

# *Postcards from Iraq*

## **In awe of the great spirit our troops show in Iraq**

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When I envisioned coming to Iraq to work, I had no idea that it would be so humbling. I have been afforded the opportunity to work in the International Zone in downtown Baghdad, FOB Speicher in Tikrit and finally here at Camp Liberty near Baghdad's International Airport.

Each location was unique and operated a little different. But the one thing that each base shared was the presence of selfless sacrifice. The selfless sacrifice that I speak of is that of the American Soldier; young men and women standing in my stead without complaining so that I can continue to enjoy the freedoms that the greatest Country in the world has to offer (The United States of America). Countless days soldiers go out of the wire with "battle rattle" in temperatures exceeding 120 degrees

and then to see them return dusty and worn and yet they can find something to laugh about.

They gather in the gyms and support each other during physical training, they fill the Church on Sunday and share their burdens with each other, and then they find time to team up again to play on the basketball courts and baseball fields.

I have never been so proud to be an American and blessed by God that he helped me through this experience. I want to thank the Coalition Forces for the sacrifice they and their families have made during this War and God speed home. As I depart, I also want to bid farewell to the talented men and women serving with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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*Soldiers visit various Iraqi neighborhoods as part of their daily routine.*



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