

What is Storybook Soldiers ?

- Storybook Soldiers is a charitably funded volunteer scheme, which provides a link between parents and their children who are separated by military deployments or long exercises.
- Soldiers are recorded reading a bedtime story for their children. Music and sound effects are added by trained volunteer editors who come from the military community.
- The CD is sent to the child who can listen to it, not just at bedtime but on car journeys and at other times of the day.
- Storybook Soldiers was set up at the beginning of 2007 by Kirsty Alderson and Rosemary Meeke, while working in the Education Centre in Tidworth. The scheme is now available across the Army and has been copied by the Royal Navy and the RAF.

How do I make a Storybook CD for my child ?

**Just contact us
to find out where your
nearest Recording Centre is !**

Tel: Tidworth (military) 94342 2515
(civilian) 01980 650515
Email: storybooksoldiers@hotmail.co.uk

How does it work ?

- Storybook Soldiers aims to provide a straightforward and standard service that is available to all deploying soldiers, of any rank and from any unit, small or large.
- There is a network of Recording Centres across military locations worldwide.
- Soldiers record stories before they go away.
- The recordings are sent back to Tidworth to be edited by our volunteers. The finished stories are then put onto CDs and sent to the families.
- Many units buy their own recording equipment and, after being given training by the Storybook Soldiers Team in Tidworth, they can start making recordings whenever soldiers in their unit are sent away.
- If you are interested in the scheme, you should contact the Storybook Soldiers team in Tidworth for further information. We can either set you up as a Recording Centre or put you in touch with someone who is recording in your area.



Making a Recording :



- The recording session takes about 15 minutes. The soldier starts off with a greeting to his child, then reads the story and ends by saying goodnight.
- Stories should take no longer than 5-10 minutes to read.
- Contact us for a copy of our recommended book list.
- All our editors are volunteers from the military community who are trained by the Team. Each story is individually edited, which can take up to three hours.
- There is no cost to the Soldier !
- Children love these CDs—and so does the whole family !
- Their letters of thanks complete the story ...

Some of the things people have said :

From soldiers who have made them :

“Many thanks for the excellent CD for my daughter. She says that she misses me lots but that it helps. “

“Storybooks have been a real hit!”

“ I can’t believe we’ve got this for free !!”

the families who have received them :

“ A wonderful surprise — thank you !!”

“Fantastic ! We can’t thank you enough ! “

“ Things like this make being apart so much more bearable! “

“ It is so lovely that my children can hear Daddy’s voice when they choose to, not when he can manage to call. Many, many thanks.”

“ My children loved the CD—We are going out to buy the book now ! Thanks again !”

“ Thank you for my son’s story disk. It is beautifully done and he loves it ! It really is a wonderful idea and I am sure it must take you ages to do. Many, many thanks ”

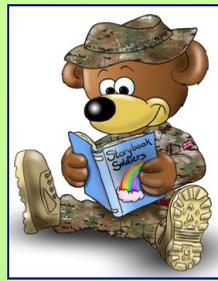
“ The children are so excited about their discs and it was great to hear Daddy’s voice ! “

“ My 6 year old son told his daddy who called from Afghanistan tonight that if he shuts his eyes while listening to the CD he thinks he is back in the room with him “

“It’s hard work managing day to day on my own but the story also lifts my spirit and makes me smile at the end of the day “

and from one of the children :

“It was brilliant to listen to Daddy. It made me smile!”



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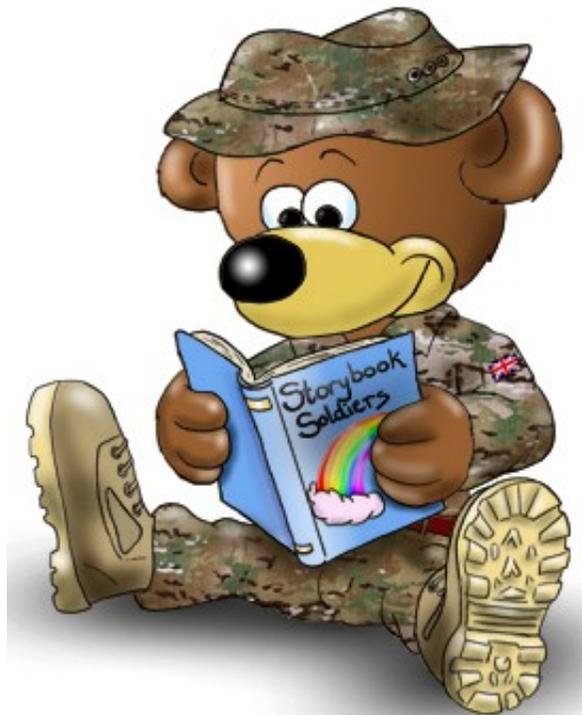
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Off on exercise ?



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for your child to listen to
while you are away ...