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

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

April 12, 2009

Battalion Commander

Dear Wolfhound Family Members,

In the early morning hours of Sunday, 12 April 2009 an improvised explosive device (IED) detonated on the last vehicle of a 2nd Platoon, Alpha Company patrol wounding three Soldiers: SGT Justin Minisall, CPL Michael Anaya, and PFC Brendan Marracco. Despite the valiant efforts of his platoon and medical personnel, CPL Anaya died of wounds upon arrival to the Combat Support Hospital. I speak for all Wolfhounds when I say how terribly saddened we are by the loss of CPL Anaya. He was an incredible Soldier, his sacrifice in service to the nation leaves an indelible mark on the Battalion.

With a heavy heart, I must also report that PFC Marracco sustained grievous injuries in the attack and is at this very moment fighting for his life. He has received the very best trauma care available in the world; it is my sincerest hope that our prayers will sustain him. SGT Minisall also received serious injuries during the attack; he is currently recovering at a Combat Support Hospital and awaiting evacuation to Germany and subsequently the United States. We anticipate a full recovery for SGT Minisall in the coming months.

I would like to commend the heroic efforts of the men of 2nd Platoon, Alpha Company. Their professionalism, calm decision making, and medical proficiency proved decisive in saving the life of PFC Marracco and SGT Minisall. The Wolfhounds deployed to Iraq will hold a memorial ceremony to honor the life and service of CPL Anaya in the next few days. Details of a memorial service for the Schofield community on Oahu are forthcoming.

It is difficult to make sense and order during a difficult time like this. Rest assured we remain steadfast in our commitment to each other, to our mission in Iraq, and most importantly to our Families. While we work diligently to bring those responsible for this attack to justice, I would be remiss if I didn't take a second to acknowledge the tremendous love and support of our Wolfhound Families and association members. Thank you all for your support and please keep our lost and wounded Wolfhounds in your thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Raul E. Gonzalez
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Commanding