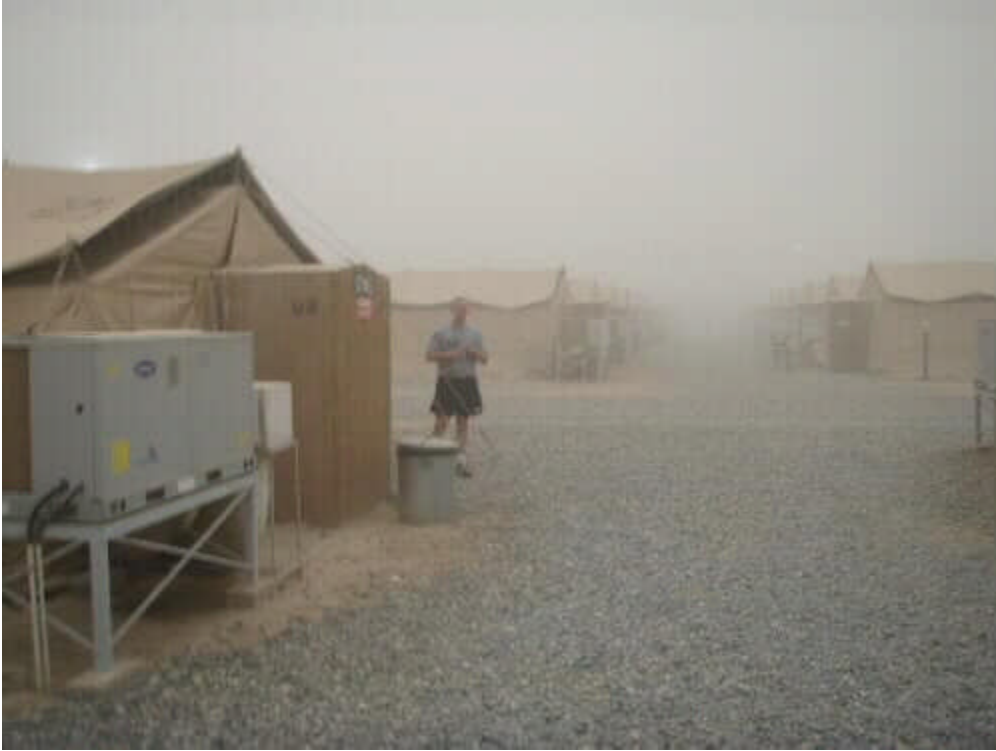


Hello everyone,

While I am not at my final destination, I am finally in Afghanistan. We flew into Kuwait and waited for several days for a flight to Kabul. While in Kuwait we were greeted by constant dust storms – not the raging type with only a few feet of visibility – just the kind that blots out the sky. This picture is of my barracks and you can see that the dust really reduced the amount of sunlight. The dust got much worse than this but I



did not capture it on film. The following image gives you some idea as to how crowded this tent became with 17 people.



We finally boarded an Air Force C-17 bound for Afghanistan.



The flight was only about 4 hours and I managed to get some reading in . . .



We are now at Camp Phoenix, Afghanistan. This is the headquarters for all of the embedded training teams (ETT's). From here we will move out to our permanent assignment (permanent as understand within the Army context). Apparently I will be staying in the area between Kabul, Jalalabad, and the Pakistani boarder. I will let everyone know as soon as I get settled in. This final image is of me with some of the Hindu Kush mountains in the background. Take care.

