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Interview with Col Ronald Westfall

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Bibliogov, United States, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 246 x 189 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.COL Ronald Westfall focuses on his experiences as an Infantry Battalion Executive Officer mobilized in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF I). In relating his experiences in the pre-mobilization process, COL Westfall describes lacking good guidance from the Department of the Army, and the Fort Knox mobilization site as being fundamentally unprepared to mobilize a National Guard unit. COL Westfall relates the remainder of the mission in Iraq as providing Forward Operating Base (FOB) and convoy security in the Tallil area. In the second major segment interview, COL Westfall describes his experiences as an Infantry Battalion Commander deployed back to Iraq during OIF VIII. Throughout the interview, COL Westfall compares and contrasts the significant differences in the Pre-Mobilization Training (PMT), mobilization and deployment, and operations in Iraq. COL Westfall's unit ran over 1000 convoy missions during his OIF VIII rotation, earning 55 Purple Heart medals due to daily improvised explosive device (IED) attacks. COL Westfall notes that the key lesson learned from the GWOT is the focus on overall unit readiness, not just training. In closing his...



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