

Terry Lynch, SGT US Army
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“...I am attaching a short story about another one of our Army guys that just got hit and died about a week ago (I attached his short email and pic). He played wing for the Barracks Rangers in the last two tournaments. He was actually on the field two years ago with Skogs who you (CANAM RUGBY TOURNAMENT) honored last year.

It's getting bad in Afghanistan these days and half our guys from the Presidents 15s and Rangers are there right now. It's not too bad here in Iraq now but the post I am on right now just got mortared one hour ago. I was in the gym when the alarm went off and 40 guys went flying out the door to the bunkers. I just walked...I think I'm getting used to it over here...”

Dominic Budzisz, SSG US Army

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Allow me a moment of your time to tell you about a friend of mine, Sergeant Terry Lynch. Lynch deployed with Able Troop, 3-71st Cavalry last deployment. He was one of the 14 people remaining in the Troop from last deployment. In fact, despite joining the Army eight days after me, Lynch has been in Able Troop longer than I have. After re-deploying to Fort Drum Lynch thought about getting out, but knew that the end of his contract was too far out; he was stuck in for the next deployment. Regardless of how long the nights or how hard the work, Lynch always seemed up beat and optimistic in whatever we did.

He always smiled. He liked to drink, but wasn't stupid about it. He treated everyone with dignity and respect. He was 22 and he was a genuinely good person, too few of those left these days.

Sergeant Terry Lynch was killed this morning when an improvised explosive detonated under his MRAP. The bomb pierced the vehicle's armor, tossed it into the air, and flipped it over. Two other soldiers inside the vehicle, were badly injured by the blast and being tossed around afterwards.

“It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God that such men lived.”
-General George S. Patton

Rest in Peace
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