

December 17, 2008

Christmas for Our Troops  
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To All Those Concerned:

I have received all of your care packages and have distributed them to my platoon members. I'd like to take this brief opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to you all for not only your generosity and support, but for taking the time and making the effort to give us something tangible, reminding us that we are in your hearts and minds.

We are fighting a war of the heart and mind here in Iraq. Freedom is an intangible gift that can only be appreciated once it is experienced, and hatred and oppression will never let that happen. We pray daily that we are demonstrating to the Iraqi people that we want to pass on the gift of freedom and again, our most sincere thanks for supporting us unconditionally in our efforts.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you.

May God Bless You All,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Lee Lawrence". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "H" and "L".

SFC H. Lee Lawrence