadron. These materials were collected by Bruning in the course of his work and used for his book projects, as well as articles and other publications.

The videorecordings were arranged into subseries based on the nationality of the interviewees. In the case of the American and Japanese interviews, the tapes were then arranged alphabetically by the subject’s last name. The German tapes, for the most part, were ordered according to the donor's labels, which were numbered sequentially (except in the case of those which weren’t numbered; those were grouped by interviewee). The photographs, which had no discernible original order, were divided into subseries based on the subject/content of the photo. Some miscellaneous ephemera, which may all be from J.E. Gabrio, was separated from the photographs and placed in its own series. The photocopies of National Archives records were left as originally received.

Most of the still and moving images of National Guard training and deployment in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina (2005), in Iraq (2004-2005), and in Afghanistan (2010), supplemented by a few items dated as early as 2001, were created by Bruning, although some photographs were given to him. The Iraq and New Orleans material follows the deployment of the 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry, Oregon National Guard. It fought in Baghdad, 2nd Najaf, the Sunni Triangle, and Fallujah from March 2004 to March 2005. Bruning wrote a book about this deployment, *The Devil's Sandbox*. After Hurricane Katrina the battalion was deployed to North Central New Orleans; selected photographs from this period are available. The Afghanistan images follow the deployment of Bravo Company 1-168 Aviation, a Boeing CH-47 Chinook heavy lift unit from Pendleton, Oregon. Another part of the unit came from the Washington National Guard at Fort Lewis. The two detachments were merged and sent to FOB Shank in the summer of 2010 to conduct operations around Logar, Wardak, and Gahzni provinces. Bruning's photos follow the unit's deployment in the summer and fall. Additional photographs and videorecordings depict Oregon National Guard training activities circa 2008.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Afghan War, 2001-.
Iraq War, 2003-2011.
Video tapes.
World War, 1939-1945--Aerial operations.
World War, 1939-1945--Naval operations--Submarine.

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**Boxes 1-6**

**World War II Veteran Interview Videorecordings, 1990-2000**

Scope and Contents note

Videorecordings on 70 VHS videocassettes.

**Boxes 1-2**

**American veterans, 1990-2000**

Scope and Contents note

Per donor emails, interviews conducted with American World War II veterans between 1990 and 2000 (though there does appear to be one interview with a German veteran, Walter Goecckel). Titles taken from labels. 26 VHS videocassettes.
Box/Tape 1 : 1  Angst, Vern -- B-17 gunner May 3, 2000
Box/Tape 1 : 2  Barber, Rex -- P-38 pilot, PTO
Box/Tape 1 : 3  Clancy, Pat
Box/Tape 1 : 4  Crosby, Ted -- Navy pilot, PTO
Box/Tape 1 : 5  Crosby, Verne -- US submariner
Box/Tape 1 : 6  Croteau, Hugh -- B-25 pilot and POW
Box/Tape 1 : 7  Davidson, Jim -- B-25 gunner and POW, Italy
Box/Tape 1 : 8-9 Goble, George -- B-25 pilot, Pearl Harbor June 2000

General note
Two VHS videocassettes that are both labeled as "George Goble." Unclear from label if they are duplicates or parts of a whole.

Box/Tape 1 : 10 Goeckel, Walter -- Herman Goering Div.
Box/Tape 1 : 11 Heyman, Richard -- P-38 pilot
Box/Tape 1 : 12 King, Robert -- B-24 gunner, Italian Theater
Box/Tape 1 : 13 Laird, Diz -- Navy fighter pilot, ETO and PTO
Box/Tape 2 : 1 May, Richard -- Navy fighter pilot
Box/Tape 2 : 2 McKeon, Joseph -- Army fighter pilot, Pearl Harbor and PTO
Box/Tape 2 : 3 McWhorter, "Mac" -- Navy fighter pilot, PTO
Box/Tape 2 : 4 Moranville, Blake -- Navy F6F pilot, PTO
Box/Tape 2 : 5 Oliver, Guy -- USMC F4U pilot
Box/Tape 2 : 6 Reiserer, Russel -- Navy F4F pilot, PTO
Box/Tape 2 : 7 Runey, William "Bill" A. -- P-40 and 47 pilot
Box/Tape 2 : 8 Smith, Troy -- P-38 pilot, PTO
Box/Tape 2 : 9 Thornburg, Bob
Box/Tape 2 : 10 Van Nada, Jim -- P-39 pilot
Box/Tape 2 : 11 Voris, Butch -- Navy F4F and F6F pilot, PTO
Box/Tape 2 : 12 Vraciu, Alex -- Navy fighter pilot, PTO
Box/Tape 2 : 13 Winthrop, Doc

