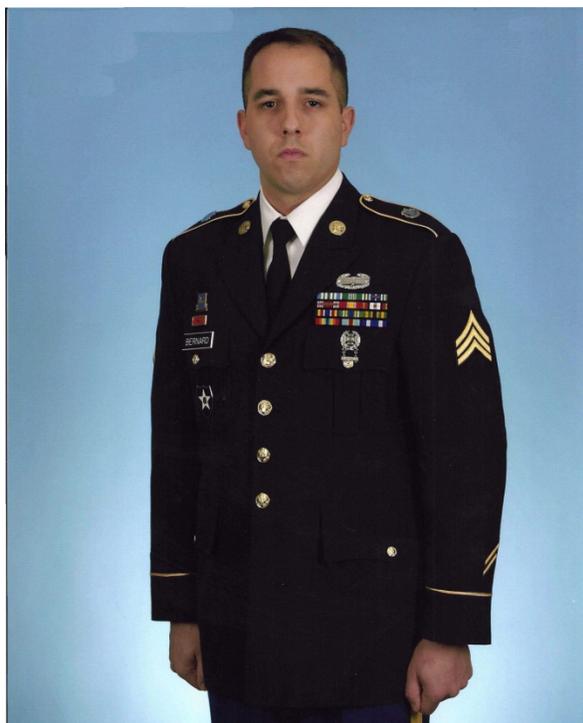


SERGEANT JEFFREY BERNARD

4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division

CSM Doug Russell Award 2013 Recipient



Jeffrey Bernard entered the Army on 28 July 2007. He attended Basic Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, where he became a 35M Human Intelligence (HUMINT) Collector.

SGT Bernard greatly distinguished himself while assigned to support B Co, 1-38 Infantry Battalion, 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division as a HUMINT Collection Team Leader during Operation ENDURING FREEDOM 12-13. His expertise in conducting both HUMINT operations and coordination with partners and coalition forces greatly enhanced his commander's visualization of the battlefield and improved the company's efficiency in

managing daily partnership operations. The success of B Co, 1-38 Infantry Battalion can be directly attributed to SGT Bernard's employment of the full range of HUMINT functions and capabilities. He expertly led his team and successfully conducted intelligence operations in the most kinetic and non-permissive region within the brigade's area of operation.

SGT Bernard's HUMINT Collection Team developed an extensive source network, resulting in over 110 Intelligence Information Reports in eight months. This provided clarity and situational awareness to his supported Battalion while answering more than 40 Priority Intelligence Requirements and 60 National Intelligence Requirements. SGT Bernard gathered information that was directly linked to the clearing of 12 Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) belts, and he screened more than 200 local nationals for access to Priority Intelligence Requirements while conducting more than 80 combat patrols. Several patrols involved engagements with enemy forces that his team tracked to their bed down locations, earning him the Combat Action Badge.

SGT Bernard performed above his rank and position during Bayonet Company's retrograde from Combat Outpost (COP) Sperwan Ghar to Forward Operating Base (FOB) Masum Ghar. His Company Commander relied heavily upon him to conduct liaison with the Afghan National Army (ANA), Afghan Uniformed Police (AUP), Afghan Local Police (ALP), and Special Forces, and to forge a strong relationship with the new Afghan National Security Force (ANSF) partners. SGT Bernard created and maintained a strong relationship with four ANA companies and 17 ALP/AUP checkpoints in the first month after their transition. He was also chosen by the Commander to conduct time sensitive transportation coordination with ANSF checkpoint personnel resulting in seven Afghan Security Forces and three civilians surviving injuries sustained during conflicts with enemy forces.

SGT Bernard took responsibility of all of the Counter Intelligence Screenings and biometric enrollments for over 70 locally employed civilians in addition to conducting over 140 screenings and biometric enrollments during named operations. SGT Bernard coordinated and participated in training over 75 AUP and ALP on IED identification, Tactical Combat Casualty Care, mounted and dismounted movement techniques, as well as vehicle and personnel search techniques. SGT Bernard's efforts were essential to the security of Soldiers while conducting combat patrols, liaison with ANSF, retrograde operations, and transferring responsibility to the incoming Security Force Advisory and Assistance Team. The intelligence gained from SGT Bernard's team was utilized by the Battalion and Brigade Combat Teams to develop a strategy for securing their tactical foothold in Panjwai District during the transition from a US Forces controlled area of operation to an Afghan controlled area of operation. His success, and the success of his supported unit, illustrates the profound impact tactical level intelligence collection operations can have within a brigade's area of operation.