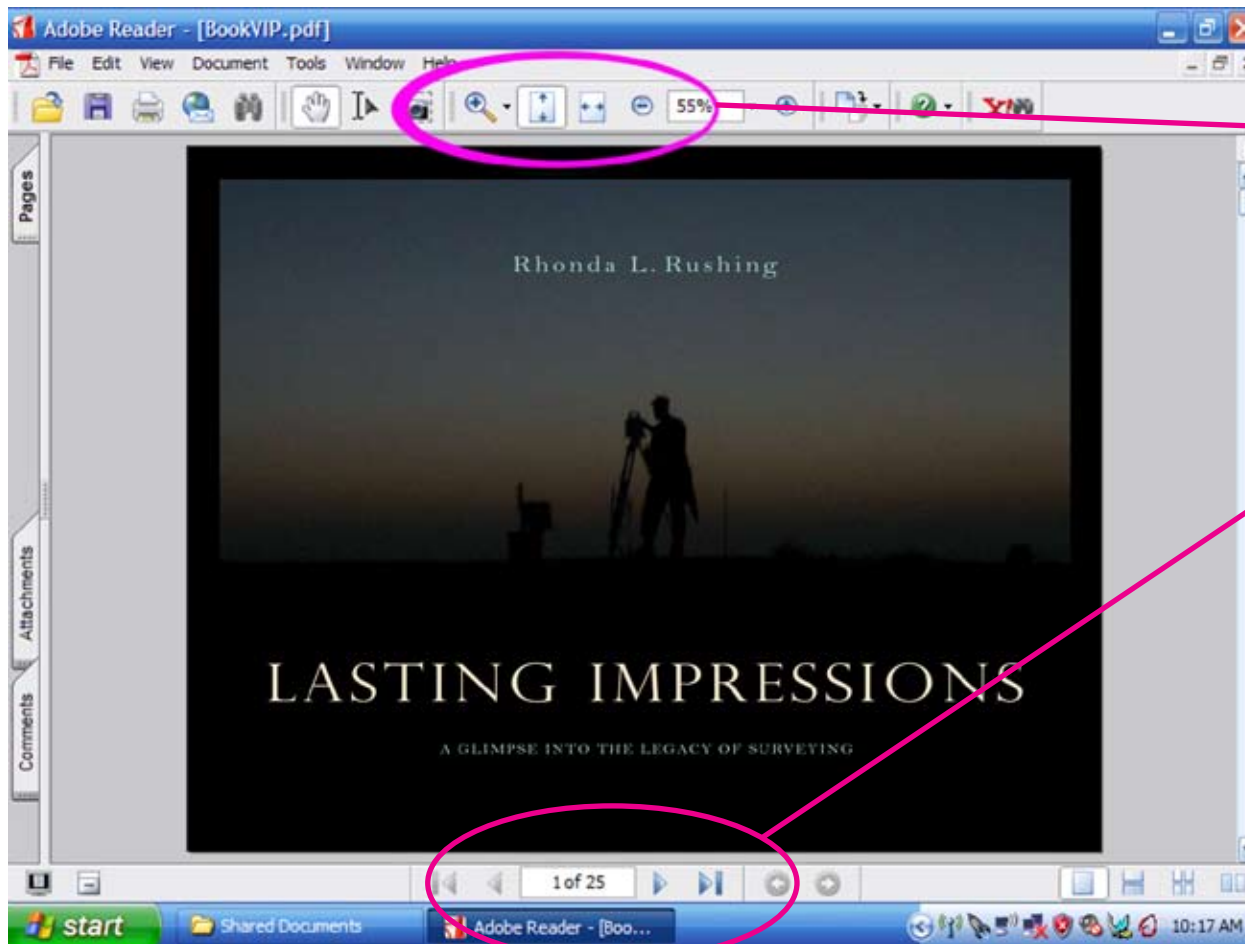


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## LEAVING A LASTING IMPRESSION

My name is SGT Bradley Limbo. I am a member of the 109th Engineer Group out of the South Dakota Army National Guard, currently stationed in Afghanistan. Our unit is in charge of all engineer operations in the country of Afghanistan. As surveyors, we have been in many different locations doing many different jobs. Unlike most civilian jobs, the transportation is not in a vehicle but rather a helicopter or a plane. I've been in about every different type of helicopter that the US Military has from the Marine CH 53 Sea Stallion to the Army CH 47 Chinook and the smaller UH 60 Black Hawk. Yes, these are our means of travel in this country. We also have the C 130 and the C 17 planes that can deliver us, it just depends on where we need to go. This is a country of rugged terrain and very few roads; what roads they do have are very poor quality – they would not even register as roads in the States. As surveyors, we had various jobs, from staking in a concrete pad to park aircraft or helicopters, to the staking in of perimeter fences for our base's security. Our main job here was to gather design topo on all of the new and existing U.S. bases in Afghanistan. At this point we have gathered data on 25 bases. This may be as easy as a flat topo just to give the engineer a canvas to design his base on, or it may be a large base that is housing several thousand troops, and we have to set up a large control network just to keep it all organized. We also are designing and building a 128 kilometer road in southern Afghanistan. While over here, our customers have ranged from the U.S. Special Forces to the local contractor here in Afghanistan. We also have done several jobs for the coalition forces and have worked hand in hand with the Korean, Polish, and Slovakian engineers. As we get ready to depart from this country and put all this work behind us, we wanted to leave something here for future units to build on, we wanted to leave a lasting impression. What better way than to place a few special caps that will be here in this country, I hope for a long time, so I would like to thank Berntsen International for their help in making this possible.

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