



Merry Christmas from Kandahar Airfield

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you Darlene and all your staff and friends who helped put together those wonderful care packages for the soldiers serving in Afghanistan. They will be very well received by all the people that work "outside the wire". It is people like you that make the effort over here in Afghanistan all worthwhile.

Here's a little history on our group. I am a Construction Engineer out of 8 Wing Trenton, Ontario. I am in charge of a group of tradesmen here at Kandahar Airfield. 2010 has been a busy year for our team. We were suddenly deployed to Jacmel, Haiti on 19 January 2010 to open up an airfield to allow humanitarian aid into the country after their devastating earthquake. Though we only deployed for 7 weeks, we did come back a little thinner with a better appreciation for real food and Tim Horton's.



We returned home in March and then started training to deploy to Camp Mirage in June, the now not-so-secret Camp in UAE, for a 6 month tour.



UAE was very hot and humid, with temperature last summer reaching 60° but no rain. When they decided to close Camp Mirage, my group of Engineers got pulled forward to Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan after closing the camp in Nov and will return home to our families on 20 Jan. It is a little cooler here right now, with daytime highs in the 20's and the rainy season is coming.

We hope the contribution we make here will have a long lasting positive impact for the people of Afghanistan. They will never have everything we have as Canadians but every little bit helps.



From all of us to all of your friends and family- We hope the holidays find you well and the New Year is a good one for you.

Merry Christmas from Kandahar Airfield,

Trent Doucette

