

Dear Monica McMurtry

I want to start by thanking you and everyone in the community that have contributed by sending packages and prayers. We live on a Combat Out Post so there isn't any stores around. The snacks and letters are really great for morale. We do use a lot of the hygiene products so I give a big thanks for those. I apologize for not writing more, there is no excuse, I'm just a procrastinator when it comes to correspondence. Just to share about myself and everything that's been going on I'll give a quick bio. I'm 23 yrs old from Katy, and graduated from Mayde Creek High. I joined the Army in 2004 and deployed with Charlie Company 2-6 Infantry in 2005. When I returned in 2006 of November I brought my family over to Germany to stay with me on post. I have a wife (Jessica) and two little boys (Daden, Evan). I was promoted Sgt in 2007 and deployed back here March 2008. Since I have been here, we have just been helping the people take control of their neighborhoods. I am one of the best at what I do and I love leading and training soldiers. I just re-enlisted for another three years, and passed my second promotion board so I'll be promoted to Staff Sergeant on the 1st of February. It is a great feeling knowing there is so many people back home that support us. I hope I can put you all at ease by telling you, we are trained very well for what we do which mitigates a lot of the risk. So thank you all for the gifts and prayer it helps.

Sincerely

SGT Lopez, Justin