



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, 2ND BATTALION, 27TH INFANTRY REGIMENT
25TH INFANTRY DIVISION
FOB SUMMERALL, IRAQ, APO AE 09393

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

March 27, 2009

Battalion Commander

Dear Wolfhound Family Members,

On 27 March 2009, 3rd Platoon Charlie Company was conducting a patrol in Bayji, Iraq with the Iraqi Police to assess the completion of a Solar Lights Project that will enhance local infrastructure and security. An unidentified gunman fired one round from a rooftop approximately 150-200 meters away which struck PFC Webber in the leg. His platoon and the Iraqi Police returned fire and searched the area but were unable to find the gunman. Meanwhile, PFC Webber was treated immediately by members of his platoon. Being the Platoon RTO, or radio telephone operator, PFC Webber reportedly had the presence of mind to call in his own casualty evacuation request. PFC Webber was in route to the combat support hospital at COB Speicher approximately 30 minutes after he was wounded. Third Platoon's actions were appropriate, proportional to the situation and right in line with what I expect from our Wolfhounds. The Iraqi Police were also extremely impressive in their response to the attack, from the initial response to the ensuing investigation. The Bayji Mayor and the surrounding Tribal Sheiks have expressed their regret at this despicable attack and are assisting with our investigation to find the individual responsible and bring him to justice in an Iraqi court. While it is upsetting that our Soldier has been wounded, the Iraqi response indicates that the rule of law is beginning to take hold in Bayji.

PFC Webber will be evacuated back to the United States and the doctors expect a full recovery. Please keep PFC Webber and his family in your prayers through this difficult time. Thank you for your continued support of our Soldiers, they are truly amazing in their professionalism, discipline, and courage to see this difficult mission through to a successful conclusion. As always, we look forward to the time we are all reunited in Hawaii.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Raul E. Gonzalez".

Raul E. Gonzalez
Lieutenant Colonel, US Army
Commanding