

Thank you for what you do.... The soldiers were happy to see new reading material. I handed out books yesterday there were very appreciated as soon as I get my camera working right I will download and send you pictures of the troops thank you and God Bless

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> > xxrd Sustainment Brigade
> "WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE"

Hello ,

Greetings from Iraq. I just wanted to say thank you for your letter and package that you sent to my platoon. The books come in really handy since our base is very limited on things to do. We really appreciate it a lot. Thank you. I hope that I got your last name correct. Please correct me if I didn't. Well let me tell you a little bit about my platoon and how we are living over here. First off, my platoon is a motorized platoon. This means that I have soldiers that ordinarily would ride on a tank and we also have infantrymen. Our main mission here is Iraq is to aid the Iraqi Police in their day to day operations so that once American forces pull out of Iraq they will be able to handle it on their own, which is what we all want. We currently are living at FOB (Forward Operating Base) Garry Owen. It is located in the Maysan Province in the town of Amarah, Iraq. It is far from the conditions that they have available in Baghdad with all of the Burger Kings, coffee shops, and smoothie bars. We have none of that. We have a dining facility which serves breakfast and dinner, lunch is still MRE (Meals Ready to Eat) or how we tend to call them, Meals Rejected by Everyone, ha ha ha. Just kidding they aren't that bad, but everyone seems to be losing lots of weight. Hmmmm, I wonder why. We also have a troop store but supplies are very limited. We still live in tents that are air conditioned but they still get kind of warm due to the current 120 degree temps. We also have an internet café, an AT & T call center, and a few Iraqi shops that sell odds and ends but nothing high quality mostly bootleg DVDs.

We don't have a permanent airfield and the one that we have is only active on two days of the week. So everyone has to compete for seats and space for their loads coming in and out. But the mail will still go out, just might take it a while. Well I will let you go for now. Once again, Thank you for all of your support and prayers and everything that you do for soldiers around the world.

Sincerely,

Thank you very much for the box of books! They will be put to good use (probably over and over again!) around camp here! We all appreciate your support and gifts like yours are always appreciated.

I'm here in Kandahar Airfield in Afghanistan with a unit from Florida. I and actually from Arizona, but was transferred into this unit to fill a vacancy before they deployed to Afghanistan. This is my 2nd tour in Afghanistan, I was also here back in 2005. This time I am part of a support unit, but last time I was part of a unit training the Afghan National Army. During that tour, I was able to work with a bunch of guys from the Tennessee National Guard, some of whom I still hear from occasionally.

The post cards are great and I'll put them on my wall with some others I have received as well.

Thank you again for your support of those of us away from family and friends - it is very appreciated. If you would like to receive regular email updates from me as to what we're doing, just reply to this email address and let me know. I'll put you on my regular distribution list.

Again, thank you for the books!
PB

Dear Friends,

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- > Thank you for your generous gift of books. I appreciate everything you
- > do to support our Soldiers. The books will be used in our "Story Time"
- > library where Soldiers will read them to their children on video.
- > Soldiers will then mail book and video to family members.
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- > Also, thank you for the cards. We have a card rack that is very
- > popular with our Soldiers and I will add these cards.
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- > God bless,
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- > Chaplain B

<p>"I really thank your group for sending us the books. They will be read by us, and what's real nice is, not like some things that can only be used once and discarded or what ever, books can be enjoyed by many people and some people more than once. So you have done a good service to the US soldiers in my unit."</p>	<p>"The paperbacks y'all sent on 9 April arrived today, 25 April. Thank you! We're in Camp Stone about 10 miles south of the city of Heart in west Afghanistan. We rarely get of the FOB (forward operating base) and have pretty limited recreation. The books will add nicely to our library here. I have posted a public thank-you on my blog."</p>	<p>Thank you so much for the care package. It means everything to me and my soldiers that you took the time, money and effort to think of us and express it in such a meaningful way. We believe very strongly in the mission . . . Your support is a critical part of our mission and I cannot express to you how much your support means."</p>
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<p>"I just received the box of books that was sent to my unit and me from the Friends of the Library. First let me say 'thank you all' from the bottoms of our hearts. It is really nice to know that there are people our there who support us and what we do. The books were real nice. . . . There is (sic) days where sitting in a Guard Tower or nights while waiting to roll outside the gate just is nerve racking. So pulling out a book when have even just a few minutes takes you away from the stress and into another world."</p>	<p>"Thank you very much for the letter and books. I can not start to thank you for what you are doing for the troops and for my morale and the others deployed with me. Well the operating base here is very rural to say the least. Tents and a hot shower once a week if you are the first 20 in line. We have a website that will show you what the environment looks like and the mission we are conducting here. It is www.prtnuristan.com .Thank you again - anything that is sent is greatly appreciated."</p>
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March 30, 2007

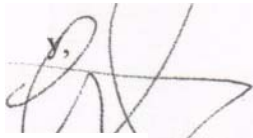
Hello,

Time change today, but one of the medics made a special pot of black coffee, so we are running along smoothly here at the medical clinic in Camp Taji, Iraq. Not a busy day, I don't call it slow, because the S word is unlucky. Just a few folks with blood pressure problems, a couple broken ribs, a few cuts and abrasions, but nothing severe. I like it that way, with any luck I get a few moments to check the news or do some reading.

Speaking of which, I'm really enjoying the real estate book that you sent me. I think it's going to be a good one. My girlfriend, who will be my fiance as soon as I can discuss the matter face to face, has a father who is a real estate investor in France, and has a property he is interested in have her become involved in. I also am looking at purchasing a house where I am currently stationed, in Bavaria, Germany. Right now I have a house rented from the locals and am paying good money every month to have the house be vacant. It's just the way it is, the Army sends you packing to Iraq so quickly that sometimes there's no time to move out. War I think is not the most productive use of assets, but often inevitable and unavoidable.