Boxes 3-4 Japanese veterans, 1997

Language of Material: Japanese

Scope and Contents note
Interviews with Japanese pilots and airmen conducted in Japan in 1997, in Japanese. Interviewees include veterans of the Pearl Harbor attack, Midway, Guadalcanal and other Pacific campaigns. Titles taken from labels. 22 VHS videocassettes.

Box/Tape 3 : 1 Abe, Zenji -- VAL pilot
Box/Tape 3 : 2 Ino, Takashi -- Type 97/Shien/Kamikaze pilot
Box/Tape 3 : 3 Kimura, Hideo -- Base Service Officer
Box/Tape 3 : 4 Komanshi, Sadamu -- Zero pilot
Box/Tape 3 : 5 Konishi, Iwao -- Recon Floatplane pilot
Box/Tape 3 : 6 Maeda, Takeshi -- KATE pilot
Box/Tape 3 : 7 Maruo, Hozumi -- Kamikaze pilot trainee
Box/Tape 3 : 8 Muruyama, Taisuke -- KATE/Type 97/Ginga pilot
Box/Tape 3 : 9 Matsuda, Saiji -- Army Arty/MP Officer at Rabaul
Box/Tape 3 : 10 Oguro, Shin-Ichi -- Human Torpedo pilot
Box/Tape 3 : 11 Okazawa, Soichiro -- Aircraft mechanic
Box/Tape 3 : 12 Onishi, Sadaaki --Zero-Kan (floatplane) pilot
Box/Tape 3 : 13 Shiga, Yoshio -- Zero pilot
Box/Tape 4 : 1 Sugano, Hiroya -- kid, story of Shenga Shrine
Box/Tape 4 : 2 Takahara, Marekuni -- Ki-97 Emily crewman
Box/Tape 4 : 3 Takahashi, Kinzo -- Ki-97 Emily pilot
Box/Tape 4 : 4 Tamura, Heiji -- KATE middle seat
Box/Tape 4 : 5 Tanaka, Kikuo -- Army Air Unit Service Officer
Box/Tape 4 : 6 Watanabe, Makio -- Aircraft mechanic/Java Police
Interviews with some of the top surviving U-boat commanders conducted in Germany in 1993, in German and English. Titles taken from labels. 22 VHS videocassettes.

- **Box/Tape 4 : 7**
  - Yamada, Ryoichi -- Shiden/Shidenkai pilot

- **Box/Tape 4 : 8**
  - Yoshida, Jiro -- Pilot trainee

- **Box/Tape 4 : 9**
  - Yoshino, Haru -- KATE middle seat

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**Language of Material:** German and English

**Scope and Contents note**

Interviews with some of the top surviving U-boat commanders conducted in Germany in 1993, in German and English. Titles taken from labels. 22 VHS videocassettes.

- **Box/Tape 4 : 10**
  - U-boat 995 ; Kretchmer (1)

- **Box/Tape 4 : 11**
  - Kretchmer (2) ; Hess

- **Box/Tape 4 : 12**
  - Kretchmer

- **Box/Tape 4 : 13**
  - Gehr Thater ; Hess

- **Box/Tape 4 : 14**
  - Gehr Thater

- **Box/Tape 5 : 1-2**
  - Hardegan/Thater

**General note**

Two VHS videocassettes that are both labeled as “Hardegan/Thater.” Unclear from label if they are duplicates or parts of a whole.

