

08-14 OCT 17
Commander's Comments

Sir,

The Regiment focused on 3rd Squadron's deployment starting 09 OCT to Bemowo Piskie Training Area (BPTA), Poland to assume command of Battle-Group Poland (BG-P) in support of enhanced Forward Presence (eFP). In conjunction with 3rd Squadron's movement, 2nd Squadron begun redeployment operations back to Rose Barracks and conducted Welcome Home ceremonies for the ADVON and the first Main Body. 4th Squadron moved straight from Dragoon Shock IV recovery operations into gunnery and live fire exercises on Grafenwoehr Training Area for three Troop formations. Apache Troop from 1st Squadron deployed this week to support 1-4IN as OPFOR for Swift Response. Regimental Leadership, supporting USAREUR, attended the AUSA conference and conducted office calls in Washington D.C. More highlights are detailed below:



3rd Squadron Squad Leader conducts link-up with Polish Military Police escorts as they conduct their Tactical Road March to Bemowo Piskie Training Area, Poland during this week.

The Wolfpack Deploys to BPTA, Poland (3rd Squadron)

Task Force (TF) Wolfpack (their name until they become BG-Poland upon TOA) deployed their first serial on Monday, 09 OCT, and stayed at a Rest-Over-Night (RON) site in Frankenberg for two nights before arriving to BPTA on 14 OCT. The second TF Wolfpack serial, combined with the United Kingdom's Balaklava Troop, departed 11 OCT. They will arrive in Elblag, Poland on 14 OCT. Balaklava Troop and 3rd Squadron mechanics, with the assistance of the Regimental Support Squadron, did an excellent job diagnosing, assessing, repairing, and maintaining momentum for all of our vehicles throughout the movement. Wolfpack and Cougar will participate in a NATO transfer of authority ceremony for BG-P next week, 20 OCT.



Engineers from Alpha Troop, Regimental Engineer Squadron also joined TF Wolfpack on the Tactical Road March to Poland.

BG-P Begins Redeployment (2nd Squadron)

2nd Squadron sent back 379 Dragoons to Rose Barracks on 12OCT. The extra space in BPTA allowed for a smooth transition for 3rd Squadron's occupation. On 13 OCT, we hosted a redeployment ceremony for 2/2's first Main Body element returning from eFP.

Pioneers Conduct Changes of Responsibility (Regimental Engineers)

This Friday, 12 OCT, the Regimental Engineer Squadron held two Changes of Responsibility for their Alpha and Bravo Troops. 1SG Shultz took over for 1SG Rodriguez for Alpha Troop; while 1SG Stephens took over for 1SG Tomagan for Bravo

Troop. The Regiment wishes 1SG Tomagan and 1SG Shultz luck in their future endeavors and is excited to welcome our newest Senior NCOs into the Dragoon family.

“Task Force Dark Horse” Assists 1-4IN at Swift Response (1st Squadron)

CPT Jason Callison, Apache Troop Commander, led 88 Troopers to Hohenfels Training Area (HTA) on Wednesday, 11 OCT, as TF Dark Horse. TF Dark Horse deployed to HTA to augment 1-4 IN OPFOR in support of Swift Response. The TF will fight through 16 OCT in HTA, Grafenwoehr Training Area, and the areas surrounding the German town of Amberg. This will be an excellent training opportunity for 1st Squadron’s Troopers in preparation for Allied Spirit VII.



4th Squadron, Palehorse Troop, conducts section live fire exercises this week on Grafenwoehr Training Area.

Saber Squadron Moves Right into Training after Dragoon Shock IV (4th Squadron)

4th Squadron moved straight into training following recovery operations this week. Palehorse Troop completed gunnery, team, squad, and section live fire exercises; Nemesis Troop followed a similar path and completed both gunnery and section live fire exercises. Outlaw, the recently returned Regimental Ready Task Force Troop from Dragoon Shock IV, managed to complete both gunnery and team live fire exercises this

week. Outlaw Troop is currently on track to finish section live certifications at month's end despite their RRTF deployment.



A Soldier from 4th Squadron, Palehorse Troop, conducts reconnaissance during live fire exercises this week on Grafenwoehr Training Area.

Regimental visits in the Capital

Following the ASUA conference, Regimental Leadership conducted office calls on Capitol Hill (at the request of the HASC Subcommittee on Readiness following Noble Partner 17) and at the Pentagon with MG Shoffner - Army Rapid Capabilities Office; MG Hix – Army Director of Strategy, Plans and Policy; Mr. Tom Matthews - OSD USDI Warfighter Support. Readouts of these engagements via SEPCOR emails are soon to follow.



2CR Summary of the Week

Readiness:

1st Squadron focused on inventories, repairs, and general maintenance services as it received the first trains of equipment from Dragoon Guardian and Noble Partner redeployment operations. 4th Squadron's Palehorse and Nemesis Troops completed Table VI gunnery and team, squad, and section live fire exercises. The section LFXs tested scouts' marksmanship under field conditions, fire distribution and control, and syncing fires, maneuver, and assets to produce effects on the enemy. The exercise included multiple forms of contact with enemy designed to make our scouts think critically, report accurately, and engage and disengage appropriately. 4th Squadron's MORTEP certified their mortarmen's ability to conduct fire missions.

Develop Junior Leaders:

1st Squadron's Apache, Bull, and Comanche Troops worked on squad and team skills as they prepare themselves for Allied Spirit VII in the coming weeks. Saber 7, CSM Merritt, hosted an NCOPD this week for Staff Sergeants focusing on leadership styles, leadership climate, and avoiding traits that lead to a toxic leadership environment. Regimental Support Squadron tasked new Lieutenants to conduct multiple briefs to their command team on specified topics that develop critical thinking, briefing skills, and effective communication.

Enhance the Alliance:

1st Squadron Fires supported Swift Response in HTA by serving as OC/Ts and OPFOR. 3rd Squadron conducted multiple Combat Capability Displays on the Tactical Road March route to BPTA, Poland. 4th Squadron's S2, CPT Castelli, attended the NATO Staff Officer Orientation Course to develop a better understanding of NATO's structure, policies, and operations as well as current issues facing the alliance. He will also participate in the 12th Panzer Geo-Political Seminar on Russian and Chinese Foreign Policy. Regimental Support Squadron executed multiple Support Operations to ensure eFP conditions were set and ready for 3rd Squadron's deployment to BPTA. The RSS's Bravo Troop also invited their German Partner Units to participate in planned training exercises in the coming months.

Major Events for Next Week:

- eFP BG-P TOA
- Panzerbrigade 12 German-American Geo-Political Training Seminar
- Influenza Campaign
- Austere Edge 18 MPC
- USAREUR Army Research Institute Training

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