But I pontificate, what I really wanted to do was to thank you for your kindness, and especially for the very nice letter that I received. Your descriptions brought me right there to the country side, and for a moment, very far from this dusty, dry, hot and hostile terrain.

Woops, I've goj/t6~g.o, there's a patient to be seen. Please feel free to write anytime, I very much have enjoyed hearing about the area where you live.



MAJ MD

Sincere!

I can't thank you and everyone at the library enough for the thoughtful care package that was sent. I apologize for this letter getting to you late, but the package only arrived last week. And as our mission here has become more involved and dangerous, it's been difficult to respond. I shared the books with some of the guys in my unit. They said to tell you 'thanks' as well. I especially loved 'Velocity' by Koontz.. he's my favorite author.

Our job here as Apache mechanics is a rewarding one. For every Apache that goes up, some soldier or local national is being saved, or protected from the Taliban, which makes it all worth while being here for the time that we are.

Thank you again for the package.

Take care,

SPC Michael

Arizona National Guard

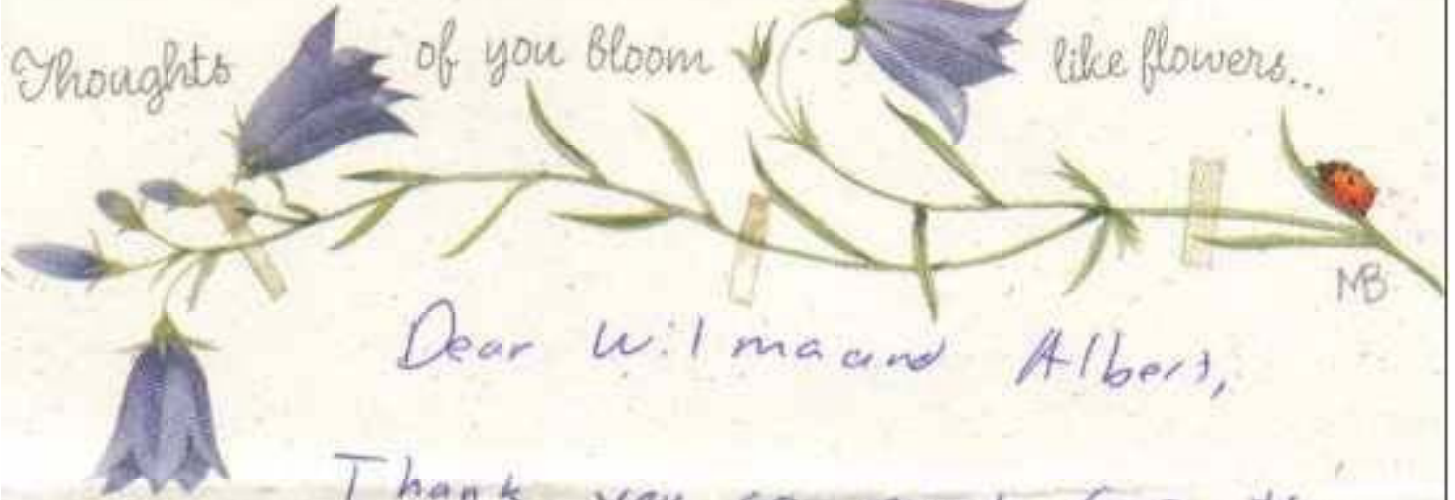
Thank you for the gift of books. You have definitely helped us with establishing a small library for our folks here in Iraq. It's a great feeling to know there are still people out there that care and support us. We'll put the books to good use. It sounds like you guys have a terrific program going on in Maryville, TN. I hope you're enjoying the summer out in the Great Smoky Mountains. I can't wait to get back home and spend some time out in the mountains where it is cool and green ;) Thank you once again. God bless.

- R

Thoughts

of you bloom

like flowers...



Dear Wilma and Albert,

Thank you so much for the
Donation of books, magazines,
and candy. Everyone here is
thankful for your package, provid-
ing some great reading for off
duty hours. Again, thanks.

Very Respectfully,

Capt O B



Ms. -----

Thank you very much for your gracious gift. As you probably know from my address, I'm a member of 5-7 Cavalry, part of the Third Infantry Division located at Ft. Stewart, GA, near Savannah. We are currently located near Fallujah, in conjunction with the Marine Corps. We began the tour in January and are scheduled to return next April, after 15 months abroad.

I've been in the Army for about two years now. I joined the Army ROTC program while attending Notre Dame, where I was a math major (not much fun). Once I finished school, I was commissioned as an Armor Officer and began my military career. So far, the military has been a great experience for me. I've had the opportunity to travel across the country, and now, the world. I've met some great people and have learned a tremendous amount about myself and life in general. Nevertheless, when my four year obligation is complete, I plan on leaving the service and possibly attending graduate school.

I'm originally from Cincinnati, OH, not too far from where you live. When I was much younger, my parents used to take my three sisters and myself to Gatlinburg during the summer. Even though I can't remember much from the trips, I can remember climbing/hiking the mountains and going into town for the salt water taffy. It is a great part of the country.

I do miss the more enjoyable aspects of nature which you described in your letter. Unfortunately, life in the desert is a little harsh. Some the wildlife we contend with on a regular basis include massive spiders, scorpions, snakes, desert mice, and lizards. In fact, if you place a camel spider in a tent full of Soldiers, it almost sounds like a tent full of high school girls.

Thanks again for the package. We run a lot of boring nighttime operations, where books and movies become necessities just to stay awake. Your gifts are greatly appreciated.



210th



BRIGADE SUPPORT BATTALION

10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry)

Camp Striker, Iraq

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