

E-Mail von Matt Fischer, die er zum 1. Advent 2008 aus dem Camp Striker im Irak an seine Freunde und Bekannten in Ohio und Deutschland sandte, zusammen mit einem wirklich netten Foto, wie man unten sehen kann:

Hello Everyone,

I'll be starting for Home in about 3 weeks. I was getting worried I wasn't going to get the leave days I originally wanted, but everything is working out perfect at this time. Two weeks ago I wasn't even told what days I had but when my Sergeant First Class (E-7) asked me if I would consider trading leave days, I knew I had to have some good days (Home for Christmas). He didn't have a chance, I gave him a firm, but sympathetic 'NO,... Sorry Sergeant'.

I was just on a 4-Day Pass in Qatar a few weeks ago, so I'm being pampered as far as time off goes. Qatar is a different world from anything I've seen, or am likely to ever see again. It's a real blend of Western Culture, and Muslim Tradition. The entire Skyline in the Capital City was under construction, but then everything in the rural areas was under construction too. I took advantage of the day trips they offered, and the 3 beer limit each night. It was a great trip, and am very lucky to have gone.

We've moved from FOB Hammer, and we're getting settled in at Camp Striker. It seemed to be a real slow process in the beginning, but we're moving along real nice now. We've been working hard getting our work area built-up nice, we've gone beyond necessity. We're taking it to the point where everyone from the other shops in the Company are either asking us to build something for them, or they just want to hang out at our place. The picture I attached was the beginnings of a picnic table we finished today.

When I get home I hope to reactivate my old Cell Phone Number so if you still have it give me a call. If not you know who to call, and how to get a hold of Mom, and Dad. Thanks for all the Thoughts, and Prayers, and I'll be seeing you all very soon.

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