

MR GATES,

I want to thank you for the package you sent to me and my soldiers. The support we receive from Americans like yourself makes this long arduous deployment just a little easier.

We have been in country for a couple months and still have a ton of months to go... A long year brother.

The weather is beginning to cool off.

We have been experiencing temperatures of $90^{\circ}+$ during the day and high 50° 's at night. You have no idea how cold 58° is after getting used to $100^{\circ}+$ Get a coat!

Thank You
Jeff