- **Box/Tape 5 : 3**
  - Thater and Game

**Scope and Contents note**

Label on VHS videocassette also notes: “Plus alternate audio version of Kretchmer and Game from tape 11A.”

- **Box/Tape 5 : 4-7**
  - Kretchmer

**General note**

Two VHS videocassettes, noted here as tapes 4-5, that are both labeled as "Kretchmer" (also labeled by the donor as number 5 and 9/10). Unclear from label if they are duplicates or parts of a whole. There are two more VHS videocassettes, noted here as tapes 6-7, that are also both labeled as "Kretchmer" (but, per the donor, as number 6 and 11/11A). Unclear from label if they are duplicates or parts of a whole.

- **Box/Tape 5 : 8-9**
  - End of Kretchmer/top sub exterior

**General note**

Two VHS videocassettes that are both labeled as "End of Kretchmer/top sub exterior." Unclear from label if they are duplicates or parts of a whole.

- **Box/Tape 5 : 10, Box/Tape 6 : 1**
  - Hess/sub

**General note**

Two VHS videocassettes that are both labeled as “Hess/sub.” Unclear from label if they are duplicates or parts of a whole.

- **Box/Tape 6 : 2-3**
  - U955/Van Oesten

**General note**

Two VHS videocassettes that are both labeled as “U955/Van Oesten.” Unclear from label if they are duplicates or parts of a whole.

- **Box/Tape 6 : 4-5**
  - Westphalen/Grapp

**General note**

Two VHS videocassettes that are both labeled as "Westphalen/Grapp." Unclear from label if they are duplicates or parts of a whole.
Box 6  
**Miscellaneous Videorecordings, undated**  
Scope and Contents note  
Videorecordings on three VHS videocassettes.

Box/Tape 6 : 6-7  
**Germany interviews/U995 interior**  
General note  
Two VHS videocassettes that are both labeled as "Germany interviews/U995 interior." Unclear from label if they are duplicates or parts of a whole.

Box 6  
**Warbirds B-17, Tape 1, undated**  
Scope and Contents note  
Donor's label on tape case reads: "Warbirds - B-17, low res., window dub, Tape 1, raw footage." Label on tape itself reads: "Thunderbolt, Window Dub."

Box 6  
**Warbirds B-17, Tape 2, undated**  
Scope and Contents note  
Donor's labels on tape case and tape read: "Warbirds - B-17, window dub, Tape 2, 'The Memphis Belle' - 42:00."

Box 6  
**unlabeled tape, undated**  
Scope and Contents note  
Donor's note on tape case, written lightly in pencil, reads: "Historical footage spliced in."

Box 7  
**CDs, undated**  
Scope and Contents note  
Twelve CDs. Ten of them are unlabeled, but are believed to contain photographs. Of the remaining two, one is labeled "National Archives Images - Pacific War, Volume 1," and the other is labeled "UMF 223 War Diary."

Box/Folder 7 : 1-3  
**World War II Photographs, 1940s**  
Scope and Contents note  
World War II-era photographs taken by some of the interviewed veterans and given to John Bruning at the time of the interviews.

Box/Folder 7 : 1  
**Landscape and architecture, 1940s**  

Box/Folder 7 : 2  
**People, 1940s**  

Box/Folder 7 : 3  
**Vehicles and equipment, 1940s**  

Box/Folder 7 : 4  
**Ephemera, 1940s**  
Scope and Contents note  
Consists of a cut-out article, "'Chute Program Begins For 45-C;" a blank delinquency report with the name J.E. Gabrio at the top; a bill from the King Cotton hotel in Greensboro, North Carolina for J.E. Gabrio; and a map of Paris.

