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Subject: My nephew - update

Good morning ladies,

My nephew is having another surgery on his hands this morning. They are trying to re-do some of the skin grafts as there are places that didn't take with the initial surgery done 4 weeks ago today. He is still going thru rehab for mobility in his hands. He is still at 5% and they are wondering if it may be due to the tightness of his skin. Only time will tell. Please continue to remember him in your prayers. Thank you to all that have sent cards. He is so grateful and thankful for all the thoughts, kindness, prayers and intentions.

Update on PFC Reeves (Bobby's friend that was also burned in the blast). He is still in ICU but they are positive he will get better. They are not sure to what degree yet on him as it is too soon to judge at this point in time. He is up and walking (hobbling as my sis-in-law says). The insurance company Westminster American sent both my nephew and PFC Reeves a care package. They were sent to Bobby's wife Jessie and they (Bobby & Jessie) delivered them to Reeves and his wife. That was the first time Bobby had been able to visit his friend. He and Reeves did a "race" around the nurses station. Bobby let Reeves win, he wanted him to feel good and know that he is getting better :) Theresa said it looked like two weebles walking around the station. Of course she was saying that "lovingly" :) Apparently his family is not that large and they haven't been getting as many cards/packages as Bobby has. I have asked Jessie this morning to get me the address/name for his wife and will share if anyone wants to send him a card as well.

Now, an update that is very sad..... Sargent Knapp, Bobby's sargent that passed away in the blast. His wife, Abby told Jessie yesterday that she recieved the package of his belongings from his unit in Afghanistan last week. A couple items she mentioned to Jessie were his computer... dusted, knicked up and damaged but when she powered it on she saw the picture he had on his background and it was a picture of her and their daughter (14 months old) that she had sent to him just days before the blast..... The other item was an essay he had written for his class. It was about the person who had the most impact on their life and he wrote it on his grandfather. The day that Abby got this package is the day his grandfather died! She went on to say that the viewing for his grandfather is today(monday) and they will be reading the essay at the funeral service. Sargent Knapp will be buried at Arlington National Cemetary on July 3rd.

I've said it before but it is so true, I know bad things happen overseas but you never know how bad and how sad until things hit close to home. Yes, we are blessed that my nephew is alive, walking/hobbling, talking. He is bruised/battered but alive. There are others that are not so fortunate. We need to all keep our soldiers in our prayers. They are there to keep the fighting away from here.