

## **Christmas for our Troops**

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**To whom it may concern,**

I wanted to take this time to thank you for the gift box that you sent me. One of the highlights of this deployment and any deployment are receiving mail from home. We can have a bad day, but receiving mail can make it all better. As with all care packages that I receive I have shared everything with everyone I work with and all appreciate the generosity and we all thank you for your support. Many of the other Soldiers in 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 8<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment, "Automatic," also received boxes from your organization. Everyone in the Automatic Battalion was very thankful of the generosity.

Our mission here in Iraq is to help and support the people of the Diyala Province. The Diyala Province is north east of Baghdad and the major city within the province is Baqubah. This area is very rural and there are numerous palm groves and a lot of farmland. The main source of income for the people of Diyala is farming and we are here to help support that as well as increase all economic growth and security for the population. This is not an easy task, but every day things get better for the people of Iraq.

Please keep all Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, and Airmen your thoughts and prayers as we continue to fight terrorism and bring peace to Iraq. I assure you things are improving greatly and that we will accomplish our mission. Thank you once again for your support and God Bless.

Very Respectfully,



**CPT Michael Dolan**