

Quick update:

On 12 December we lost 2 Fallen Heroes and had 3 wounded during an IED incident. Immediately following we went into operations to find the criminals that were involved....with great success. We have been planning a memorial service and it may occur on 22 December if aircraft are able to get to us with the VIP's. After the operation, we received a mail aircraft and it kept the boys very busy and their minds occupied. In the mail we did receive 7 boxes from the Brookhaven National Lab. The boys just went crazy with what they received (socks, gloves, hats, and the ACU "woobies"). There was a microwave and a refrigerator in the boxes also. I have not opened them and have them standing by to send north to my 3rd and 4th platoons ---- they have 110 electricity and we have 220.

I know there are a couple of letters in our mailbox awaiting transportation to the nearest "outgoing" mail room, but that takes a few days to occur (especially with the weather here). The CO has the address to Brookhaven because with the generosity that they showed, well, I don't write that well and he is a man with more words. He hasn't written the letter yet due to ongoing paperwork involved with the IED and memorial preparations. Please pass our deepest thanks to them. It is very rough to lose great Warriors. Dealing with different emotions when things settle down, keeping the spirits of the boys up, and making sure none of them are having issues we can not cope with is very difficult. With the mail coming in on the day they arrived and the packages we received from the Lab, well, it just made it easier and the boys minds were occupied. What the Lab did was a blessing in disguise.

Like I said, I'm not that good with the words but we do appreciate everything more then you know.

Brian