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Dear Ken and everyone at Brookhaven Laboratory,

How do we even begin to thank you for everything you have done and continue to do for our Troops? We cannot find the words to express our gratitude. No one can express their gratitude like our Troops and it brings a tear to our eyes when we read their letters. I believe that sharing even one of our soldier's letters with you will help you see how special all of you are.

Writing from Iraq Sgt. Bret Stingham says, "There aren't too many things here that we can do for our men to put a smile on their faces, but knowing that there are people in the states who appreciate what we're doing for our country is one of the few things that make the soldiers happy. **What you do for the soldiers here makes a world of difference to us.** Thank you so much for your support, keep us in your prayers, and God bless you. Sincerely yours, Sgt Bret Stringham and the 2/63 Maintenance Platoon."

What Sgt. Stingham says in his short note explains why we do this work and we'll never tire of rallying everyone to stand behind our Troops.

Please know that we are deeply grateful for your participation in AdoptaPlatoon and the smiles you have put on soldiers' faces can never be repaid. Thank you again and we wish all of you a safe and happy holiday.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ida Hägg".

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No one should pass an American in uniform without saying "Thank You we are grateful," always mindful that they are prepared to risk all their dreams so that all of us can reach ours. – Wm. Cohen