ALABAMA VETERAN STEVE SCHRAMM:

Kuwait, September 1990

"Dearest Cynthia,

"Just a short note to say hi. I miss all of you more than you'll ever know. The kids have been on my mind a lot today. I love them so much. And it's hard to know how much of an impact I'll have on their life from now on.

"I pray that neither one of them will ever have to experience war.

"There are so many kids over here that remind me of them. Why do they have to be in such a hurry to grow up?

"Give everybody a hug for me. I'll write tomorrow. I love you all very much.

"See you by Christmas.

"Your devoted husband and father," Steve