

Postcards from Iraq

Boo's Iraq Adventure

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Hi everyone. I'm Boo the Bear. My owner, 10 year old Ashley, loaned me to her dad Maj. Todd Heuser, 412th Engineer Battalion, before he left for Iraq. She asked me to keep him company and to remind him of her. That began an exciting adventure.

Ashley's Dad and I have traveled all over Iraq, visiting Army Corps of Engineers offices. Along the way I've been able to see several reconstruction projects including new schools, new doctor's offices and even a new court house. I'm met lots of nice people and even got to watch some of my friends give backpacks and toys to Iraqi children. That made them so happy. The children in most places seem to have so little.



The Ziggurat of Nanna.

I also got to visit Kurdistan in northern Iraq, where things were very different. They had things that reminded me of home...bowling alleys, bumper cars, go-carts, and Ferris wheels.

A few times we visited other countries including Afghanistan, Kuwait, Qatar, and Dubai in someplace called the UAE. It was very interesting to see all the building happening in Dubai and Qatar. We went fishing and watched a rugby game.

I met many friends who are British. They speak funny and use strange words but we get along brilliantly. (I am learning how to use their words too.)

Soon Ashley's Dad and I will be going home. I can't wait to tell Ashley about all my adventures and how I kept her dad from feeling lonely.

**Boo the Bear
Baghdad, Iraq**

With Gen. David Petraeus, former MNFI Commander.



Checking in for my flight.



Hanging out with friends in the IZ.



Traveling on a British C-130.