Box/Folder 7 : 5-6  
**Photocopies of National Archives Records, 1939-1944**

Box/Folder 7 : 5  
**Reports re: Japanese forces and American aviation strategy, 1939-1944**  
Scope and Contents note  
These photocopies of records from the National Archives include intelligence reports about Japanese forces at the start of America's entry into World War II and American aviation strategy prior to World War II.

Box/Folder 7 : 6  
**War diary of Marine Scout Bombing Squadron Two Forty-One, June 1942**
Digital Photographs and Videorecordings, 2001-2010

Devils Sandbox photos, 2003-2005

General Physical Description note: 37,364 digital files (486 GB)

Scope and Contents note

These born-digital, color images depict US National Guard units deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as in New Orleans in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. In some cases, descriptions of the events and activities depicted were written by Bruning and are included in the digital folder with the images. Several related articles by Bruning are also included.

The directory structure, folder names, and file names were retained by Hoover almost exactly as received from Bruning. The directory structure consists of folders with descriptive names; it is the basis of the container list below. Some of the digital file names are also descriptive, though many others follow an alphanumeric form generated by the camera, such as SUC50007.jpg. Because the descriptive folder and file names were very long, occasionally exceeding the file system limit of some operating systems, and contained many characters not recommended for file names, Hoover staff slightly altered some of them while retaining their descriptive nature.

Some folders are noted as being empty. Because Bruning was not able to finish arranging and describing the material, Hoover retained the empty folders in case they provide clues to some of the photographs that lack description. There is also a lot of duplication of images in different subfolders, which may represent Bruning's unfinished work of sorting, arranging, and describing the materials.

Some of the folder titles seem to suggest that the images within were created by someone other than Bruning. He probably collected copies of some photographs taken by people he met. The photographs in the Devils Sandbox folder were all given to Bruning by soldiers.

Several types of digital files are in the collection. Photographs are primarily JPG. Many of the JPGs also have a higher-quality CR2 version, but only the JPG versions are available in the reading room. There are also some TIFs, all of which are available in the reading room.

Videorecordings are typically short clips available as MOV or AVI files. Bruning's notes and articles are in MS Word files; a PDF file with background information on the Haqqani Network is also included.

Devils Sandbox photos, 2003-2005

General Physical Description note: circa 150 digital files

Scope and Contents note

These selected photographs taken by soldiers and given to Bruning detail the 2003-2005 deployment of the 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry, Oregon National Guard to Iraq. The battalion fought in Baghdad, 2nd Najaf, the Sunni Triangle, and Fallujah from March 2004 to March 2005. They suffered 9 killed in action and about 80 wounded in action out of 700. They were heavily engaged during both Shia uprisings that year as well as the 2nd Battle of Fallujah in November.

41st Infantry Brigade in New Orleans Post-Katrina, 2005

General Physical Description note: circa 1,600 digital files

Scope and Contents note

These photographs and videorecordings relate to the 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry, Oregon National Guard, which was deployed to North Central New Orleans in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. For a month, the men conducted patrols and searched for survivors and human remains. Bruning deployed with them as a civilian embed, living with them on a concrete walkway in front of the music hall at the New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

Operation Southern Comfort

Albany Herald

B Co photos Sept 7 and 8 my Cam, 7-8 September 2005

Bates camera Sept 11 evening patrol met Mimi first time, 11 September 2005
Corvallis Times Article
Day patrol Indian Village Sept 10 morning and early afternoon B Co 2nd Plt, 10 September 2005
FG Times
IO article Sept 14, 14 September 2005
Lt BAB camera
Lt Miller camera patrol with BS Sept 9 morning, 9 September 2005
Monday Sept 12 3 Patrols Bravo Co, 12 September 2005
Night patrol number 1 Vinnie Dave John Sept 9 2100-2200, 9 September 2005
Photos of the historian
Sept 8 and 9, 8-9 September 2005
  General note
  Folder is empty.

Sept 9 patrol escort with Charlie, 9 September 2005
  General note
  Folder is empty.

