

Postcards from Iraq

'Adventure of a lifetime'

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I've been deployed to Iraq the past six months working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) in Al Anbar Province. I've managed projects ranging from military force protection improvements, to water treatment plants, to the installation of power transmission lines.

During my first three months here, I served as a project engineer at the Fallujah Resident Office then was asked to take on the duties as Resident Engineer for the Ramadi Office. As Resident Engineer, I had the overall responsibility for managing 60 projects, totaling over \$70 million.

I started this assignment in August and will be returning in February. It's definitely been an adventure of a lifetime. I've met people from a variety of backgrounds. I've had the privilege of working with the military, USACE employees from across the country, and many Iraqi contractors. There have been so many exciting challenges and opportunities to learn. As both project

engineer and resident engineer, this assignment has been one of the most professionally and personally rewarding of my career.

USACE has made great strides in Iraq's reconstruction effort, but there's still a lot of work to be done. I'm confident the projects we're involved with are helping the Iraqi people take the next step to a brighter future.

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Engineer Kevin Addison visits new Fallujah water treatment plant.