

Postcards from Iraq

Duty in Iraq A Great Adventure...



The travel to Iraq was extremely adventurous. The travel started out with spending four days in Winchester, Virginia at the Transatlantic Programs Center (TAC) Headquarters.

While at the TAC Headquarters, the personnel there were extremely friendly and very knowledgeable about the deployment process. After the fourth day of in-processing, I was provided transportation to the airport. While at the airport, I ran into several people heading over to Iraq. They provided me with a brief

description of the current environment within Iraq.

For the most part, their experience was very pleasant. While on the plane to Germany, the flight crew was extremely courteous. The hot meal was delicious. Also, the movie premiered was action packed and entertaining.

During the flight from Germany to Kuwait, the plane ride was almost as enjoyable as the flight from the United States to Germany.

Once I arrived in Iraq, the people were very

pleasant. Everyone was eager to provide you with directions to wherever you needed to go. Before arriving to Iraq, I was expecting to live in either an aluminum box or a dusty tent.

To my surprise, I am staying in a facility similar to a Motel Six. The living quarters are great. The food is good. Almost everything you have back in the states, you have here in Iraq.

Living and working in Baghdad is awesome. It feels great knowing that I am helping the people of Iraq to rebuild their country. The United States is doing wonderful things for the people of Iraq. I am witnessing first hand that due to the United States efforts, bridges, schools, roads and healthcare facilities are being built and revamped.

I would encourage everyone to apply for a position with the Army Corps of Engineers to assist in the rebuilding of Iraq. I am from a totally different federal agency in Virginia and was welcomed with open arms. It is a gratifying experience. You will always look back at this experience and know that your time working in Iraq was time well spent.

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The inset photo shows me at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Unit Deployment Center, in Winchester, Va. and the main photo shows me standing outside of the Saddam Hussein's former palace and current U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq. I am wearing my full combat gear during a heightened period of security in the International Zone.