Sept 11 2 bus patrols 5 hours 1st Plt SFC Jacques, 11 September 2005
Sept 13 night patrol and Dillard Patrol 1st and 2nd Plt, 13 September 2005
Sept 15 3 patrols SFC Jacques Tagging, 15 September 2005
  General note
  Folder is empty.

Sept 15 morning patrol Houston 3rd Plt, 15 September 2005
  General note
  Folder is empty.

September 18 late photos, 18 September 2005
  General note
  Folder is empty.

Woodke photos
  General note
  Folder is empty.

41st Infantry Brigade Training, 2008-2010
  General Physical Description note: circa 15,800 digital files
  Scope and Contents note
Bruning founded and funded the 973rd Civilians on the Battlefield (973 COB), a nonprofit organization. This group of civilians serves as the Oregon National Guard's (ONG) opposing force during drill weekends and field exercises. They dress as Sunni or Shia or Taliban insurgents, use the appropriate tactics depending on whom they are modeling, and help prepare units for combat and stability/support operations overseas. These training photographs and videorecordings come from field exercises with the 41st or 82nd Brigades, ONG that the 973rd attended. In August 2008, Bruning spent a month with Alpha Company, 2-162 at Gowen Field, Idaho, during the unit's final field training exercise before their second Iraq deployment, and images from this time are also included.

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Digital Photographs and Videorecordings, 2001-2010
41st Infantry Brigade Training, 2008-2010

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Gowen field trip, August 2008
  A Co Aug 11 village attack, 11 August 2008
August 12 activities
  Additional B Co photos iteration 3 Aug 10, 3 August 2008
  Also rans
  Aug 12 A Co. village attack, 12 August 2008
Medics
Rigs and maint
Staff photos Aug 8, 8 August 2008
Travels with the BC and the TAC
August 13 last trip photos, 13 August 2008
Idaho trip day 1 and 2, 7-8 August 2008
New folder
Oregon NG photos July 8 John Bruning, 8 July 2008
  Promotion ceremony
    Edited TIF files BG David Enyeart, 8 July 2008
    Unedited photos BG David Enyeart, 8 July 2008
  Promotion ceremony Major Welch, 8 July 2008
Saturday Aug 9 Gowen Field 08, 9 August 2008
  Alpha Co
  Bn TOC and staff
  Bravo Co
  Charlie Co
  Delta Co
  General
  Scout Platoon
Sunday August 10 B Co village assault Gowen Field, 10 August 2008
Guard
  100EOS7D
  A photos
  B photos
  C photos
  Dups
  Mike
  Ox
Afghanistan, Fall 2010

General Physical Description note: circa 19,700 digital files

Scope and Contents note

These photographs and videorecordings document the deployment to Afghanistan of Bravo Company, 1-168 Aviation, a Boeing CH-47 Chinook heavy lift unit from Pendleton, Oregon. Another part of the unit came from the Washington National Guard and stationed at Fort Lewis. The two detachments were merged and sent to FOB Shank in the summer of 2010 to conduct operations around Logar, Wardak, and Ghazni provinces. Bruning joined them at Fort Hood in July of 2010 and was with them until early August, when they deployed. Bruning joined Bravo 1-168 at FOB Shank on 5 September. The next day he began flying missions with the unit, which was attached to TF Brawler, 4-3 Aviation, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division. Mixed in with 1-168 were men and women from 5-158 Aviation, "Big Windy," out of Germany. They were at the end of their deployment and Bruning ultimately left Shank with them in November 2010.

Bravo 1-168 flew a variety of missions, including Air Mission Requests (AMRs). These routine requests from ground units were for personnel movement or supply/equipment deliveries. They usually involved hopscotching around the province to different FOBs to bring stuff in or pull people out. The unit also conducted air assault missions to insert troops into landing zones and extract them after their missions were complete. It also flew missions to deliver swing sets to local villages as part of the COIN (counter-insurgency) campaign to connect citizens in rural areas to their government in Kabul, carried ballots and election officials to remote villages, and participated in a battalion-level night air assault in the Charkh Valley.

