

TO: JDS Computer Donations
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From: F co. 425th Infantry (ABN) LRS
C/O SSG Gerhard Seidel

Re: Donated Computer

Dear JDS Computer Donations,

On behalf of F Co. 425th Infantry, (Michigan Army National Guard) I would like to thank you for your generous donation of the Gateway Laptop computer. I happened to be home on Leave when the computer was donated, and will carry it back to Iraq personally.

My platoon is stationed at Camp Victory, near Baghdad. Your donation will assist soldiers to more effectively communicate with their families at home. There are Internet "cafés" on Camp Victory, but the connection is very slow, and each soldier is allowed only a half-hour per visit. Having computers such as the one donated allows soldiers to type their letters before going to the Internet café, save them on a "thumb-drive" and more efficiently send their correspondence to family, and friends.

The MS Office Suite on the computer is a bonus, as our briefings are usually conducted with PowerPoint. This will allow soldiers to plan missions, and conduct briefings on a more decentralized scale. Once again, adding to our efficiency.

As per your request, I will turn the computer over to the unit that relieves us at the end of our tour. Typically, there is a "Hand-off" period when both units are in theatre allowing the incoming unit a period of orientation. The computer can be handed over at that time.

Thank you, once again for your donation. It will go to good use.

Sincerely,
SSG Gerhard Seidel
LRS Team Leader