Bruning also captured some other events. In mid-October he flew to FOB Leatherneck and embedded with the 162 Engineers, Oregon National Guard, for its final route clearance mission. Bruning returned to FOB Shank at the end of October. His final images document his departure from Afghanistan on November 1. He went out with 5-158 to FOB Sharona, then to Kandahar, where he said goodbye to the "Big Windy" troops. From there he flew via C-17 to Kuwait, and then to Bilad, Iraq. He caught a medical flight to Ramstein, Germany, then a final C-17 that stopped at Gander, Canada, before landing at McChord AFB, Washington, which he reached five days after leaving FOB Shank.

Articles and blog entries

Marne Air 3rd CAB background to deployment

Nature of the enemy in Logar Province

Scope and Contents note

Consists of one item, "The Haqqani Network: From Pakistan to Afghanistan," by Jeffrey A. Dressler, in Afghanistan Report 6, published by the Institute for the Study of War

Non-Mission in-country photographs

100310 flight line shots on Sunday
October 16 2010 with 162 Engineers FOB Leatherneck, 16 October 2010
October 17 2010 with 162 Engineers, 17 October 2010
October 19 2010 with 162 Engineers brief, 19 October 2010
October 26 2010 flight line at sunset, 26 October 2010

Numbered missions

Mission 00 090510 flight to Shank from Bagram with 1-168, 5 September 2010
Mission 01 090610 RPG attack at Tangi, 6 September 2010
Mission 02 090710 swing set, 7 September 2010
Mission 03 090810 Tangi twice weapons cache, 8 September 2010
Mission 04 090910 sling loads at sunrise, 9 September 2010
  Anson Smith and Captain Hoffman pilots
Mission 05 091010 face of the enemy, 10 September 2010
  Morning air assault John and Joe single engine 173 abb I flew with Eric and Kyle
Mission 06 091110 swing wet II, 11 September 2010
  Morning swing set delivery and afternoon air assault pick up with Apaches
Mission 07 091210 John Joe Carmen air assault Tangi slingload twice, 12 September 2010
Mission 08 091510 Afghani commando insertion Bob and Anson chalk 2 Eric and Kyle chalk 1, 15 September 2010
Mission 09 091610 Joe and Carmen chalk 1 15k, ballots, hinds, 16 September 2010
Mission 10 091710 Polish FOB incident, 17 September 2010
Mission 11 091810 election day mayhem, 18 September 2010
Mission 12 091910 hot LZ Ageristan Bob and Carmen got mortared and zoo on hilltop with ANA and LN, 19 September 2010
Mission 13 092210 Shulak air assault and knock and talk, 22 September 2010
Mission 14 092310 battalion air assault in Chark Valley flying with LTC Ault, 23 September 2010
Mission 15 092610 Bagram Tangi IED and SAF attack and Kyle's act of bravery, 26 September 2010
Mission 16 092910 Bob and Anson Ryan, Sully and Jerrik Tangi SAF, 29 September 2010
Mission 17 093010 flight to Altimur Czech heavy weapons shoot, 30 September 2010
Mission 18 100410 Sorkh Ab Valley with Czechs, 4 October 2010
Mission 19 100810 Bob and Anson Sully and Sgt Pollard sunrise over Chinooks ghazni and slingloads plus water to Tangi, 8 October 2010
Mission 20 100910 Hoshnapur KLE, 9 October 2010
Mission 21 101310 KLE Sorkh Ab Caccas house for tea and lunch, 13 October 2010
Mission 22 102010 route cleance to COP Cryptic 162 Engineers, 20 October 2010
Mission 23 Blackhearts - Col Ault's grand tour,
Mission 24 103110 brawler 6 Charkh Valley, 31 October 2010
Mission 25 110110 exfil with Big Windy to Kandahar via Sharona, 31 October 2010
C17 Kandahar to Kuwait to Bilad to Ramstein to Gandar to McChord
Pre-Deployment 1-168 training photos
Bravo 1-168 at Ft Hood predeployment training